

°Abdu'l-Baha, Bahá'í Writings

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THE BLESSED PERFECTION REVEALED THE FOLLOWING VERSES
ON THE EVE OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTHDAY.
HE IS GOD!

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O thou assemblage of lovers! By GOD, this is an evening, ~~and~~ the like of which hath never appeared in the world, and this bounty is from the Presence of God, the Mighty, the Bestower!-----In this evening the sins of all those in the universe were forgiven. This is a glad tidings unto all those who are created in the contingent world. Say, this is an evening in which the measure of bounty and grace are ordained in the pages of Might and Assurance so that all sorrows may thereby be removed from all things during every moment and time. Therefore, rejoice in your hearts, O ye who have entered the dominions of the worlds and realms!

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TABLET OF BAHÁ'U'LLAH

I am He who does not fear to separate----

I am He who does not hesitate to divide.

If thou wouldst know Me, know verily that I am He Who prevents those who are dying with longing to enter My Sacred Presence, and Who abandons them in the deserts of the world.

I am He Who never hears the lamentations of the poor and Who does not come to the succor of the helpless.

Such is My Nature.

But if I move in the Name of My Mercy I hasten to the succor of the oppressed and open wide the doors of My Holy City for all in the Heavens and earth to enter, and from which I shall never drive them forth.

I am He Who hears the cries of the longing and Who answers the prayers of His servants before they are asked.

I am He Who weeps all the tears of the lovers and Who comes to their succor without being implored.

I, Jemal---I heard thy cries and lamentations when thou wert still a great way off and the grief of thy separation hath seized Me.

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Prayer Revealed by Abdul Baha

Whenever entering a meeting read the following supplication:

O Thou Kind God! We have gathered together with the utmost humility and submission in this spiritual Assembly. We have turned our faces toward Thy Kingdom and are begging for Thy Confirmation and Assistance; so that we may become united and harmonized, associate with each other with the sweetness of honey and milk; become the cause of the appearance of the oneness of the Kingdom of humanity, and with pure hearts, brilliant souls, pray to Thee and beg of Thee the fulfillment of our aspirations. Almighty do Thou not look down upon our sins, treat us according to Thy Grace and Favor. Forgive our shortcomings. Bestow upon us Thy Bounty. Enkindle the Fire of Love. Burn away the veil of superstition and desire. Protect and guard us against the failings of the self and SHELTER US UNDER THE SHADE OF THY TREE OF MERCYFULNESS AND GRANT US SPIRITUAL COMFORT AND HELP. VERILY THOU ART THE POWERFUL, THE MIGHTY.

(signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

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Prayer for Illumination (Page 74 old Hidden Words)

I ask Thee, O my God--by Thy Power, Might and Dominion, which have encompassed all who are in Thy heaven and earth--to point out to Thy servants Thy straight pathway, that they may acknowledge Thy Oneness and singleness with a certainty that shall not be clouded by the imaginations of doubters, nor veiled by the conjectures of straying wanderers.

O God, illumine the eyes and the hearts of Thy servants with the light of Thy Knowledge, that they may know of this, the Highest Station and Glorious Horizon, that they may not be withheld by false voices from beholding the effulgence of the light of Thy Oneness, nor prevented from turning unto the horizon of Renunciation.

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Words of Baha'U'llah and Abdul Baha read by Mr. Howard MacNutt
at the sid of the coffin of many Baha's who had passed out.

ALLAH U AKBAR (six times) meaning God is Mighty.

I came from God and to Him have I returned, severed from all else
save God, relying upon His Name, the Manifest the Clement.

O my God! This is Thy servant who hath believed in Thee and in Thy
Revelation. He (she) hath turned unto Thee and hath severed himself
(herself) from all else save Thee. Verily, Thou art the Most Merciful
One! I beg of Thee, O Thou Forgiver of sins and Concealer of faults to
grant unto him (her) gifts from the Heavens of Thy Generosity and the
Ocean of Thy Grace. Cause him (her) to enter within the protection of
Thy most Mighty Mercy which has pervaded the Heavens and the Earth.
There is no God but Thee, the Forgiving the Beneficent!

Rejoice not in what ye possess in the evening, for in the morning it
will be possessed by someone else in your stead.

Your lives pass away as the winds pass away, and the carpets of your
glory will be folded up as the carpets of those who have departed before
you have been folded.

Where are your past days? Where are your vanished centuries? O,
people of the Earth! Blessed are the days which have been passed in the
celebration of God. Blessed is the Time which hath been spent in the
commemoration of the Allwise, the Most Holy!

The glory of the glorious doth not endure, nor the gold of the rich,
nor the influence of the unrighteous. All will perish by a Word of His
Command. Verily He is the Potent, the Mighty, the Able.

Blessed is the soul that has purified and hath come to understand its right
eousness and its errors.

Blessed is the spirit of man, that hath been revived by the breath of the
Merciful.

Blessed is the nostril, which enhaleteth the Perfume of the Fragrance of God

Blessed is the heart which hath been dilated by the Breeze of God.

Blessed is the eye which looketh upon the Beauty of God.

Blessed is the ear that hath listened to the Words of God.

