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To the House of Justice at Chicago
To the Ladies' Assembly of Teaching
To Mirza Assad'ullah
And to other individuals.
Also one to the Believers in Persia

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The Members of the House of Justice—the
servants of the Covenant, the faithful
worshippers of the Holy Threshold of
the Beauty of EI-ABHA (upon them
be Beha'ullah-el-ABHA!)

HE IS GOD!

O thou party who art assisted by the hosts of the Kingdom of EI-ABHA!

Blessed are ye who are assembled in the shadow of the Word of God, who are abiding in the Cave of the Covenant of God, who are comforted by dwelling in the Paradise of EI-ABHA, who are cheerfully moved with the Breezes which blow from the Point of the Providence of God, and who have arisen to render service to the Cause of God, to promulgate the Religion of God, to promote the Word of God, and to hoist the Standards of Sanctity in those regions and climes.

By the Life of EI-Beha, verily, the perfect and divine power will breathe in ye with Bounties from the Holy Spirit, and enable ye (to accomplish) a thing, the like of which has never been seen by the eye of existence.

O party of the Covenant, verily, the Beauty of EI-ABHA hath promised the most great assistance to the beloved who are firm in the Covenant, and to confirm them through the mightiest power. You will surely find in your luminous assembly such signs as will shine within hearts and souls. Adhere to the Hem of the Robe of the Lofty One, and do your best to spread the Covenant of God, and to be kindled with the Fire of the Love of God, so that your hearts may move with joy through the fragrances of humbleness which are being diffused from the heart of Abdul Beha. Make feet firm, strengthen hearts, and rely upon the everlasting Bounties which will successively pour on ye from the Kingdom of EI-ABHA. Know, verily, the Lights of Beha will shine forth unto ye during your gathering together in the Brilliant Paradise.

It is incumbent on ye to have union and harmony. It is incumbent upon ye to have affinity and accord, so that ye may become united in body and soul as the Pleiades, and as strings of brilliant pearls. Thereby your foundation will be laid, your argument will become manifest, your stars will beam forth, and your souls will be comforted.

Upon ye be greeting and praise!

When ye enter the spiritual meeting of Consultation, chant the following Commune, your hearts beating with the Love of God, and your tongues purified from aught else save

the Commemoration of God; so that the Most Mighty Power may confirm ye by the greatest assistance:

O my God, O my God! We are servants who have sincerely turned our faces unto Thy Grand Face, severed ourselves from all else save Thee in this Great Day, and are assembled together in this glorious meeting, of one accord and desire, and unanimous in thought to promulgate Thy Word amid Thy creatures.

O my Lord, O my Lord, suffer us to be Signs of Guidance, Standards of Thy Manifest Religion throughout the World, servants of Thy Great Covenant—O our Exalted Lord—appearances of Thy Oneness in Thy Kingdom, the EL-ABHA, and stars which dawn forth unto all regions.

O Lord, make us as seas rolling with the Waves of Thy Great Abundance, rivers flowing from the Mountains of Thy Glorious Kingdom, pure fruits on the Tree of Thy Illustrious Cause, plants refreshed and moved by the Breeze of Thy Gift in Thy Wonderful Vineyard.

O Lord, cause our souls to depend upon the Signs of Thy Oneness, our hearts to be dilated with the Bounties of Thy Singleness, so that we may become united as are ripples on a waving sea; become harmonized as are the rays which shine forth from a brilliant light; so that our thoughts, opinions and feelings become as one reality, from which the spirit of accord may be diffused throughout all regions.

Verily, Thou art The Beneficent, The Bestower! Verily, Thou art The Giver, The Mighty, The Loving, The Merciful!

ABDUL BEHA ABBAS.

[Extracts from a tablet written by the Master to Mirza Assad'ullah.]

You have written concerning the Board of Consultation. It is very proper you should exert yourself with heart and soul so that this assembly shall become a source of merciful events, and enter the shadow of the protection and preservation of His Highness, The One God. The more this gains strength and becomes effective, the greater will become the penetration of the Word of God, and the more will the doors of confirmation be opened.

