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Ohrist's Birth: A Lesson given by Mirza Abul Fazl.

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The evangelists have disagreed about the exact line of descent from Abraham to Jesus. The Jews did not believe that Jesus was of the seed of Abraham, but he was, because from Isaac and Ishmael all the nations of the earth were peopled. Europe and the West being descendants of Isaac, Arabia, Syria, etc. by descendants of Ishmael.

But Jesus Christ was not descended from the House of David. Would David call his Lord his son? (See Matthew 22: 42-43.) And Zecharias calls David the servant of Christ (St. Luke 1: 69)

The Jews said that Christ was a Samaritan (See St. John 8:48) and this was one of the reasons they gave for not accepting him. Joseph came from Samaria and could not therefore be a pure Jew (St. John 4:9) for Samaria had been captured and the people had intermarried and were, therefore, mixed with Babylonians.

Jesus came through the Levites.

The Baby through the Ishmael line.

The Blessed Perfection, through the line of Cyrus (the Great).

35-(mm Cole) These his learned men Shait almed, + Shaik Karim were teachers of the Bab. though the only litered to theme for a few lusons - + He never made Himself known to anyone, Kasim knew who he was bet never spoke of it to any one. Finally Kain paid Him a privale visit but no one kun what occurred. Kasim told his pupils not to be troubled that the Menerger of Ger would come - Kasim died at Karabah najab + directed TBab - El-TBab lo go lo Konfa mitte his his nepheurs + fait for forly daip - speaking to no one - 40 others followed him - Tab-el-Bab went to Shires + at the gale he met a great man alio said I knew you were emining I have been cracting two tions for you ele. Genebroliem was the last of the 19 letters Athe Z.

In the name of Our Lord -El - abha abul Fadel Dear Friends : Jan 12-1901 You propounded a question last evening which is wonderful & strange as to it's object, viz: God exalted is He being perfect in Himself - His creation likewise must be perfect therefore why did He create the world imperfect and from muce did defect crup in? Know first that, oning to the contrast of languages, dissimilitude of idions, disparity minds and difference of understanding, some difficulty arises in translating conceying the same idea & spirit which might impede the solution of like mysterios questions and obscure problems This being the case I beg to submit to you my understanding of your question - That is, that you believe that god created the world at a very ancient date and then clased creating more - thus leaving the world imperfect Texposed to the

accidents of change and defects, until it becomes perishable and non-existent. But the reality is that the Word creator is a name of His exalted names and to create is an attribute of His attributes the most High, and He, exalled is His greatness, is still creating new creations and producing new existences, and in every aspect He is attributed with the altribule of Creature Power of the Existent That which you see imperfect beings. does only signify the non-completion of creation and the non-valification of the perfection of growthe for which a course of time and the succession of periods well Is necessary that the completion of being. may be verified and thus the norths of the contrajent beings attain unto the degree of perfection, - for instance if the dales are still unripe and the grains ? --as still green could if not then be said that the creation is unsperfect and from whence did imperfection creep into the fruit which is unrife and the grain which is

inimature, because their growth and existence have not yet been completed? accordingly lovery thing you see in this world of all kinds of existing being Except the race of man has been perfectly created and systematically fashioned but as to the corporality of man and his natural growth, it has also gone through the same process of perfection and proportionate exactness - as to his spirituality and knowledge which are the perfections when from ensued the praise worthy civilization and refinement and laudible maulivers they are still imperfect and Their growth is not yet completed; the time of its perfection and exaltation has not yet come. Had God created man perfect in himself since sternily, it would have been a contradiction to the real meaning of election and will uchon which humanily is founded. It is fai from God, the Exalted, to leave the existing creatures miperfect, T the book of formation incomplete; for God, Great

is He, through the abundance of His Morey the greatness of His Favor, the perfection of His creative pomer, and the authority of His might, Sends Prophets, Messengers minesses and Tainto in every decade and generation to enach the Givine Laws reveal the Heavenly Broks preame the religious rules and epread the Spiritual Knowledge, for the perfection of the formation of the human worldor Completion of the perfection of the individuals mas man ever abandoned of humanity at any time, or was he ever considered as naught God forbid that He should leave human beings without avail while they are the plauls of His Hands; the hees of the garden: the springs of His Kunledge and Wirdom and the day- things of this Pomer & Might. Therefore the world must attain in knowledge, the height of perfection and all the creatures of the world must reach to a proportionate degree as it was predicted by the Jacred Records and declared by the Holy Books through out the past