Blessed is the soul which hath remained steadfast in the service of the Cause of God.

Blessed are those who are enkindled by the Fire of the Love of God.

Blessed is the one who has been melted by the flame of the fire of Love in the Cause of God.

Blessed is the soul that fulfills the Covenant of God, who heedeth not censure and reproach in the Cause of God and is strengthened against the arrows of the wicked.

Blessed is the soul whose outward and inward life are alike pure and holy.

Blessed is the soul who has been honored by the cup of consolation.

Blessed is the soul whose Lord hath guided it and removed the veil of ignorance.

By the self of God the face of this soul will be illuminated in the Kingdom of EL AHIA by the Light which illumines heaven and earth.

GOD IS THE MOST MIGHTY! We are all worshippers of God.

GOD IS THE MOST MIGHTY! We all bow down before God.

GOD IS THE MOST MIGHTY! We are all invoking the Mercy of God.

GOD IS THE MOST MIGHTY! We are all glorifying God.

GOD IS THE MOST MIGHTY! We are all returning thanks to God.

GOD IS THE MOST MIGHTY! We are all resigned and submissive to God.

In this Day, all these in Heaven and earth are viewed by God as being in one region. Every soul severed wholly from all else save Him and soaring in the heaven of knowing God will be accounted as one of the faithful and of His saints, even though that soul be not known unto others.

All people were created alike by the Breath of His Command and the loftiness, lowliness, exaltation, and debasement have appeared among them after they have been created.

Funeral Service cont.

Every soul who accepts the Word of God is one of the inhabitants of the Supreme Kingdom and the confirmed ones in the Paradise of Abha.

Every soul who truly follows the Word of God hath passed through the right path and attained the Paradise of His good pleasure and hath assembled with those who are nearer to God--the Chosen Ones.

That soul in the Presence of God will be considered as one of the inhabitants of Paradise and a confirmed one of the Supreme Kingdom.

For the soul who hath succeeded in attaining the good pleasure of God and believing in His Cause will receive the reward of its deeds in the world to come after it hath departed from the body.

For each soul in the heavenly worlds there is a fixed and preordained command.

Verily, by the Sun of the Horizon of meanings there are forever and ever many Godly Paradises which have neither equal nor comparison.

In the first life the meaning of Paradise is pleasing God and believing and entering His Cause. But after departing from this world, the faithful one will enter into Paradises which have no likeness and enjoy winning graces which are beyond comprehension. Verily, these paradises are the fruits of their deeds in this world.

Dost thou not see that if one of God's creatures serve another he receives a reward and compensation for it? Then how could it be said that the All Generous Himself commandeth creatures to obey His Ordinances and then excludeth them from His Mercy?

ALLAH U AKBAR! (six times)

O Beloved! O Faithful Brother (Sister) Where is thy beautiful face? Where is thy eloquent speech? Where is thy serene brow? Where is thy radiant beauty? O Beloved! O faithful Brother (Sister) Where is thy Flame enkindled by the Fire of the Love of God? Where is thy attraction to the Perfumes of God? Where is thy discourse in Praise of God? Where is thy determination to serve in the Cause of God? O Beloved! O Faith-

ful Brother (Sister)? Where are thy Beautiful eyes? Where are thy smiling lips? Where is thy noble countenance? Where is thy graceful form? O Beloved, O Faithful Brother (Sister) thou hast abandoned the human world and ascended to the Kingdom. Thou hast attained to the Divine Grace, Thou hast reached the threshold of the Lord of the Celestial Kingdom. O Beloved! O Faithful Brother (Sister) Thou hast abandoned the bodily lamp, the mortal garment, the earthly element and the life of this world. O Beloved! O Faithful Brother (Sister) thou hast kindled thy flame in the lamp of the Supreme Concourse and thou hast entered the Paradise of EL ABHA. Thou hast taken shelter in the shadow of the Tree of Life and attained the meeting with GOD in the Abode of Paradise. O Beloved! O Faithful Brother (Sister)! Thou wert a Divine Bird which has abandoned its mortal nest, thou hast flown to the Garden of the Divine Kingdom and attained thy brilliant station.

O beloved! O faithful brother (sister)! Thou hast already sung the verses of the Mercy of thy Lord the Clement. Thou art a grateful servant and thou hast entered into the Joy of thy Lord.

O beloved! O faithful Brother (Sister)! Verily, thy Lord has chosen thee for His Love, hath guided thee to the Side of His Holiness, caused thee to enter into the Garden of His Nearness and permitted thee to behold His Beauty.

O beloved! O faithful Brother (Sister) Thou hast laid hold of Eternal Life and attained to everlasting Well-Being and to the Good Pleasure of God, to His Delight and to His All Sufficient Favour.

O beloved! O faithful Brother (Sister)! Thou hast become a Star in the Highest Horizon: A Light among the Angels of Heaven: and a living soul in the Exalted World resting upon the Throne of Immortality!

O beloved! O faithful Brother (Sister)! I ask God to enable thee to attain to His Nearness and to His Union, to rejoice thee by His Presence, to increase thy brightness and thy beauty, to grant thee honor and glory.