As to the assembly of teaching, the revered members of which are the maid-servants of The Merciful, they are also assisted by the help and the providence of the Beauty of EL-ABHA. They will soon discover that they are strengthened by the Invisible Hosts, and rendered successful by the abundant Bounty of the Kingdom of the Forgiving Lord. They will set such a flame to the regions as will kindle the heart of the universe, and will cause the pillars of the world to tremble. But all of their mention and thought in their meeting should be confined to teaching the truth, and to constantly persuade people in pure and divine brilliancy and in absolute godlike spirituality. They should not interfere with the affairs which have regard to the Board

of Consultation, because confusion of thought conduces to division and causes disturbance to the mind, and that pure spirituality would cease. But if all mentions are turned into one mention, and all thoughts concentrated in one point, then man will find (a higher) spirit, and witness (a higher) confirmation. His power and penetration will increase, and his armies and hosts will gain successive victories. By this it is intended that the assembly of the maid-servants of The Merciful should be with pure spirituality and with absolute brilliancy, and become a torch of that Blessed Fire, a center of the Merciful Feelings.

The assembly of teaching is in this day of the first importance, and is promised to be assisted and protected through the assistance of His Highness, The One God.

Announce infinite glad tidings to the revered maid-servants of God—the members of the Merciful assembly, so that they may arise with the utmost tranquillity (to further) prosperity and success, because Abdul Beha is their strong and firm Assistant through the help and the providence of the Lord of Hosts.

Concerning organizing Houses of Justice of men and assemblies of teaching of maid-servants of God, the more endeavor is made, the more agreeable it will be. It is very useful. Likewise, electing men and women teachers, and their travelling and journeying in all parts, and their going and coming in cities and villages, is greatly conducive to the solidity of the Cause.

You have written concerning the intercession of Her Holiness, the Greatest Holy Leaf, for the American maid-servants. This is very suitable. You may do this.

Upon thee be greeting and praise!

ABDUL BEHA ABBAS.

Through Her Holiness, the Greatest Holy Leaf (Upon her is Beha'ullah-el-ABHA!)

To the attracted Leaves, the maid servants of The Merciful (upon them be Beha'ullah-el-ABHA!):—

The Spiritual Leaves of the Blessed Tree—the maid-servants of The Merciful, who assemble in the meeting for the delivery of the truth (teaching). (Upon them be Beha'ullah-el-ABHA!)

HE IS GOD!

O ye Leaves of the Paradise of El-ABHA, and the maid-servants of The Merciful! Verily, I read your words of thanksgiving to God, and of celebrating the praise of God, for that He hath illuminated your faces with the Light of Guidance, hath transfigured Himself on your hearts with the Bounties of Spirit, and hath made you as lofty and magnificent trees bearing ripened fruits in the Paradise of El-ABHA. These signs will surely become manifest in your faces, these lights will shine within your hearts, the Splendor of Oneness will envelop ye, and your brows will glitter with rays shining from the Kingdom of El-ABHA.

O maid-servants of The Merciful! Know that, verily, this Day is the day of teaching, this Day is the day of diffusing the fragrances of God, being severed from aught else save God, attracted to the Word of God, and clinging to the Covenant of God. There is no work greater than this. Be ye entirely spiritual, purely brilliant, cut your dependence from any other mention, thought or purpose, and confine your mentions, thoughts and occupations to spreading the Fragrances of God, and devote your attention to this great work. By God, The True One, verily, the Sun of Truth will cast forth its Lights in your assemblies and will make ye shining lamps, glittering stars, brilliant signs, and as souls attracted to the Holy Spirit. This is the Great Prosperity! This is the Manifest Light!

Upon ye be greeting and praise!

When ye assemble in the meeting of teaching (the truth), it is incumbent on ye to chant the following supplication and commune:

O God, O God! We are Thy humble and submissive servants, leaves of Thy Exalted and Verdant Paradise, drops from the basins of Thine Abundant Mercy, and scattered particles flying about in Thy Shining Rays.