decades and generations Then Know, dear friends, That to comprehend the meaning of creation & the process thereof, is not of the easy simple proplems to be understood by every mind. novil's reality attained by every man for god, exalled is the, did not prualege any of this creatures the intrassing of the creation of Heaven + the Carth, and this creation was denied by the natural philosophers + especially by many materialists and by the Darwinists because they could not understand nor comprehend the real meaning of momentaty. thus they rejected that which is back of mature + believed that the aloms are elernal as to their being and that the change follows according to the atomic motion: That the Motor and administration for such is only elementary nature. But the hesple of faith and assurance oning to the Light which has shown upon them from the in of the Rumledge of God But the people of Faith + assurance, owing to the Light which Has shown upon theme from the Sun The Knowledge of God and the evidence

-41which has been given them from the Sawning-Place of the Command of God as I have fully explained in the book which Sam writing for you, by command of the Day Spring of the Covenent of God knew that back of natural powers is a Divine and controlling force which disposes of soule & spirito just as it disposes of matter Tubetance Therefore to this Divine Vower & tanctified Reality there is a dominion over minds and spirits, as there is authority, by the command of god to the minidor spirit's over matter This is the power which was explained by the Trophets to mean the Spirit of God and the Individuality of I'd - But learned divines name this the Causer of Causes + the indispensable of Existence . It is the power which disposes of things and controlleth that which is on earth & in the heavens; and such a disposal signifies creation production and making.

42 To Know the Manifectations of this inneible from and heavery might is one of the first + most important duties of intelligent man and not to Know the Causes of the defect and imperfections of creation; or to reflect upon the limited time since the beginning rereation and the ending - because the Kumledge of the Manifestations Othat Kiju Power and Brilliant might and to believe in them or demy them, are causes which have strengthened Ione nations & destroited others; established creeds and vanished On the contrary to Know how others. the world was created in the beginning au ils evolution, cannot, if we knew it' profi us much , or if me are ignorant of it, susue a great injury. June letrick - glory be to Him - said a Kill the body, bat are not able to Kill the sou but rather fear him which is able to deel both body and soul in hell" Consequently if you punder over ?. fact you will know the real meaning

of the words "creation making production just as they nere given in older times by the words of the mersengers & prophels + you will understand how such words merechange and hausposed by The uniquinations of the Philosophere + Savants, and you will comprehend what we have said before that God - exalted is the - is still creating and producing new nations and new laws through the manifestation of His com _ mand + the Day Springs of His judgment who were sent by This, that the world may attain unti a proportionale exactuess + ascend unto the height of glory & perfection Som the foregoing statements it appears that to know her the world mas formed in the beginning & the alours created while acknowledging at the same time the perfection of its creation , the elaboration of the nork - is beyond the poner of mind , It is not revealed in the Heavenly Books wither disclosed by the pluloisplical proto in such were as to remove doubtert suspicious as in the case in peneual & material Munis

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4.5the beginning & it's evolution cannot if metiew it - profit us much, or if we are ignorant of it sursue a great injury! However frim amongst the philosopheged and the people confusion and dispute there are some who have taken made this question a means of broubling the muids + imbuing the souls with double - They thought that only to speak on the subject constitutes being a great philosopher + accordingly have spirit their life time in investigation & devoting their muidsand trains to it's polition. But all was withinch avail, + they have been heedles of that which is more necessary & more profitable than boubling the mind & accepting unpossibility For this reason it was produbiled by one of the great saints Tmersengers of for, to tisten, to the worthless words of such people or be deluded by their tinselled speeches. - It is said in I Episte of Paul & Allie Collorsians-Benare not to let any man sport you through philosophy + vain decit, after the hadition of men, after the rudinients of the

= 4.6.world, Thotaflei Christ - There are man parrages in the epistes of this note apo. + preat man which refer to the same suby Be it far from I. Paul to prevent people from studying that philosophy which might benefi civilization of the world Therfict the necessities of nations, because there is no contradiction malever between this philosophy + the divine religion, or the spiritual + exalted Rundedge For religion is nothing more than a law constituted by a divine authordy which guarde the preservation of the nations whereby they might attain the worlasting & elemal life the is the true civilization that is required + the lost Lamb searched for Traught after. But Talefadmonished the people not to spend their time in investigating that which would us, profit them + that beyond the stretch of their minido , which might beguile them with the Williancy of it's outwald appearance uelo the Cartues of thoughts the somberies of imaginations - Can any of the savaula believe that he Knows the mysteries of creation & the secrets of growth !