O Beloved! O faithful Brother (Sister)! We remember thee continually and never forget thee, we pray for thee night and day, We see thee

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A Prayer revealed by Abdul Baha

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O thou kind Lord!

These souls are thy friends and this gathering is longing for thee. They are captives of the lights of thy beauty and ecstatic by thy musk-scented locks.

Their hearts are thine; they are poor, humble and homeless; they have severed themselves from relative and stranger and have established the relationship of unity with thee. They have adored thee. They were sons of earth; thou hast made them new fruits of the kingdom. They were plants of the desert of bereavement; thou hast made them of the rose-garden of knowledge. They were silent; thou hast made them speak. They were extinct; thou hast lighted them. They were sterile soil; thou hast made them the rose-garden of significances. They were the children of the world of humanity; thou hast caused them to attain development and the maturity of the kingdom!

O kind One! Grant them shelter and security under thy protection; preserve them from tests and trials; send them invisible help and confer upon them the doubtless bounty, O thou kind Beloved!

They are the body and thou art the Life. The body is dependent for its life and freshness upon the Spirit;- therefore, they are in need of confirmation and long for the breaths of the Holy Spirit in this new Cause!

Thou art the able! Thou art the Giver, the Educator, the Forgiver, the Pardoner and the Light shining from the invisible realm!

Portion of Tablet from the Pen of Abdul Baha.

What thou hast written was perused & its contents became manifest.

Thou hast questioned, How can you accept this Divine Cause, for you are a member of the church. Know thou in the Day of the Manifestation of Christ many souls became portionless & deprived from the favor of God because they were the members of the Holy of Holies in Jerusalem.

According to that membership they became veiled from that brilliant Beauty. Therefore, turn thou thy face to the Church of God which consists in Divine Instructions & Merciful Exhortations. For what similarity is there between the church of stone & cement & the Celestial Holy of Holies? Endeavor that thou mayest enter in this Church of God.

Altho thou hast given an oath to attend the church, yet thy spirit is under the Covenant & Testament of the Spiritual Divine Church. Thou should'st protect this.

Altho they consider the wine & bread in the church is the blood & body of Christ, yet this is but the appearance not the reality. The Reality of Christ is the Words of the Holy Spirit. If thou art able take a portion thereof.

The performance of baptismal celebration would cleanse the body, but the spirit has no share, but the Divine Teachings & the Exhortations of the Beauty of Abha will baptize the soul. This is the real baptism.

Words of Abdul Baha on Humility.

"Were it not for the favors of the Blessed Perfection no one would have given us any importance. There are some people who become proud & haughty & forget this fact. In their utter blindness they consider themselves to be somebody; then they fall from their high pedestal, & great is the noise thereof.

"Meekness & humility are the hall-marks of faith. As soon as a believer feels himself the least bit superior to others, the beginning of his spiritual decline has commenced, all unaware to himself. There are no offices in this Cause. I do not & have not 'appointed' anyone to perform any special service, but I encourage everyone to engage in the service of the Kingdom. The foundation of this Cause is pure, spiritual democracy & not a theocracy.

The difference between Me & others is this; I confess & acknowledge My own inability, weakness & humility & know that all these outward confirmations are the Favors of the Blessed Perfection; but there are some people who think & little by little come to believe that all these spiritual successes are by & thru them."

Abdul Baha said; "A material man lets himself be worried & harassed by little things, but a spiritual man is always calm & serene under all circumstances".

(The following was revealed for an European believer. It has come to America with the request not to spread it widely, but with great wisdom and care.)

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Portion of a Tablet explaining the inscription upon the ring-stone.

"The inscription is composed of two 'Ba' and four 'Ha.' The explanation of 'Ba' has been written in the commentary upon 'Bism'illah' 'errahman, errahim'; it is very detailed, and is not suitable for this letter; you must refer to the commentary.

The repetition of the 'Ba' refers to the invisibility and to the Presence. (X)

With regard to the four 'Ha' which are the four columns of the Temple of Unity, (XX) their perfect number is ten: 1 for 1 plus two equals 3, 3 plus 3 equals 6, 6 plus 4 equals 10; and 10 with this significance 1 in the Koran, where it is said: 'And we have made it (or him) perfect in the figure 10'. Furthermore, 'Ha' has the value of 5, and there 'Ha' is the Divine Essence and Reality, that is clear and visible for the number 5, which is the number of the Bab.

It is because of this that upon the stone of the Noble ring, the 'Ba' has been combined with the 'Ha' and in the same way the Greatest Name appears in the inscription, for the number is 9. If you multiply 9 which is the number of Baha with that of the Bab, which is 5, that makes 9 times 5 which is 45. And in the same way if you multiply 5 which is the number of the Bab with 9 which is the number of Baha, that makes 45, and this number is equal to the number of Adam (XXX). Similarly if you add together (the units) of 9, that makes 45; 1 plus 2 equals 3; 3 plus 3 equals 6; 6 plus 4 equals 10; 10 plus 5 equals 15; 15 plus 6 equals 21; 21 plus 7 equals 28; 28 plus 8 equals 36; 36 plus 9 equals 45. If now you add together the units of the number of the Bab (i.e. 5) that makes 15; 1 plus 2 equals 3; 3 plus 3 equals 6; 6 plus 4 equals 10; 10 plus 5 equals 15 which is equal to the number of Eve. (XXXX) and is in conformity with the Hadiss 'I and Ali, we are the Father and Mother of this people.'