O Lord, O Lord, render us successful through Thy conquering Power, in that which Thou lovest and approvest, so that we may become Standards of Guidance, Signs of Thy Kingdom, the El-ABHA, to adore Thee, to supplicate before the Kingdom of Thy Mercy, to beseech Thy Realm of Might, to be submissive to Thy servants, humble before Thy maid-servants, severed from aught else save Thee, sincerely turned unto Thy Face, aflame with the Fire of Thy Love, diffusing Thy Fragrances, united in Thy Cause, of one accord in Thy Religion, and firm in Thy Covenant. O God, strengthen us through the Fragrances of Thy Sanctity, that we may become sanctified from the stain of egotism and lust, baptized with Thy Holy Spirit, with the Fire of Thy Love, and the Water of Thy Bounty.

Verily, Thou art The Bestower, The Assister, The Confirmer, The Beneficent, The Merciful!

ABDUL BEHA ABBAS.

Through Her Holiness, The Greatest Holy Leaf (Upon her is Beha'ullah-el-ABHA!)

To the attracted Leaves, the maid-servants of The Merciful! (Upon them be Beha'ullah-el-ABHA!)

HE IS GOD!

O ye verdant and flourishing Leaves of the Blessed Tree!

Verily, I read your letter, which expressed your spiritual attraction to the Fragrances of God, your service to the Cause of God, your firmness in the Covenant of God, your joy in this blessed and great Day, your union and harmony in the Religion of God, your happiness in diffusing the Light of the Knowledge of God, and your work in the Vineyard

of God—the Paradise of El-ABHA. Such prosperity, success, blessing and salvation behooveth one like ye! Blessed ye are, O ye stars who are beaming with the light of the Love of God! Blessed ye are, O ye lamps lighted with the Fire of the Love of God! Blessed ye are, O ye who are attracted to the Kingdom of God! Glad tidings be unto ye, O ye who are severed from aught else save God! Blessed ye are, O ye pure and chaste ones! Glad tidings be unto ye through the Gift of the Covenant, from the light of which all regions are illuminated! Be rejoiced that the lights of the Sun of Truth are shining forth unto all parts; be gladdened at the Gifts of your Lord, which have surrounded all the Universe; dilate your breasts by chanting the Verses of God, and console your eyes by witnessing the Bounties of the Supreme Concourse.

By God, The True One, verily, the angels of heaven praise ye every morn and eve from the Loftiest Apex, and announce to ye a Favor which will surely appear as clear and lucid as the sun in mid-day. Then your faces will shine with a light which will gleam forth unto all regions. Exert yourselves in (furthering) unison and harmony, in diffusing the Fragrances of God, in preaching the Beauty of El-ABHA, and promoting the Word of God. Let each one of ye be attracted to the love of the other, so that ye may become as fountains flowing from one source, stars beaming with one life, myrtles verdant and flourishing by the abundance of one rain. By this your hearts will be purified, your consciences illumined, your souls made clear, your banners hoisted, and ye will become Signs of Guidance among the maid-servants, Standards of Chastity and Piety throughout all the nations of the earth, and the appearances of the Gifts of your Lord among women.

Verily, I implore God to gaze upon ye with the Eye of His Mercy, to raise ye through a Godlike Power, to move ye by the Breezes of His Glory, to make ye fluent in irrefutable and divine proofs and arguments, to sever ye from the world and all therein, to purify and sanctify ye from every material grade, and enable ye to diffuse the Bounties of the Divine Worlds.

Upon ye be greeting and praise!

ABDUL BEHA ABBAS.

To the revered Mr. (Upon Him be Beha'ullah!)

O thou who hast sought illumination from the Light of the Guidance of God: Verily I read thy words of thanksgiving to God for that He hath directed thee to His Kingdom, illumined thine insight with the Light of Guidance, and baptized thee with the Water which hath descended from heaven, with the Fire which was ignited in the Sinaitic Tree, and with the Holy Spirit which quickeneth hearts and souls. Then, thank thou God for this Gift whereby thy face is shining amid the Concourse of Chosen Ones.

Know thou, verily, man before reaching maturity (spiritual) passes his days, and only apprehends trivial things which are clear on account of their exoteric indications, but when he attains full development, then he grasps the reality of things and their esoteric facts. Every day *after* maturity is equivalent to one year before it, on account of (man's) perception, understanding, apprehension and discoveries.

