

# ABDUL-BAHA

## True Happiness, Wisdom and Progress. The Dawn of Knowledge.

### Can Conceive Reason of Love.

For example, love. God has given us love. He has implanted in our hearts love. Then we can conceive the reason of love. Then we conclude that God is the Loving. If God did not bestow upon us love, how could we ever conceive of love at all, so that we might say "God is the Beloved," "God is the Friend," "God is Love"? Is it evident to you? Is it clear?

There is no doubt that there are degrees. For example, science. There are degrees in science. The sciences of all. The question has been asked: What does Abdul Baha think of Free Will? Have we Free Will?

It is a fact that God has given us free will, because if He had not given us free will we could not even know what the meaning of free will is. Just at the present this world cannot understand free will—it is impossible, because it has not free will. For example, a child born blind cannot conceive sight; a child born deaf, it is impossible for him to realize the power of hearing. If God had not given us the power of free will, how could we ever become conscious of the meaning of the words free will? We could not even imagine it.

Because He has given us this will—although it is a partial will—we have become conscious of the meaning of the will; we know what will is. Then we believe in God and that God has given us a will. For instance, if we did not have a life how could we ever dream of God as a life-giver? If we did not have intelligence, if we did not have knowledge, how could we know the meaning of knowledge, so that we might say "God is the Wise"? Because He has given us this knowledge we can grasp the meaning of knowledge. Then we conclude that God is the Wise, the Knowing.

the children of men are not equal. There is no doubt that these degrees exist. All the members of humanity are not equal in the exercise of their free will. Look upon the created beings—the created phenomena. These are without freedom of will. For example, this incandescent light has no free will; this great colossal sun has no free will; the world of nature has no free will, no intelligence.

### Becomes Commander of Nature.

For example, the sun bestows light, but it does not give that light consciously—voluntarily. It does not know itself that it is solar light. Therefore it is as though it were captive of the world of nature, because it has no volition. It is a prisoner, for it cannot deviate one hair's breadth from the law of nature. If at a time it becomes angry and does not desire to give any light it cannot do it. It must give light. This lamp here, if it turns out that it does not like to give any light it cannot refrain. The trees grow involuntarily. In the growth of the tree there is no free will. All the immense stars and worlds which exist in this space so colossal, they are all without free will—their movements are involuntary, and they cannot deviate from the laws of nature at all.

But God has bestowed upon man this bounty of free will. Therefore he has become a commander over nature; he breaks the law of nature. While according to the laws of nature man is an animate being, living upon the earth, yet he proceeds to break the laws of nature; he becomes as a bird and flies in the air; he becomes as a fish and goes under water; he goes under the immense body of the ocean; he breaks the laws of nature. Why? Because he has a will. All these things have no will. The earth is moving and you are moving, but the earth has no will; but you have a will. Is it plain?

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