47as to myself I cannot count the stars or Know the number of grains of the sands of the reas; or record the names of the people miliabiliting the mon, or the number of the couls on the planet Mars; or why god did not give man his wings & why He did not put two eyes in the back of the head. Ido not know the window of the cooing of the dove, nor the croaking of the crow. I do not kun what names the Mothers will give to their daughters in the coning centuries or how the fathers will enverse with their sens in the future ajes-Does this uprovance on this question entitle us to derect all our attentions to these things spind our life time in comprehending them + be hudlend the divise promises the time of much fulfillment has come to hand ! Therefore is it not incumbent upon us dear freids to pinder over the facts of the Pacred Book Adoly Tablelo, which note bring you a great & everlasting lifes an invitable device pour, or occupy yourselves with the study of science which

will lead to the edification of the World + the wellface of the Common wealth? To not invistigate that which will ut profit you, either spiritually or materia puchance you may attain through the grace unto more of those of yore have attained or will be surpassed by any of there to cime - Praise be to for the Lord of the Anda

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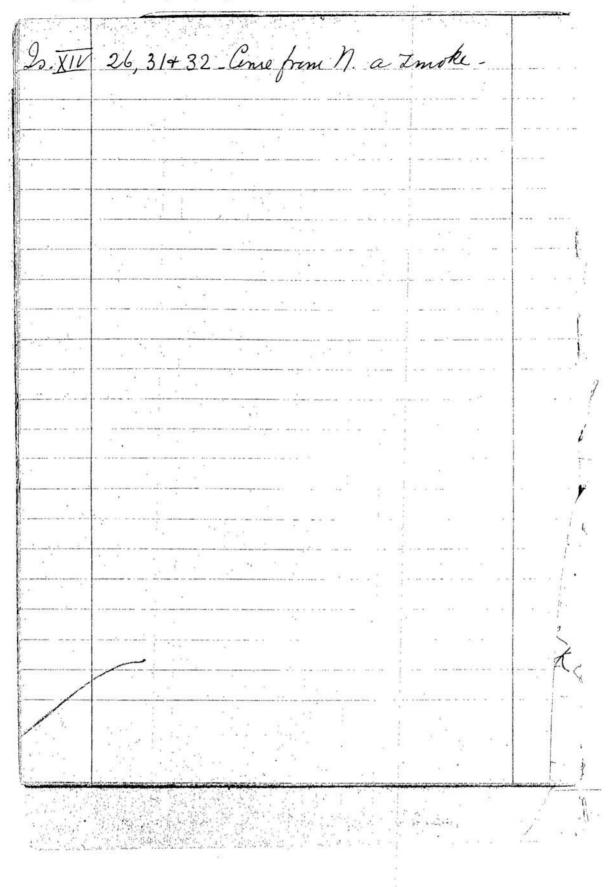
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LESSONS BY ABUL FAZLE.

Daniel I.

Nebuchadnezzar was an idolator- a follower of the Sabean religion (Dan.3:I4). His power was finally taken away by the Persians (Cyrus being King) who were believers in GOD.

The imperial powers had two empires: one at "Shushan, province of Elam" (Dan.8:2) where the tomb of Daniel is. Daniel talked much of Persia because he passed most of his life there.

In those times the rules for education were very strict; all were compelled to study. The King himself was present at the examinations.

Daniel taken prisoner was chosen "to stand in the King's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldean's (verse 4.).

"land of Shinar".supposed to be the land of the Chaldean's.
Nebuchadnezzar thought to favor them by giving them of the same meat and wines furnished at his table. Each religion having a special way to prepare the food. The Jews we know could not eat pork: and fowl omly that was killed by the Rabbi..

Daniel 2 The dream.

Beasts= Kings or Kingdoms. Kings= Prophets or religions.

The Christians claim that the "head of gold" refers to Jesus Christ. The Mohammedans think it signifies Mahomet; but neither are right in their reasoning. When the prophets wished to speak of a king they symbolized him as some beast,-the strength of the kingdom being represented by the power of the animal. So we must understand that when Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar that four Kingdoms were to come he meant four religions. From that time unil now there have been four religions in that country.

I&38-- At that time Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldeans were idol worshippers, followers of the old Sabean religion- this religion spread over all regions except India and China.