Now, thou hast reached development and apprehended the degree of maturity: Gaze at the grades of the existence, the realities of beings, the allegories in the Epistles of God, and the mysteries in the Old and New Testament. By the Life of Beha, the covering will be removed from off thee (i. e., facts will be unfolded to thee), and thou wilt be informed of that which all the philosophers and wise men are unable to apprehend. Verily, this is a gift which God assigns only to such of His chosen servants as He willeth. Verily, thy Lord will inspire thee with the mysteries of God, The Protector, The Self-subsistent.

Verily, I beseech the Lord of Hosts to increase thy faith each day over that of the previous day, to confirm thee through His Holy Spirit, to give thee capacity to partake of the Lights of Knowledge and Wisdom, to make thee a herald of the Covenant in those regions, and to instruct thee in that which thou knowest not; so that thou mayst become a physician for bodies as well as souls, to heal bodies with the medicines which are useful and beneficial for physical (sickness), and to cure hearts and souls with that Antidote which quickeneth hearts and souls.

O my friend, it is incumbent upon thee to be severed (from all else save God), to be attracted, to be sincere, and to spend thy life in the Path of God. Be thou holy, spiritual, divine, lively, brilliant, godlike, sanctified, pure, with merciful character, (firm) in the Covenant, fluent and knowing; and gaze toward the Kingdom of El-ABHA with a heart brimming over with the Love of God, with tears flowing in the Commemoration of God, with a face scintillating through the Light of God, with a heart sincere to the beloved of God, and with a sword which divides truth from falsehood. By God, the True One, the Spirit of Beha will assist thee with such strength that all the Concourse of the earth will fail (to withstand).

Upon thee be greeting and praise!

ABDUL BEHA ABBAS.

To his Honor, Mr. (Upon him is Beha'ullah-el-ABHA!)

HE IS GOD!

O thou who hast arisen to render service to the Cause of God in His Great Vineyard! Verily, I have already written you several letters, and sent them to you at different times. Now, I address thee with such words whereby the souls of the proximate ones are rejoiced, and the faces of the sincere ones are cheered.

O my friend, verily the Cause is great and great, and the penetration of the Word of God in the temple (body) of all the regions is similar to the pervasion of the soul in a sound body.

By the Life of Beha, verily, the Power of the Kingdom of God hath taken hold of the pillars of the world, and hath possessed all the nations. Thou wilt surely find the Standards of the Testament waving in all regions, the chanting of the Verses of Unity raised in exalted Assemblies, and the Lights of the Sun of Truth and its heat dispersing the thick clouds massed on the horizon. Be rejoiced at this glad tidings, whereby the hearts of the sincere among the beloved are cheered.

O my friend, isolate all your faculties and senses from every other mention and thought, and follow the example of Abdul Beha in servitude to the Holy and Exalted Threshold. Hasten to the field of sacrifice, craving for the most great martyrdom; expend thy life and all of thy grades in love for God, and in attraction to the Beauty of El-ABHA.

By God, the True One, man should seek only this Bounty, inasmuch as It is Everlasting, Eternal, Divine, Spiritual, Luminous and Merciful. Be sanctified from all the universe, and send my greeting and praise to the spiritual Leaf, the being who relies upon the Grace of her Lord—the maid servant of God, thy revered wife, and say unto her that she may address the veiled ones (those blind to the truth), saying: Verily, eyes are dazzled by gazing at the sun, and it is impossible to consider it because of the intensity of its rays; and verily the sea cannot be contained in a cup. The weakness of eyes does no harm to the sun, nor the smallness of the cup to the sea.

Then let her explain to the people, and make known to every questioner, by saying: Verily, minds are limited, and the Splendor of Lights is so great as not to be comprehended by (man's) reflective faculties. Ye ought to have the sight of the heart so that ye may apprehend the reality of the mysteries of God which are deposited behind coverings.

Upon thee be greeting and praise!

ABDUL BEHA ABBAS.