'Adam' signifies the overflowing Reality, distributive, active, which represents the appearance of the Names and Realities of GOD, and the divine conditions (or Stations); whereas Eve is the passive Reality, taking, dependent, receptive, existing through the divine Name and Qualities. Briefly such are the least of the Mysteries of the composition of the Greatest Name upon the stone of the Divine ring.

(X) of God.

(XX) a Honwiyat; (God)--(b) Nobenwiyat; (His Messenger, like Mohammed, Christ)--(c) Wilayat; his representative, like the Imams;--(d) Mamonin; (Assembly of the Faithful.)

(XXX) Alif equals 1; dal equals 4, mim equals 40 (the entire sum 45)

(XXXX) ha equals 5, waw equals 6, alif equals 1 (the entire sum 15)

(XXXXX) Hadiss of Mohammed.

Observe also that the three planes (X) represent the world of God, the world of Commandment and the world of Creation, which are the sources of the Signs; The world of God is the Source of Glorious Bounty, the world of Command is the pure and Mysterious Mirror which depends upon the Sun of Truth, and the World of Creation is the Source of the acquisition of Lights which is due to the Supreme Conjunction; to take it from God. To give it to the creatures. *real*

Briefly, the true 'Ba' which is the universal reality, once descended and distributed into the third degree from the Supreme rank,

to the inferior creature, becomes the collector and creator of all worlds.

Upon the horizon of eternal glory two luminous stars have arisen brilliantly; one to the right and one to the left. This Supreme Mystery is the two diagrams placed to the left and to the right of the Greatest Name upon the stone of the noble ring, this is the Mystery of the appearance of the Beauty of ABHA and of the Supreme Highness. (XX).

And though these two diagrams to the right and to the left have the form of stars, they also represent the body of man, with the head, the two arms, and the two legs; since this diagram XXX has five points.

Upon you be the glory of Abha.

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

(X) represented in the engraving upon the stone by the three horizontal lines.

(XX) Baha'o'llah and the Bab/

A Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to a believer

O thou who art firm in the Covenant!

Great joy was obtained on learning of the harmony and the love of the friends. Communication with the friends of various parts is one of the greatest means for spreading the Fragrances. As to the seven qualifications (of the Divinely Enlightened soul) of which you have asked an explanation is as follows:

1. Knowledge
Man must attain to the knowledge of GOD.
2. Faith.
3. Steadfastness.
4. Truthfulness.

Truthfulness is the foundation of all the virtues of the world of humanity. Without truthfulness, progress and success in all the worlds of God are impossible for a soul. When this Holy Attribute is established in man all the Divine Qualities will also become realized.

5. Uprightness

And this is one of the greatest Divine Attainments

6. Fidelity

This is also a beautiful trait of the Heavenly Man.

7. Evanescence or humility.

This is to say man must become evanescent in God, must forget his selfish conditions that he may thus arise to the station of sacrifice. It should be to such a degree that if he sleeps it should not be for pleasure but to rest the body in order to do better, to sleep better, to explain more beautifully, to serve the servants of God, and to prove the Truth of God. When he remains awake he should seek to be attentive, serve the Cause of God and sacrifice his own stations for those of God. When he attains to this station, the Confirmations of the Holy Spirit will surely reach him and man with this Power can withstand all who inhabit the earth.

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A Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to Miss A. K. Wilkenson.

Those souls that in this Day enter into the Divine Kingdom and attain everlasting Life although materially they dwell on earth yet in Reality they soar in the Realm of the Heavens. Their body may linger on earth but their spirit travels in the immensity of space. For as their thoughts widen and become illumined they acquire the power of flight and transport man to the Kingdom of God.

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A portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to Mr. A. J. Franklin.

Should anyone in this Day attach his heart to the Kingdom release himself from all else save God and become attracted to the Fragrances of Holiness, the army of the Kingdom of God will help him and the angels of the Supreme Concurrence will support him.

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A portion of a Tablet of His Holiness Abdul Baha to the believers in Yazd.

Unquestionably you are the means of joy and the cause of ecstasy and joyousness of Abdul Baha. Continually do I remember them and beg for those blessed souls special confirmations. At all times I have entreated towards the Kingdom of Abha, wishing for each infinite Protection and Grace - so that each one of them may become like a shining star in the Horizon of Reality like a sharpened edged sword they may divide the wrong from the right, becoming the ensign of guidance and the Flag of the Supreme Concourse.

A portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to a believer.

The Ancient Bestowal of the Beauty of Abha is the companion of every pure heart, and the Effulgence of the Manifestation of the Mount of Sinai is the Associate of every firm and steadfast one. The soul entrancing Melody of the BLESSED PERFECTION is heard from the Invisible World by every upright and righteous person, and the Glad-tidings and Gospels of joys grant undeniable favor. The fame of His Greatness hath filled all the regions, and the songs of the birds of the meadow of His Reality confer spirit upon all the inhabitants of the globe.