As Nebuchadnezzar was king, and powerful, Daniel said that he was the "head" of this image; but he meant the religion that he represented.

- 2 & 39 This other kingdom, or religion, inferior to the Sabean, was Zoriastrianism. "the breast and arms of silver" was the Persian empire,-having justice.
- 3--- "Third Kingdom of brass" was the Roman empire which brought Christianity that "bear rule over all the earth." The "belly and thigh" represent the greatest strength.
- 4&40--- The Mohammedan religion followed and was as strong as iron.
 4I--- This kingdom (religion) is divided in two: Persians or Sheites; Turks or Sunnites. It is really one religion, but different sects, and they do not mix or associate one with the other, -just as iron will not mix with clay. The musselmen are divided in their religion. The Sheites were always more spiritual than the Sunnites , consequently stronger in the eyes of God, -- Abul Fazl said: We hope the stone, which is Bahaism, will consume all the others.
 44&45--- The kingdom of BAHA is an everlasting one.

Daniel 3.

The learned men under Nebuchadnezzar were jealous of Sadrach Meshachand Abed-nego and tried to influence them, thus their tests were likened unto a fire through which they were able to pass unscathed. The same is meant in reference to Daniel in the lion's den. These men were strong as lions, but Daniel was guided by GOD, Abdul Fazl likened Kruger under the power of England.

Daniel 4.

Earth=the people. Heaven= aquaix religion.

10---- "Tree in the midst" means a great power. Up to this time the not powers had been small and there had been one of very great importance, so this means a great king---In that time. The first great power was Persia, then the Romans became powerful, then Persia again held sway when the Musselmen gained power. Abdul Fazl does not particularize this as any one, but says all the powers were in the same condition of materiality at that time; and there were various great powers.

I6--- The Christians have all thought that Neb. really lived as a beast for 7 years, not understanding the real meaning. The more learned priests now say that Neb. thought himself like a beast; but this is not true. Not only was Neb. in this material condition, wanting in spirituality, but all those people were so at that time. There is a rule in the bible that day means year.

Refer to NumbersI4:34--"for every day a year".

Ezek. 4:6---each day for a year. A"time" as we have explained is 360 days, or one lunar year. Thus: "7 times"= 7x360= 2520 days- or years as explained.

(There is a difference of about IO days between solar and lunar time)This means that men would not understand, but would be in spiritual intelligence like the beasts for 2520 years.

It was 2300 years from the time of this dread to the birth of Baha'u'llah; and it will be 220 years after His birth before theKigs and heads of the nations will be believers.

When Christ came there were few who believed; and it took 300 years to spread the Teachings. So now ignorance will prevail, but at the end of 2520 days from time of this dream, all law will be established. Reference: Isaiah 2:4-- whon all war will ave ceased. At present people are slain just by order of the King, and they are not in the service of GOD. According to the Blesseda Perfection there are yet two cycles before all will be established.

DANIEL VII.

DEGRADATION, SCATTERING AND RESTORATION OF THE ISRAELITES. 1&2--- "That four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea."-These cardinal points of compass abe the North, South, East and West of Jerusalem.

"the sea"= religions of the world.

"the wings"= the disturbances.

3---- "four beasts"= four governments.

Daniel means: I saw the will of GOD attack the North, East, South and West, causing such events in the world that four governments, leaded by four great kings, arose.

From the time of Nebuchadnezzar to the appearance of the Blessed

Porfection four religions appeared that were established by 4kings.

The first religion was the Sabian... They were worshippers of the stars and planets... prevalent throughout the Chaldean Kingdom during the time of Nebuchadnezzar, his son and heirs.

The second, Christmanity, was embraced by the Roman Empérers who conquered the Chaldean Kingdom.

The third, Zoroastrianism, was established by the great Kings in Persia who conquered the Christians and substituted their religion for Christianity.

The fourth,-Mohammedism was established by Mohamet and His Caliphs. Bagdad became the capitol pf the Caliphs of Islam.

Because these kings by whom these religions were established were despotic they were likened to beasts. The difference of beasts: one valient, one a destroyer, one a reconstructor.