To his holiness, Mr. (Upon him is Beha'ullah-el-ABHA!)

O thou herald of the Kingdom of God!

Hearken with the ears of (thy) spirit to the Concourse of El-ABHA, and thou wilt hear, verily, the Angels of the Supreme Concourse blessing and praising thee, while saying: Be thou rejoiced, O thou who hast arisen to serve the Cause of God and to promote the Word of God, and be gladdened at the Light of the Gift of God!

By God, the True One, verily, the Gifts of God are in such profusion as to flow like a torrent, brim over as a sea, and shower as rain. Gird up thy loins, strengthen thy back,

make firm thy feet, and exert thyself in quickening souls, dilating breasts, illumining insights, giving hearing to ears, and attracting hearts. Unseal the Jars of the Choice Wine of the Love of God, and give the craving ones to drink from this Cup which is overflowing with the Knowledge of God.

O my friend, the affection of my heart unto thee cannot be expressed through any interpretation, and I can hardly write it or acknowledge it: Turn with thy breast unto the Heart of Abdul Beha, and then this concealed fact will be disclosed, and the Hidden Mystery unveiled unto thee.

Verily, I beseech God to make thee a tree with ripened fruits within reach, overshadowing those regions.

It is incumbent upon thee to be meek, to be humble, to be submissive and suppliant before the Threshold of the Merciful. It is incumbent upon thee to serve the beloved of God in that spiritual clime.

Send my greeting and praise to thy revered wife, to thy esteemed daughter and to thy other children. I beg of God to enable all of them to render service to His Cause in His Great Vineyard.

ABDUL BEHA ABBAS.

To their honors, Mr. Mr. Mr.

(Upon them be Beha'ullah!)

HE IS GOD!

O ye sincere ones! O ye firm ones! O ye heralds of the Kingdom of God! Fly away with joy, flutter in the open of the Kingdom, spread the wings of sanctity in those districts and lands, so that the Shadow of the King of the Kingdom may be stretched over those climes, and the Fragrances of God be diffused in those tracts and in those vast and extensive regions.

By the Lord of the Kingdom, if one arise to promote the Word of God with a pure heart, overflowing with the Love of God and severed from the world, the Lord of Hosts will assist him with such a power as will penetrate the core of the existent beings.

As to ye, be rejoiced, O ye children of the Kingdom of God! Your faces will surely become illuminated, your brows shining, your breasts dilated with an abundant Bounty, and refreshed with a rain pouring from the Clouds of the Gift of God. You will find yourselves as souls for the temple of the contingent world, and as arteries pulsating in the body of the universe. Your faces will shine with the light of Favor throughout all environments.

Make your feet firm, withstand the (multitudes), chant the Book, and explain mysteries through an inspiration on the part of your Exalted Lord, The Possessor of Glory and Honor!

Upon ye be greeting and praise!

ABDUL BEHA ABBAS.

To the Beloved of God in Persia

Verily I approach Thee, O my God, in the darkest hour of this dark night, and pray Thee with my inmost heart, while I am moving by Thy fragrances, which are being diffused from Thy Kingdom of ABHA, and say:

O my Lord, I have not words enough to praise Thee, nor can the birds of meditation ever ascend to the Kingdom of Thy Sanctity. Thou art, in thine Entity, sanctified from every praise and commendation, and art purified, in Thyself, from the thanksgiving of the people of Emanation. Thou hast been eternally in the sanctity of Thyself exalted beyond the comprehension of the Knowing among the Supreme Concourse, and Thou shalt be permanently in the purity of Thine Essence, incomprehensible beyond the knowledge of the Praisers among the dwellers in the exalted Realm of Might.

O my God, O my God, because of Thine Incomprehensibility, how can I ever mention Thee by any praise, or glorify Thee by any commendation! Thou art, O my God, exalted and sanctified from all praises and glorification, O Thou, my Beloved!