Therefore we must send forth a cry of joy, and through the Power of God, confer a mighty thrill of Spiritual commotion through the pillars of this mortal world. Thus Eternal Life may become revealed in this mundane existence, the Heavenly Grace may become apparent and the everlasting Bounty of the Paradise of Abha may adorn this world. How long shall there be silence? How long speechlessness? How long like-warmness? The Flaming torch of the burning Fire of God is set aglow on the apex of the world, and the lighted candle of Guidance is a witness in the gathering. If we are not enkindled with the heat of this Divine Flame what heart-burning fire, then, shall cause us to be set aglow? If we are not intoxicated with this Wine of God, what kind of wine will then exhilarate us? If in this Assemblage of Transfiguration we do not forget ourselves, becoming joyous and enraptured, then in what gathering will we become tumultuous and full of acclamation? O ye divine friends! This Call is the Call of the Beauty of Abha, streaming down from the Invisible Kingdom! The Melody is the Melody of the Supreme Concourse! Be ye happy! Be ye happy! Be ye joyous! Be ye exultant! Be ye glad!

A portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Baha'O'llah.

Verily, I say unto thee, that an atom of faith in these times is of the Greatest Gifts of God, because the hearts are hardened against the Mention of God, the souls are proud against God, the eyes are blind, not perceiving the Signs of God, the ears are deaf, not hearing the Call of God and the tongues are dumb not mentioning Thy Lord the Clement. Blessed thou art, for that God hath confirmed thee

to perception, and for witnessing His Great Signs.

Selections from Holy Utterances of His Holiness Abdul Baha.

This is a day in which every sweet odor is perfumed by the FRAGRANCE OF MY GARMENT, the Perfume of which is emitted among the creatures: This is the Day the SEA LIFE is abounding with BOUNTY - from the Mouth of the Will of the CLEMENT ONE! Hasten ye and come ye forth, O SUPREME CONCOURSE, with your hearts and souls. Say this is the DAWNING-PLACE of the HIDDEN, UNKNOWABLE ONE, were ye of the knowing! And this is the Day Spring of the unseen TREASURY- were ye to betake yourselves to HIM.

Consider the greatness of this Age in which thou art living THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BANNER OF GUIDANCE under which thou art dwelling and the attainment of that which thou hast reached which was the hope of the saints in the past times.

If thou dost meet the requirements of this blessing thou wilt realize that this GUIDANCE is a CROWN of ETERNAL GLORY, and this attainment and ETERNAL happiness is a forgiveness of every sin, and is the LIGHT ETERNAL IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Make haste in life before death, in spring before autumn, in healing before sickness. Thus thou mayest become a spiritual physician, healing all manner of disease by the BREATHS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THIS GLORIOUS CENTURY AND MANIFEST AGE.

Verily, your Lord, the Supreme, is calling unto ye from His Ancient Kingdom and announces unto ye such Glad-tidings, whereat the hearts of the Angels of Heaven rejoice.

It is incumbent upon ye to strip yourselves of every old garment (i.e. old beliefs and past customs)

It is incumbent upon ye to be severed from this contemptible earthly world!

It is incumbent upon ye (to seek after) the Kingdom in this GREAT DAY!

Purify your hearts, sanctify your souls, and cleanse your spirits, so that ye may attain to this GREAT SUCCESS.

Then ye will become the angels of heaven, will enter among the Supreme Concourse, and will permanently abide in the Paradise of Union with God, and will be assisted with the Beauty of El-Abha.

O my beloved! Do not fear; for as much as the favor of thy Lord is great and great unto thee. Supplicate thou to God in this MANIFEST DAY and ask of Him what thou wishest. Verily He will enable thee to keep firm at the occasion of tests and whosoever keeps his feet firm in the Path, will find Banners of Confirmation floating above his head, and the Hosts of Victory advancing toward him from all points.

Selections from the Holy Utterances of His Holiness Abdul Baha and His Holiness Baha 'O'llah.

In this Day, if anyone desires to be in relationship with the Tree of the Cause he must withdraw himself from all that is in the heaven and on the earth, and advance toward the GREAT ASPECT (God) with a pure and a shining heart and a sanctified soul.

Now, if anyone desires to know God (Exalted is His Majesty, through other means he will never succeed and will never understand because all besides Him are limited with evident limitations of possibilities and are brought unto existence by His Power of Creation.

O my Servant! O Joseph hear the tone of God and do not compare this Day with any other Day, neither the WONDERFUL SWEET WORD OF GOD with any other words look to the matters with thine own eye and do not follow any one unknown except the GREATEST AND BRILLIANT ORB.

In this Day the Beloved of God must not hesitate or delay and instant in teaching the Cause of the Manifestation and must summon the people continually with good admonition and conciliating Words. To the Religion of Majestic Oneness; because verily in this Day to the soul who is the cause of Guidance to another souls the recompense of a Martyr in the way of God will be assuredly recorded by the Pen of the Cause for his deed.

This is from the Bounty of God unto the servants. Do according to what thou hast been commanded and do not be of those who tary and EL-BAHA is upon thee and upon those who are with thee: if thou art steadfast in this Sublime and Most Exalted Cause.