- 2--- "night" here means, during the days of difference and darkness before the appearance of Baha'u'llah.
- 3--- "diverse"= the four great kings of the world having diverse religions.
- 4--- "like a lion" and had eagles wings"-- The kings who established the Sabean religion were very strong, brave and courageous. The eagle signifies that their religion was extended almost throughout the world. (It extended over Africa, Europe, Asia, but not China or India), they having at that time the teachings of Buddha and Brahma)

"I beheld until the wings therof were plucked" -- the strength power and influence were taken away.

"man's heart"- a believer in GOD,-the heart of man and a great faith.

5--- "A bear"- A government with not such power as a lion, but steadfast,- this government devoured and dispossed much country belonging to others

"it raised up itself on one side" means that the control exer-Caesars cised by the ExrictionExwas on one side only; which was Europe, because the Chaldeans had full control over the east and the west.

"it had three ribs"--means that they had profits and benefits from three countries.- Africa, Europe and part of Asia.

"Arise, devour much flesh"---- that they were receiving much benefit from all the countries.

6--- "Another animal"-- a valient king; wings added to his power on four sides,- gained victory over four great points. Alexander of Greece destroyed the Persian dynasty. At that time the teachings of Zoroaster predominated.

"beast had also four heads"---After Alexander the country was divided into four parts. Jerusalem, especially, was under the Greeks until Islam came,-and here is where the vision of the Jaws comes in. Although Jerusalem was possessed by the Rereiane Romans it was divided into four parts.

7--- "Fourth beast"- Mohammedan Empire, dreadful and terrible. All thes others came under Islam (i.e. Romans, Zoroastrians etc.)

"great iron teeth"- power and warfare, devouring.

"diverse" -means a quality of the Islam Empire.

"beast"= government.

"horns"= ten different branches ruled by Kings, -- the ten sects which came out of Islam.

Sunnites- Turkey and their divisions.

Zeadites- Arabs (819 to 1018)

Khawarects - of Zanzabar and Mascot.

Ishmaclites- caliphs of the Talimites of Egypt and India,-the Druses are a branch in Syria. Sheites- in Persia--sect in Zag, Mecca and Arabia. Nassarea- (Nosarees). Kharameta-- (Kalameets) Wahabeah Lenoseah-- Africa.

Adarisha- A branch of Sheites of the followers of Ali Hassan.

They are still existing. Some others appeared, butan they had no king to protect them they soon vanished.

-- "little horn"- here refers to the Sheites. On their appearace in Persia they destroyed three creeds,- the Sunnites, Massarea, Faditos.

"were eyes like the eyes of men"- shows that the Shoites, especially in the latter days before the appearance of the Manifestation, great and divine people appeared from among them.

"a mouth speaking great things"- these great and divine people have foretold the appearance of the Mahdi (Bab); and these people were praised and mentioned by the Manifestation in the Kitab-el Ighan

"Ancient of days - the Heavenly Father- refers to the . Manifestation.

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"till the thrones were set up"- means the dodies of the Bab, Manifestation and Abdul Baha.

"garment"- the religion which He has established is clean and pure. Hair like pure wool- also means great wisdom and pure truth. (The hair of the Manifestation was very beautiful and brilliant)

"his throne was like the fiery flame"- meaning the power of the Cause of GOB will consume all other religions.

"and his wheels as burning fire"- signifies the firm believers around the Manifestation having power of burning fire. 10-- A fiery stream"- means the teachings and knowledge.

"thousands ministered unto him"- the multitude that will accept this religion.

(In the time of Moses there were many followers, but the true believers were only two,- Caleb and Joshua, the son of Nun. No one offered himself as ransom in the time of Moses. In the time of Jesus Christ's death the true believers were I20. No one had offered himself as a ransom, and one of His desciples betrayed Him. In the time of Mohammed there were thousands of followers and only four true ones. But in the time of the Blessed Perfection there were many followers and thousands who sacrificed their lives in His Day. The religion was set and the Books were opened. The Bible and the Koran were not understood until now.)

II--- This refers to the Persian Kings of those days. The Manifestation appeared and to their destruction. Wah'u'din Shah w s killed.
I2--- "the rest of the beasts"- the other kings will remain for some
IX-- time, but a change will take place in their religion.

13-- "Son of Man"- Abdul Baha.

I4-- "dominion"- means what it says. The Father first, hen the D Son whose dominion will never be destroyed.

I5, I6, I7, I8---- obvious meaning-

19--- This refers to Islam. Fourth beast was Mohammedanism which rose up and devoured the residue, - who were the Sabeans, Magi and Christians.

20-- "Ten horns"= ten sects.

