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Dear friends!

The clear, bracing air, the turquoise-blue sky, the soft rays of the sun, the swafting of the cool breeze, and the occasional showers have made the weather of Ramleh most exhilarating! Under the charm of such invigorating air the health of the Beloved is daily improving, the hours of his sleep become longer and the reservoir of his physical energy better supplied. One month or even one week of complete rest works wonder and he will be then <sup>better</sup> enabled to cope with many branches of his spiritual work. When he enjoys comparative good health at this advanced age the world will become richer through his Teachings and Instructions. The moral atmosphere <sup>and vitality</sup> of mankind in this age has become foul; he must purify it. The tone of the divine life is lowered; he must raise it. The palace of human welfare is threatened with destruction; he must safeguard it. The river of heavenly graces is dammed; he must cause it to flow. The mirrors of the hearts of mankind are beclouded; he must polish them. The sea of celestial susceptibilities is calmed down; he must set it into motion. Humanity is confused and restless; he must confer upon it order and serenity. The Ideals of the Kingdom of Abha are as yet invisible; he must disclose them. The Cause of Universal Peace is in the hearts of men; he must lay its solid foundation. Hail unto him! for he has all power and might and we are all his servants standing before him!



After taking his tea and receiving a number of visitors he called for Mirza Asim and toward the rose-garden he set his feet. From morn till noon the Beloved walked through the golden avenues and shady lanes of the ideal rose-garden of Alhik preparing bouquets of never-fading, colorful flowers to be sent as never-to-be forgotten souvenirs to all parts of the world. Every spring this rose-garden bursts out into the luxuriance of a thousand multi-colored flowers the fragrance of which is welcomed by all the flowers of nature but the rose-garden of Abdul Baha is in bloom in all the seasons and its fragrance is hailed by the spiritually-minded people. The flowers of the former are only for a few days and then fade away, while that of the latter are for all ages and cycles. The petals, the hue and the perfume of the one are the outcome of the chemical refinement of the lower elements, whereas that of the latter are made with the indestructible elements of the Kingdom, its petals are the love of God, its hue the essence of knowledge and its perfume the Compassion of the Almighty. As the spiritual gardener he plants in the ground of the hearts the seeds of the flowers of Reality; - so that the conscience of every person may become an ideal, delightful rose-garden. He desires <sup>us</sup> that we may pull out the thorns of selfishness and stores of uncharitableness <sup>in order</sup> that these seeds may receive the rays of the sun <sup>truth</sup> and the rain of the clouds of Providence. May we become confirmed to act in accord with his good-pleasure and prepare a holy place for him in our hearts.



In the afternoon, <sup>he wrote</sup> many short Tablets with his own hand for the Zoroastrian believers in India. He loves these people so much that he revealed these epistles for them as a mark of his love and affection. Although each Tablet carries on its envelop many names I translate herein only the text:—  
He is God

"O ye friends of God! Praise be to God that those pure souls are released from the world of matter and enlisted in the rank of the angels of the Universe of the Spheres;— that is - you have obtained a heavenly nature and found your way to the secret Chamber of His Highness the Merciful. (Sig) Abdul Baha Abdoor."  
He is God!

"O Thou Forgiving Lord! Shed Thy Radiance upon these servants of Thine and give unto them a melodious voice in the Rose-garden of the Most High! Make them the musicians of the Heavenly Feast. Suffer them to become soul-sacrificing in the arena of nearness and unions and let them rest on the Couch of the Everlasting Glory. Verily Thou art the Giver, the Generous, the Pardoner and the Kind!  
(Sig) Abdul Baha Abdoor.  
He is God!

O ye real friends! Whosoever belongs to the company of the elect, his head is at the Threshold. <sup>Whosoever</sup> is humble, he is the most noble and <sup>whosoever</sup> is dispossessed of passion and desire, he possesses everything. Therefore, walk ye in the footsteps of Abdul Baha for he is in the utmost state of humility and submissiveness.  
Upon ye be Baha El Abha  
(Sig) Abdul Baha Abdoor.



He is God!

"O ye servants and the maid servants of God! Happy are ye, for ye have found the Sovereign of the heavenly Empire, heard the music of the sphere of the Kingdom, without waiting ye have turned your faces toward His Highness the Incomparable One and displayed sagacity and understanding. I hope that ye may become worthy for the Crown and the Throne of Eternity and each one of you become the general of the Army of God. (Sig) Abdul Baha Abbas!"

He is God!