Oh people of the earth, hear MY VOICE AND CLING TO MY ROBE.

Blessed is the soul that availeth himself of My Days. The Tongue that uttereth My Mention, the eye that turneth to My Horizon, the house wherein My Name is commemorated, and the foot that hasteneth to the right Path.

We enjoin upon all patients and tranquility and faithfulness, which has been the Deposit of God among His Handiworks. Blessed are they who hoist Its Banners and protect the Stations thereof.

It is incumbent upon all who have ears and clear insight to meditate and ponder carefully upon These Supreme Words; wherein each, Ocean of Meanings and distinct explanations are hidden that the Revelation of the Possessor of all Religions may cause all His Creatures to attain the desired and the Supreme Station which is the Dawning of the Horizon of this Declaration.

As to thee, know thou, verily, the winds of tests shall surely wax violently in those regions and will pull out certain trees from their roots. But the firm ones, their Lord will assist them with the Greatest Powers and they will stand trials even as solid mountains.

Be ye entirely quit of yourselves as much as ye can and be ye attached to that Luminous Face. And when ye attain to this Station of adoration, then you will find all in the world under your shadow.

Excerpt from a Tablet of His Holiness Abdul Baha to a believer, March 12th., 1919.

Today it is incumbent upon the believers to forget and lay aside every thought and every preoccupation save the diffusion of the Fragrance of God and the Promulgation of the Divine Teachings.

They ought to concentrate all energies and all efforts upon the guidance of people, perchance God willing, the illumination of the Oneness of the Call of Existence may be made resplendent; ideal characteristics may be made to overcome the material forces. The Splendor of the Realm of the Kingdom may encompass all things and the hearts of men may turn into polished and clear mirrors wherein the Sun of Truth shall shine. This antiquated world may be rejuvenated and the animal realm may be transformed into a human world.

For today in the hearts of men the flames of conscience and of God are quenched and the obscurity of the animal world namely, the characteristics and requisites of the world of nature are all surrounding and paramount. All peoples are captives of the world of nature and thus the greatest effort, with ones whole heart and soul must be exerted in order to emancipate from this thralldom of nature the world of humanity, and cause it to become the manifestation of the Light of the realm of reason and of the Kingdom; that these creatures may not be satisfied with the few days of life in this earthly abode but rather seek everlasting life Eternal Glory and Sovereignty. In fine, this matter is all important and all the friends must seek diligently to spread the Word of God in the East as well as the West.

Reflect thou! That thou shalt consider that the Call to the Kingdom of God emanates exclusively from the Bahais that is why their highest and heartest wish is Universal Peace and the desire for the Oneness of Mankind. They are holding aloof from superstitions and prejudices, they investigate the Truth they are enkindled with the Fire of the Love of God, are fresh, satisfied and Watered with the Showers of the Bounty of the Kingdom of God. They are intoxicated with the Liquor of the Knowledge of God and are unaware of themselves as well as of others.

This Day this Matter is of Supreme Importance. The friends must hold unto it that the world may be illumined.

A portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to a believer.

I trust the Ideal Bonds, spiritual Communication may ever

..become stronger and firmer, the Celestial Ties are Eternal. Whenever I supplicate and entreat towards the Kingdom of Abha I shall beg for you confirmations and assistance, that the door of every good may be open before your faces so that each one of you may become a sign of guidance and a flag of peace.

The portraits which are drawn on the canvass of the world have become very antiquated. Now you must become inspired to paint new lifelike portraits in the frame of the universe with a delicate Brush of the Spirit.

A portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to Mr. Kinney.

The attraction of your conscience became evident. Thank God thy heart and thy life are alive with the Spirit of the Love of God and thou art engaged in the commemoration of God.

Every conscience which is bereft of the Merciful Appearances is accounted as of the mineral kingdom that is why it is stated in the Gospel that which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. But when man attains this station he is a smiling hundred-petaled rose in the Rose Garden of Reality and is Fragrant and Musk-bearing.

An Utterance of His Holiness Abdul Baha given in Haifa.

"His Holiness the Bab says: "We have put mankind in the Alchemic and after due refining processes, the believers of God are the fragrant extracts. It is in the quality of their devotion and self-sacrifice that the Bahais surpass all the rest of humanity and not in quantity of their numbers. One small fruitful tree is better than a hundred fruitless trees of the wilderness". These souls are quickened through the Breath of the Blessed Perfection. For they embody in their daily acts the qualities of trustworthiness, fidelity, integrity, and rectitude. These believers do not only teach the Cause through word or mouth but through shining deeds.

The Holy Divine Manifestations have appeared in this world to instruct mankind in the school of morality and to readjust their ethical relations. For without faith and sanctification the moral fiber of the children of men will not be improved. Just at this time a mad wave of evil habits, immoral acts, shameless customs and most lewd representations is sweeping over some parts of the world, it seems that the very gates of hell are flung wide and the ghastly fiends of unbridled desires, dissipation, sensualism, unchastity and debauchery are set loose, desecrating the sanctity of the homes and polluting the clear stream of morality. Now the friends of God must do their utmost to purify the world from the stains of these licentious habits. They must master their innate God-given forces and strike at the very root of these evil deeds and social scourge. They are the champions of a heavenly light, a clean pure life, a wholesome joyous life, a just proportioned artistic life according to the ideas of God and not of man.