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"three fell"- they fell from power and became independent- t these were the Persians, Turks and government of Morocco.

"of that horn"- the Turkish government.

21&22-- "the same horn"---prevailed until the appearance of the "Anciet of Days".

"kingdom" is the religion. This government will be the conqueror until the appearance of the Manifestation.

- 23--- "The fourth beast"= the fourth religion,- that of Islam- that will have full control and devour the others,-which are the Sabean, Magi and Chaldean.
- 24---- "ten kings" are ten religions. One, the Turkish, will control three of the ten. Three are his vassels.

25--- This refers to the orders given by the Turkish Government against Islam and the saints in past and present times.

"change times and laws:" times are the I260 years,- until the time the Holy land will be delivered out of the hands of the unjust people who were those under Omar making the agreement that no Jew would be allowed to worship there. The King thought to change the the decree of GOD. (Although this happened in the time of Omar it dates from the time of the introduction of the Mohammedan religion in 622. Omar was about I2 years after. Mohamet died ten years after and Abbuck reigned only two years.)

26&27--- "judgment"-- the appearance of GOD that shall take away dominion of that king and destroy all the unjust people. The kingdom shall be given to the people of the Most High and all shall obey and serve them.

"greatness of the kingdom"-- refers to the time of GOD,-Baha 28--- "end of the matter"--When GOD shall appear and all shall be fulfilled. (Abul Fazl says he hopes we will doas Daniel and keep this in our hearts.)

DANIEL VIII

2--- Elam is east of Persia.

3--- "Ram"= the power of Persia.

"two horns"--- were the two great powers: Darius and Cyrus; the great horn being that of Darius, son of Ahasuerus (see Ester I)
4---- Not to the east because those were his own possessions; but t toward Roman and Turkish possessions, India, Greece and Egytp.
5--- The goat is Greece. She did not want to ruin the people.but

to conquer the powers of Persia.

"t "touched not the people"- did not harm the people. "notable horn"- this was Alexander the Great.

"four notable horns" are four powers, Vis. Ptolemy of Egypt;
Antigon of Syria; Greeks in Greece and Macedonia; Persia under Aisace.
"little horn"-- is Antigone of Syria who warred and took posse e sion of the Holy Ground, Jerusalem; and under his attack many Jews were killed. Antigone forbad the fulfilling of the Jewish rites and obliged the eating of pork. The reign of Antigone and family continued for I50 years. From this time to I844, by exact calculation, 2300 years have passed (see verse I4). Also in round numbers from Daniel to Christ there were about 500 years; and from Christ to the Hanifestation of the Bab about I800 years, together making 2300 years. There were the same number of years fro Daniel to the birth of Baha'u'llah.

The time the Israelites spent in captivity in Bablyn was 70 years.

From the time of the edification of the Temple by Ezra, the priest, to the time of its destruction there were 430 years. From the time of its destruction to the time of the departure of the Manifestation were I822 years.

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70+430+1822=3322 The excess 22 years is the time spent by the Manifestation in the Holy Land.

DANIEL IX.

24-26--- "seventy weeks are determined upon thy people"- It speaks of the seventy weeks after the command was issued regarding the building of the Temple. The interval between the idsuing of this command and the death of Christ was <u>seventy weeks</u>. (Seven days in one week, and a day is a year,- 70 x 7 = 490) Christ lived 33 years. The command issued for the building of the Temple was in the twentieth year of Artaxexes' reign (EEzra VI:14- And they builded and finished it according to the commandment of the God of Israel and according to the decree of Cyrus and Darius and Artaxexes king of Persia.) NehemiahFF 2 tells that this was if the twentieth year of reign of Artaxexes. From the building of the Temple of Jerusalem until the departure of Christ 70 weeks or 490 years were to pass.

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"to seal the vision" refers to the departure of Christ.

DANIEL XII.

I---- "shall Michael stand up"- the Blessed Perfection. Daniel prophesied that the Holy Land would be illumonated and its desolation restored I290 years after the removal of the sacrifice.

(St. Matt. XXIV:29-- Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavons shall be shaken.)

When Baha'u'llah appeared there were seven different religions, and each of them had many divisions, - so there were great tribulaty

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tions, and it was difficult to know which was right as all were against each other.

"thy people shall be delivered"--this applies principally to the Jews or Israelites, because they are to accept these teachings and become the children of Israel. During the life of the Manifestation there were more than 3000 Jews who accepted, and so they are written in the Book.