O ye wooers of the Beloved of regions! The true Beloved like unto the Joseph of Canaan, unveiled his face and entered the emporium of Persia. Some desired to buy him with mere words and others tried to gain his love through self-sacrifice. Those who wished buying him with words did not show steadfastness and soon afterwards they thought they were cheated. But those who came forward with the idea of self-sacrifice found the Beautiful Joseph in arms of supplication and invocation. Therefore thank ye God that ye are sincere buyers! (lovers) (Sig) Abdul Baha Abbas.

He is God!

O ye divine believers! For many centuries the horizon of Persia was dark and the Country of Iran an open arena for the Arab, Turk and Tajik. Now the Sun of the Universe on High hath shone forth from the Orient of Glory and its Zodiacal Tower was the region and the province of Persia. Therefore the Zoroastrians must commemorate that day like unto



the auspicious New year's day and occupy their time in celebrating the praises and commendations of the Forgiving Lord with the utmost joy and gladness.

Upon ye be Baha!  
(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas  
He is God!

"O ye beloved maid servants of God! In this most wonderful Dispensation God hath clothed the women with a new garment and hath crowned their heads with a glorious Diadem and that is, Equality between men and women. Therefore in the coming ages the women shall make signal progress. Hence, render thanks unto the Lord who hath bestowed upon ye such priceless Gift  
Upon ye be Baha!

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas

After writing these beautiful Tablets with his own blessed hands and drinking his tea he sent for Haji Niaz and together they took the train up to Sidi Jaber and then a carriage drive through the Mogha garden. On the way he talked with Haji Niaz on the beauty of the shifting scenes and dwelt on some old events of the Cause in which the old veteran had participated. On his return he ate some lettuce and rested for awhile. Then he called for our Armenian visitors. It was about six o'clock. After greeting each and inquiring about her health and comfort he said:- "You must feel very happy because you <sup>are</sup> here with me and we are associating together with the utmost kindness. In reality, our stay here is like unto worship, for praise be to God we are occupied with His mention and have no other aim save His good-pleasure. It is my hope that the important



results will be the issue of our gathering in this place. All the people are sleep but you are awake. They are all engaged with the affairs of this world but you are occupied with the thoughts of God. This is a most important Bestowment! It is not made possible for every soul. In this connection Christ says:— Many are called but few are chosen. The importance of this fact is not made evident in this day but it will become known in the future. The believers in Christ gathered together on those early days but no one thought their meetings <sup>were</sup> important. Later it became manifest and its importance unfolded. Similarly our gathering together at this time may not have any outward importance but its richness and superiority will become known afterward.

The aim of the long journey that I undertook to America, thus necessitating to cover a long distance was to teach those who had not heard of this Cause, that the fame of the Cause of God might reach every year, the believers of God might be trained, that they might be vested with spiritual characteristics, might become illumined, merciful and the lights of the Kingdom might shine in their hearts. Thus in all the degrees of creation they might become distinguished from the rest of the world; in the refinement of ethics they might become distinguished from every one else; in sincerity they might become distinguished from all the people and they might be characterized and qualified with the virtues of opposition against the sinister forces of ego and self. Thus their highest desire might become the Good-pleasure of the Lord and might attain to the station of self-remuneration.



creation, thereby they might obtain Eternal Life and might become real Bahais. This was my object and for this reason I accepted willingly the hardships of this long trip. This body of mine is totally affected by the difficulties of the journey. It is as though all my limbs and organs are disjoined from each other. I hope that these hardships of mine will yield results which might contribute to the welfare and happiness of mankind.

One of the ladies asked whether he was in the rose-garden. "Roses make us mindful of Baha-Allah." She said, "It is well." he said "For example when we enter a rose-garden we think how through the heat and the rays of the material sun such wonderful fragrant flowers are produced out of the black soil. Then we are lead to the thoughts of the world of humanity, to the ideal flowers and roses that are being produced through the Revelation of Baha-Allah. Just as this phenomenal sun is the educator of the contingent beings, like wise the Sun of Reality is the Educator of the Ideal principles of life. Then after reflecting on the above thought we make our utmost effort to reach the ray of the Sun of Reality and through its assistance might develop in ourselves the virtues and excellences of the Kingdom." Many other questions were asked and the Beloved gave ample answers. He told them to keep a Diary, therefore I do not need to go here into all the details as they will later on spread their own account. In the evening Mir Sayid Hassan Afnan arrived from Cairo and had a long interview with the Master. He stayed over for the night but will leave tomorrow.