The foundation of praiseworthy moralities is faith. The greater the faith of man the more illumined his life. Faith is a miracle..

It has a wonder-working power. Its spiritual influence refines the character suffers man to become humble and meek, places in his heart the fear of God, prompts him to devote his time to humanitarian deeds, spiritualizes his nature, exalts his ideals and enkindles his lamp. The greater the faith of man the more numerous will be his philanthropic actions. Faith is like unto the trees, deeds are like unto the fruits. Faith is like unto the lamp, deeds are like unto the light. Faith is like unto a beautiful body, deeds are like unto the spirit.

Portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to Mr. Woodcock.

Rest assured in the Great Bounty and Bestowal; be attracted by the Fragrances of the Kingdom of Abha, be not fatigued on account of any difficulty and give not up because of any ordeal. Be not grieved because of any trial or hinderance.

Night and day confine thy time to the education of the world of humanity. Arise to guide the creatures and spend time in promulgating the Teaching of His Holiness Baha'O'llah so that lives may find Glad-tidings, hearts happiness souls Eternal Life and the minds extraordinary advancement.

And the question of giving the Glad-tidings (i.e. teaching of this Religion) should be given prominence. The holy souls who are free from the ties of this mortal world and who attain to the confirmation of the Holy Spirit, although they live on earth yet, verily they are heavenly, illuminated, spiritual and divine. Such souls must appear and engage with simplicity, pfreedom and purity, in training the public and in guiding all the people. If such souls do arise, the Holy Spirit will aid them, the Hosts of the Heavenly Angels will render them victorious the Bounties of the Kingdom of Abha will surround them, the Ray of the Sun of Truth will shine, the Breezes of the Paradise of Abha will give Spirit, the Ocean of favors will boil, and the good scent of the Fragrances of Holiness will perfume the nostrils of the inhabitants of this nether world.

By the Bounty and Grace of the Educator I hope that thou mayest attain to this providence and bounty.

A portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to a believer in Japan.

Praise be to God, that the Light of Guidance shown forth, the glass of thy heart become illumined and the darkness of ignorance dispelled. The Most Great Guidance is a Crown, the brilliant gems of which will shine upon all the future ages and cycles. If it is placed on the head of a servant he will become the object of the envy of Kings, for this is an imperishable crown and an everlasting sovereignty. God says in the Great Koran: 'He particularizes with His Mercy whomsoever He desireth.'

A portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to Miss Alexander.

God says in the Glorious Koran: "A seed growing out of it

seven ears and every ear containing one hundred corn and God is able to double this for whomsoever He willeth."

This Verse means: "Whenever the Word of Truth is proclaimed it is like unto a seed which sown in the pure soil brings forth seven ears and every ear produces one hundred corn and God says for whomsoever He desireth He will double this number, that is, He will make the seven hundred corn fourteen hundred. Now I hope that thy call in Japan may be similar unto that seed so that it may obtain heavenly blessing and benediction and the souls be educated and taught the Oneness and Singleness of God the Truthfulness of the Prophets and the usefulness of the Divine Teachings.

A portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to Mrs. Stannard.

That Spirit is the Oneness of the world of humanity, the establishing of Universal Peace, right and Justice, the fact that religion must be conducive to harmony among mankind, reconcile reason and science, equality of men and women, the freedom and independence of all men, the founding of heavenly morals and love for all mankind even for animals; the universalizing of common knowledge and the fact that a profession and trade and agriculture are the worship of God, that a farmer who engages in tilling and cultivating his farm with the utmost effort is like unto a worshipper who devotes himself to the worship of God with the utmost humility and supplication in a temple of worship, and that a laborer who works with justice and sincerity is as though engaged in prayer. In short, such Teachings are the Spirit of this Age and the Light of this Century and whosoever inhales their Fragrance is drawn to them.

Especially the Teachings strengthen one in the Covenant and Testament, which is the cause of illumining the world, confers the spirit of Life and makes souls luminous, spiritual, heavenly and enkindles them like unto a lamp and makes them like unto scintillating.

O ye beloved! Know that no soul is quickened except thru the Spirit of the Covenant, and no eye is illumined except by the Light of the Covenant and no ear is cheered except by the Melody of the Covenant and no heart becomes the manifestor of spiritual sentiments except by the Bounty of the Covenant.....

For in this Day the Moving Power in the whole world is the Power of the Covenant, and that is the Arterial Vein pulsating in the body of the contingent world.

A portion of a Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to Miss Alexander.

God says in the Koran: "The example of the people of faith is like unto a field which obtains freshness and verdancy from the rain descending from the clouds, attaining to full fruition and finding the Blessings of the Kingdom." There is no doubt that day by day it will grow and develop and in the end the care of the sheaves will be laden with God's Benediction, bringing forth a hundred fold.