8--- "many that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake"-- The priests-Christian and Musselmen-think that the people must arise bodily for the day of judgment, but we know that it is impossible. A seed that decays sends forth a new tree. The meaning is , that the knowledge was earthly; the essence of spirituality was hidden in our hearts and when the Blessed Perfection appeared this spirituality was awakened and we knew GOD. The dead body cannot arise, but our hearts or intelligence can be awakened.

The Blessed Perfection says that there are two kinds of kakiners people, - believers and unbelievers. The believers are to awake from the spiritual slumber to eternal life; the unbelievers will awake to contempt.

3--- refers to the teachers and guides.

4--- many will search for the knowledge of truth and many will receive it.

5--- The Holy people or belivers.

6---- "man in linen" -- Gabriel or Christ.

7--- "it shall be for a time, times and an half"-- This dates from the time the sainted city, Jerusalem, would be taken and dostroyed so that the Jews could not make their sacrifices there. When Omar took Jerusalem he combined with the Christians to send the Jews away.

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The Jews remaining submitted to the Musselmen, and until the appearance of Baha, I290 wears after the Hejira, they could not follow their religious rites in Jerusalem. This was the date of the arrival of Baha in Haifa. The Temple of Solomon was where the Jews offered their sacrifices, as the Musselmen go to Mecca.

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The abomination was the reign of Omar.

Instead of prayer, GOD commanded offerings by the Israelites: just as to other dispensations went forth the command of prayer, to them went forth the command to worship by offerings. In Numbers chapter 28th, GOD has given instructions for these offerings.

They had three permanent sacrifices: daily, weekly and monthly. Since GOD and written these things those who have not turned from them to later Revelations, still think that sins cannot be forgiven without them.

So e say that when Adam fell all inherited sin in consequence of that act; and they say, that untilOhrist came offerings were made for forgiveness of sins; that when Christ came He forgave all sin; that when Jesus came GOD made Him the Sacrifice. Two hundred years ago, to have laughed at this, people would have been burned by the command of the Calvinists and the Pope.

Briefly, they say a child is a sinner because Adam was a sinner. They say, also, that Jesus' blood has saved mankind, when it has not.

The reason that certain animals were used in sacrifice was because some people were unable to purchase the more expensive ones.

The Laws and Ordinances in the Bible are all to be taken literally.

<u>History</u> and <u>Legends</u> are (generally) to be taken literally. Prophecies to be taken symbolically.

Books written by the historians are to be taken differently from prophetic Books.

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It has been foretold by Daniel, the prophet, that the Holy Land will be honored, illumined and delivered from the "humiliation of desolation after the expiration of 1290 years from the time the "daily sacrifice" is taken away. It has become a matter of fact that the Daily Sacrifice was abolished and taken away from the Holy Land through the conquest of Islam, -when it came into their possession-, on which occassion a mutual compact was made between Omar, the Caliph and the Bishop of Jerusalem, to the effect that no Jews were allowed Jerusalem was conquered 15 years after to dwell in the Holy Land. 637 the Hegira,-corresponding to 1291 solar time. The Holy Land was honored by the settling in Haifa of the Manifestation in the year 1309 -lunar.corresponding to 1891 solar The remainder will be 1255 solar, and reduce this by multiplying it by IO, -the approximate difference between solar and lunar time. Divide 1255 by 365number of days in the solar year- and the quotient will be 34 years Add this to 1255 and the sum will be I289 days,and 240 days. which will clearly show that the Holy Land was honored in the timee of I290 years.

(This reckoning was translated by A. Haddad)

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DANIEL XII, 11th verse:- And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

Napoleon I was 'the transgression of desolation' and shall make himself greater than God, he went and opened Acre, and did so and was idolised more than anything else in the world.

1817 The birth of the Blessed Perfection.

1844 Elijah (El Bab, meaning the door or gate) manifested himself in Persia. The Millerites calculated that 1844 Christ must appear according to the prophecies. El Bayan, written by Bab, is a marvellous work, explaining many prophecies, he was by no means learned, yet the book is composed in most eloquent language and is far ahead of the Koran.

MALACHI IV, 5th verse:- Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great, the dreadful day of the Lord.