O my God, O my God, have pity on my impotence, my abasement, my indigence, my shame, and my humility. Give me the cup of Thy Forgiveness and Thy Gift, move me by the Breath of Thy Love, dilate my breast by the light of Thy Knowledge, purify my person by the mysteries of Thy Singleness, and quicken me through the breezes of the Garden of Thy Mercy; so that I may sever myself from all beside Thee, to lay hold of the hem of the Mantle of Thy Majesty, to forget aught else save Thee, to be associated with the Fragrance of Thy Days, to be enabled to continue faithful in the Threshold of Thy Sanctity and to stand up in the service of Thy Cause, and to be submissive and lowly before Thy beloved ones, and to account myself as nothing in the presence of Thy chosen ones. Verily, Thou art The Helper, The Assister, The Exalted, The Generous!

O my God, O my God, I beg of Thee, by the effulgence of the Light of Thy Countenance, whereby all the regions of the world are illumined; by the glances of the Eye of Thy Mercy, which comprehends all things; by the billows of the Sea of Thy Favor, wherewith all parts are overflowing; by the rains from the Clouds of Thy Gift, which are falling upon the essence of the created beings; by the Radiance of Thy Mercy, which overpowers existence;—to strengthen Thy chosen ones to faithfulness, to enable Thy beloved ones to serve Thine exalted Threshold, to encircle them through the hosts of Thy Power, which have encompassed all things, and to assist them through Thy numerous Armies from the Supreme Concourse.

O my God, these are lowly souls in Thy Doorway and poor ones before Thy Court, humbly seeking Thy Grace and in need of Thy Confirmation, turning toward the Kingdom of Thy Singleness, and yearning for the Bounties of Thy Gift. O my Lord, refine their consciences through the lights of Thy Sanctity, and purify their hearts through the Gift of Thy Confirmation, dilate their breasts through the fragrances of joy and happiness, which are being diffused from Thy Supreme Concourse, and illumine their sight by witnessing Thy chief Signs. Make them signs of Sanctity and standards of Purity waving on the apex of the contingent world, unto all creatures; so that their words may take effect in the hearts though they are even as flint. May they stand up to serve Thee, to devote themselves unto the Kingdom of Thy Divinity, to turn unto the Realm of the Might of Thy Self-subsistence, to spread Thy Signs, to become illumined through Thy Lights, to unfold Thy Mysteries, to direct Thy servants unto the running Water, and the fountain of Tassnime which is gushing and springing out in the midst of the Paradise of Thy Singleness; to unfold the sail of devotion on board the Ark of Deliverance and sail on the Sea of Thy Knowledge, to spread the wings of Unity and soar up towards the Kingdom of Thy Singleness, to become servants whom the Supreme Concourse may commend, and whom the people of Thy Kingdom of ABHA may praise, to hear the Invisible Heralds who announce the Chief Glad-tidings; to pray Thee in the morning with the most wonderful invocations, while yearning after Thy Visit. O my Mighty Lord, to weep every morning and evening, longing for the entrance into the shadow of Thy Great Mercy!

O my Lord, assist them in all cases, and help them under all circumstances, through the Angels of Thy Sanctity, who are Thine invisible hosts, and overwhelm all the armies of the inferior concourse. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, The Omnipotent, The Comprehending, and Thou art the Almighty!

O Pure God, O Loving God! We are wandering around Thy Abode and longing for the gift of Thy Meeting, and are loving Thy Characteristics. We are helpless, humble, lowly, and weak; confer Thy Mercy upon us, favor us with Thy Gifts, overlook our shortcomings, and conceal our endless faults. We are Thine, whatever we might be (good or bad), and whatever we may say or hear is but Thy Commendation. We seek but Thy Face, and we search but Thy Path. Thou art the Loving God, while we are but sinners and love Thee passionately. O Thou Cloud of Mercy (shower upon us) a few drops! O Flower-garden of Favor, (send to us) some Fragrances! O Sea of Gifts, (flow over us) Thy Waves! O Sun of Grace, (pour on us) some Radiances! Have pity on us, and show us favor. We swear by Thy Beauty that we are full of errors, and we have no deeds, but hopes. Except Thy concealing veil should cover us, and Thy Preservation and Protection should favor us,

these weak souls have not enough power to employ themselves in Thy service, and these indigent ones have not enough wealth to show a rich appearance. Thou art The Powerful, The Mighty!