Now ye are the friends of the plane of Reality and are under the protection of the Educative Rays of the Sun of Truth. At every moment you obtain a new vitality from the Rain of Divine Bestowals and ere long ye will produce full grown seeds which are blessed by the care and attention of the Divine Farmer. There is no doubt that such will be the end.....

All the individuals of humanity are farmers, every soul sows a certain kind of seed but at the season of harvest he will gather no result except the seeds which are sown by the believers of God. That alone will obtain heavenly blessing. Reflect that His Holiness Christ and His Holiness Mohammed scattered such Holy Seeds the fruits of which are being gathered unto this Great Day. But all the other farmers were finally doomed to regret and disappointment.

A Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha

He is El-Abha.

O thou who art looking to the Kingdom of God:

In this Great Century the Powers of the Lord of Might have encompassed all the existence. The Holy Fragrances of the Blessed Perfection have perfumed all the horizons; the Waves of the Great Ocean have gemmed the bordering shores with Pearls; the cloud of Mercy of their Lord has refreshed the earth to become a garden of roses, the Lights of the Horizon of Wealth have brightened the faces of the Chosen Ones; therefore endeavor to gain a great portion of these Favors of God, to share largely in this Great Bounty, to become a manifestation of the Signs of His Great Mercy. These Heavenly Gifts among the people of the world and a Dawning-point of the Lights of His Great Providence, so that thou mayest find an Eternal Castle in this mortal world and plant in this low earth a tree the branches of which shall reach up to the very heaven.

El-Baha be upon thee and upon the people of Baha, who are the people of affection.

A Tablet from His Holiness Abdul Baha to the American Beloved.

Verily I supplicate to God to strengthen you by an influential and Divine Power from the Supreme World and to reenforce you in these Days with the Hosts of Inspiration, and the Army of Peace, in-suchwise that ye may smell the scent of Life from the Garment of Joseph (which is the Covenant) that in all times ye may be enlightened by the Lights which are dazzling from the Orb of Effulgence, that ye may arise with union and agreement for the purpose of Exalting the Word of God, spreading the Signs of God and hoisting the Standard of God on the tops of the highest hills.

Should you unite together in one Word and thoroughly agree on the original and fundamental aim and have perfect love amongst you, BY THE LIFE OF HIM WHO FORMED THE GRAINS AND CREATED THE BREATH the Lights will shine forth from your faces and reach to the highest point. The fame of your exaltation will be widely spread the traces of your highness will be divulged to all sides and regions and your

Power will penetrate into the facts of all things; your thoughts will have great effect upon the greatest and most powerful nations; your spirits will encircle the whole of existence and you will come to see yourselves kings of the regions of the Kingdom, crowned with glorious Diadems of the Divine World, commanders of the armies of Peace, Princes of the Hosts of Life, stars of the Horizon of Perfection and burning lamps of dazzling light amongst human beings.

Hasten! Hasten! O ye beloved of the Merciful. Be ye on the alert and hasten, O ye who have sincere thoughts. Be ye on the alert and hasten. O ye seers of the Kingdom of God. Be ye on the alert and hasten, O ye utterers of the Name of God. Be ye on the alert and hasten, O ye who are illumined with the Lights of God - to unity, agreement, love and affinity, to have Word, to serve the matter of God, to turn to the Kingdom of God, to be firm in the Covenant of God, to render victorious the Religion of God, to spread the traces of God, and to be straightforward in the Cause of God.

From His Holiness Abdul Baha to Saffa Kinney.

O God make this servant melodious, attuned with the airs of the Supreme Concourse and confer upon him a thrilling and resounding voice like the nightingale of Significance in the Divine Rose-Garden.

Written By His Own Blessed Hand.

Utterances of His Holiness Abdul Baha, at 780 West End Ave. Nov. 26 1912. (P.M.)

What is the meaning of the image and likeness of God? It means that man will become the manifestor of the names and attributes of the Deity; it means that all the perfections and luminosities of the Divine will shine upon the mirror of human beings. Man is like unto iron, and the Bounties of the Divine are like unto fire. When the iron is placed in the fire, all its iron qualities become hidden and the qualities of the fire become manifest. The iron was first heated by being put in the fire. It becomes hot. It was black, it becomes like fire. It was solid, it becomes liquid, fluid. These are the qualities of the fire. When the qualities become manifest in the iron, the iron will assume the very form and likeness of the fire. Likewise as to the reality of man, when he forgets himself, and the Divine Names and Attributes become manifest in him, then he will become the very image and likeness of God. We hope that all you who have turned towards the Kingdom of Abha will endeavor so that you may be first illumined yourselves, that is take on the qualities of the Divine Fire, become embodiments of the Divine Heat, and then be the cause of others taking on the same qualities with which you have become endowed, so that they too may become the very image and likeness of God. In a word, exert yourselves until your imperfections be transformed into perfections, so that out of the world of materiality and nature you may be translated into the world of God; that the bounties of God may rule in your personalities and that you may not be ruled by the exigencies of nature; that the lights of reason and intelligence may shine upon you, and the darkness of self and desire may be demolished, that you may day by day become more ripe and that you may be the cause of ripening others, that day by day you may become more luminous and be the cause of illuminating others!