Bab was a traveller, like Abraham, and possessed the stick of Moses (the power of argument), like Mahomet he was a merchant and like Christ crucified, and he was put into prison by the Shah of Persia and his ministers because they were frightened of his power; the latter made a council to kill him so they hung him and his secretary on a wall upside down. A Christian regiment fired at them but the bullets only killed the Secretary and cut the ropes by which the Bab was bound so that he fell to the

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ground without harm. After the smoke of the guns had cleared away the Bab was found writing with charcoal on the wall in an adjoining guard room. The regiment was ordered to fire again but they refused. A Mahommedan regiment was then called and he was killed.

The Manifestation was known to Bab though he did not see Him, but they wrote to each other.

1852 The Manifestation of the Father was imprisoned for four months in Teheran. The Persian Shah said to Him after he left the prison, 'You are not of my subjects and you must go out of my country'. He was exiled to Baghdad where many followed Him.

1853 He manifested himself to special people in Baghdad to be a manifestation of the almighty God. When the Bab was asked what time he would manifest himself, he said, "After that is to say, in the year 1269 which corresponds to the year 1853. A few years later he went to certain mountains in Armenia, near the city of Solimania, for two years. Balaam's prophecy saw him there in the far future (Exodus)

1863 When by command of the Sultan, Abdul Aziz, an invitation was sent to Him to leave Baghdad and come to Constantinople, he went shortly before leaving to a garden near the Chebar river (now Luka = meeting, prophesied in Ezekiel) and manifested himself to be God, our everlasting Father, he remained twelve days and our great feast of the appearance is in commemoration of this event. (Feast begins 22nd April every year).

During the 1st, 9th and 12th day of this feast no work is and these three days are great. The feast of the appears is called Rizwan, which means the divine pleasure of God to man. Naruz is New Year's day and begins on the 21st March which is the real astronomical day. (Ramazan is the feast for fasting, kept by the Mahommedans for thirty days from moom to moon, and they never eat during the day but at night). The last martyr put to death one year ago at Mashhad at the feast of Ramazan, he was the chief merchant in that city.

because He Manifeted Housef in a garden. The institute

Was in Constantinople, travelling four months on 1864 land until they reached Constantinople. After four or five months' residence on account of the growing influence and power the sultan exiled Him to Adrianople (Romali). Then he manifested himself 1867-70 to the world at large, and he sent invitations to all the kings and rulers of the earth, Russia, Germany, France, Italy, England and the Pope, a large part of the tablets being translated. The second tablet to Napoleon told a secret between him and the Czar of Russia and foretold the end of Napoleon. Victoria's answer was "If the matter is of God, it will stand". The Czar of Russia said "He would investigate the matter" and he helped a great deal and was blessed. When Frederick of Germany - then Crown Prince - came to Palestime and paid no visit, he sent him a tablet saying "You shall not rule over your country a year."

1869 Sultan and ministers saw that the believers were growing more and more, they agreed to exile them to Acre, a

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prison-place with fortifications all round, and used for 15 criminals. Any one sent there usually lives three or four months! He and his family exiled. It is the place appointed in the scriptures to be a new Jerusalem. There shall be the manifestation of the mighty Father, God and the gathering of the nations.

(Isaiah IX. Mica I, 10th verse) Mical V. 2. Deut XXVIII 7

1867 Manifests himself universally to the world.

(Revelations XII, prophecy).

Papacy appeared 607, add 1260 = 1867.

1867-8 Prophesied that a great many natural disturbances will take place according to the statistics. More than 4,000 earthquakes - fulfilment of the prophecy.

1892 After the establishment of the holy household at Acre he departed. Climate changed, waters sweetened, that place originally a desert became a garden and even fruit grew. The best oranges come from Acre. The twenty-eight prophecies that God shall manifest himself in Acre as being the place of the residence of God. Mohammed said that the Mahdi should come 1,000 years after the Imams, and thus it happened, because the last Imam of twelve Imams of Moslems died when it was 260 years from Mohammet, and 1,000 years after that the Bab declared his mission - 1844 - that is to say, when it was 1260 years from Mohammed.

Mohammed prophesied that the Bab would be suspended like Christ and that a great noise would issue from an instrument

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like a pestle and mortar and finally kill him.

1892 He departed and delivered the kingdom to Greatest Branch (whose title is Abd-el-Beha) Abbas Effan. according to the promise that the kingdom of the Father wou be delivered to him when he comes again. It is Abbas Effan. who is our Lord Jesus Christ, who came again in the kingdom of the Father, and this is the man to whom we paid a visit at Acre JESUS CHRIST who came again and is at ACRE!

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