I beg of Thee to assist them. Do refresh these faded souls with the drops of the Cloud of Thy Gifts, and do illumine these lowly beings through the effulgences of the Sun of Thy Singleness. I pray Thee to cast these thirsty fishes into the Sea of Thy Mercy, guide their lost caravan unto the Asylum of Thy Unity, direct these bewildered souls unto the Fountain of Thy Guidance, and cause these wanderers to abide in the Shelter of Thy Night. Suffer the thirsty ones to drink from the "Salsabil" of Thy Gifts, and quicken the dead by Eternal Life. Endow the blind with sight, the deaf with hearing, the dumb with speech, the lukewarm with energy, the heedless with mindfulness, the sleepers with wakefulness, and the proud with humility. Verily, Thou art the Powerful, Thou art the Forgiver, Thou art the Loving! Verily, Thou art the Generous, the Most High!

O friends of God, and assistants of this humble servant! When the Sun of Truth shone forth with His Infinite Bounties from the dawning-place of hopes, and the Horizon of Existence was illuminated through the radiance of sanctity, then He cast forth such splendor whereby the gloomy darkness disappeared. Therefore, the earth became the envy of the Celestial World, and the realm of dust was made a scene of the Exalted Kingdom. Then the fragrances of Holiness exhaled, and the sweet odors were diffused. The Breeze of the Divine Spring blew, and the fruitful winds of Infinite Generosity passed by from the point of Favor. The brilliant morning dawned and the glad tidings of the Greatest Gift were announced. The Divine Spring appeared throughout the contingent world. The earth of existence moved and the material world was put in motion. The barren and dried up soil turned into an eternal garden, and the inanimate earth was endowed with Eternal Life. The flowers and myrtles of Knowledge grew, and the fresh herbage of the Knowledge of God flourished. The material world showed forth the Bounties of the Merciful, and the visible world displayed the scene of the Invisible World. The Call of God was raised, the Divine Banquet celebrated, the cup of the Testament was circulated and the universal acclamation was uttered. Among the people a multitude became intoxicated with this Divine Wine a multitude were deprived of this Great Favor. Many a soul enlightened his sight and insight by the Radiance of Grace, and many were cheered and rejoiced at the melodies of Unity.

Some birds sang melodies and harmonies, and some nightingales began to warble on the branches of the Rose-tree of Mercifulness.

The Kingdom and the phenomenal world were adorned, and became the envy of the Delectable Paradise; but, alas, and a thousand times alas! that the heedless souls are still

in the sleep of negligence, and the ignorant are keeping clear of this holy gift. The blind are veiled, the deaf are bereft and the dead despair of attaining to it; just as it is said (in the Koran) "They despair of the life to come, as the infidels despair of (the resurrection of) those who dwell in the graves."

As to ye: O friends of the Merciful, move your tongues to thank the Loving Lord, and employ yourselves in praising and glorifying the Beauty of the Adored One, for ye were granted the privilege to be exhilarated from this most pure Cup, and became full of cheer and attraction from this goblet of Wine. Ye have perfumed your nostrils with the Fragrances of Sanctity, and delighted your senses with the scent of the Garment of the Joseph of Faithfulness. Ye tasted the honey of devotion from the Hand of the Unique Beloved and partook of the eternal Table at the Feast of the Blessing of the Presence of the Unity. This favor is one of the special gifts of the Presence of the Merciful, and this Grace and Generosity is one of the incomparable gifts of our Loving Lord. This is in accordance with what Christ said: "Many are called, but few chosen." That is to say, there are many who are invited, but those souls who are signalized with the grace and favor of guidance, are but very rare. "This is the Bounty of God; He will give the same unto whom He pleases; and God is endowed with great Bounty."

O friends of God! the Candle of the Testament is surrounded by the hypocritical winds of the people of the world and the nightingale of Faithfulness is surprised by the crows of ill-nature—the violators. The mindless birds of night are plotting against the *Dove of Commemoration* and the ferocious beasts are prowling after the gazelle of the plain of the Love of God. So, He is in great danger and painful affliction.

The beloved of God must be as firm as a mountain, and must not quiver under the most violent shock, nor grieve at the greatest calamities; but must be as a solid foundation. They must cling to the hem of Glory and trust in the Beauty of the Most High. They must lean on the help and assistance of the Ancient Kingdom and confide in the care and protection of the Generous Lord. They must at every instant nourish and refresh themselves with the dew of Favor, and in every breath revive and cheer themselves through the waves of the Holy Spirit, raise themselves to serve the Cause of the Supreme, and endeavor their utmost to diffuse the Breath of God. They must be as a strongly fortified fortress for the defense of the Blessed Cause, and as a well-made fortification for the protection of the hosts of the Pre-existent Beauty. They must in all conditions faithfully guard the edifice of the Cause of God, and be scintillating stars on the Horizon of the Visible; because the gloomy darkness of all nations prevailed from all directions, and all the creeds of the world are plotting to quench their Evident Light. Notwithstanding the strenuous opposition of all tribes how can ye continue

heedless thereof? So, ye must be conscious and aware thereof, and be ready to guard and preserve the Cause of the Creator. For this Day the most necessary duty is to purify your morals, to correct your manners, and to improve your deeds. The beloved of the Merciful must appear with such morals and habits among the creatures that the fragrant odor of the garden of sanctity may perfume all the horizons and may quicken all the dead souls, because the manifestation of the Divinity and the dawning of the Infinite Lights of the Invisible is intended for the education of souls and the refinement of the morals of all in existence, so that some blessed souls may be delivered from the gloomy world of brutality and be characterized with attributes which tend to adorn the being of man; that the earthly people may become God-like, the dark ones may become illuminated, the uninstructed ones may become familiar with the mystery of the Kingdom, and the mortal souls may be associated with the *Immortal Splendor*; the deprived ones may partake of the endless sea, and the ignorant may drink from the living water of Knowledge; the savage may give up their ferocity, and the cruel may become forbearing; that the warlike may search after true conciliation and the pitiless savages may be favored with ideal peace; that the degraded may learn about the condition of purity and the soiled ones may attain to the stream of sanctity. If these Divine Bounties do not appear in the being of men, the Bounty of the Divine Manifestation will prove fruitless and the Splendor of the Sun of Truth will become without effect.

So, O beloved of God, endeavor with your hearts and souls, that ye may be qualified with the morals and attributes of the Blessed Perfection, and partake of the Bounties of His Sanctity; that ye may become Signs of Unity and Standards of Oneness, discover the essence of Singleness and sing harmonies and lays in this Divine Garden, in Merciful melodies; that ye may become as thankful birds, and sing a song in the Rose Garden of Existence which may astonish minds and senses; that ye may hoist a standard on the Apex of the Universe which may flutter in the winds of Favor, and plant a tree in the field of the visible world which may bring forth fruits of the utmost delicacy and freshness.

I swear by the Ideal Educator that, if ye act in compliance with the Divine Exhortations, as revealed in brilliant Tablets, this gloomy earth will become a mirror of the Exalted Kingdom, and the inferior page will display the Kingdom of ABHA.

O friends of God! Praise be unto God that the Invisible Bounties of the Sun of Truth are encompassing ye from all directions, and the doors of Mercy are opened from all parts. Now is the time to be benefited and filled therewith. Seize the opportunity, and lose not the chance. Keep yourselves entirely clear of the world's conditions of gloom, and show forth the characters and qualities of Divine souls, that ye may consider to what an extent the radiance of the Divine

Sun is shining and brilliant, and how the signs of Favor are showing forth from the Invisible World of Unity.

O friends of God! Praise be unto God that His Imperial Majesty, the Shah, acts with the utmost kindness, and His Highness, the Prime Minister, is practising the greatest fairness and equity towards the people. So, the friends of God must night and day pray for the permanence of the glorious empire, and raise themselves to return thanks to His Majesty for his justice, equity and kindness, because this is one of the indisputable Commandments of God, as revealed in all celestial Books.

May greetings and praises be upon ye!

ABDUL BEHA ABBAS.