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Dear friends!

Wherever Abdul Baha is there is spiritual life and activity. His presence is permeated with the divine Idea and his words are robed with celestial ecstasy. He is the center of creative energy and the main-spring of heavenly light. We have nothing, but having him we have all. Whoever has his love is the richest person in the world. We are engaged in spiritual commerce and his Love is our capital. We were formerly dead but His Breath hath quickened ^{us} with eternal life. We are not indifferent toward this world and its problems because he is living in it and by his examples and teachings we are daily learning new lessons and becoming more inspired to meet our trials and difficulties. The world and all the things of the world belong ^{to} us, because we have him. What if we are despised in the sight of men! We are glorified and honored in the Kingdom of Abha. With the love of Abdul Baha we shall gain victory over all things and strike at the root of evil. Let us ^{all}

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grow in the grace of his Love and strive to win his good-pleasure. For Abdul Baha is teaching the Truth, is leading mankind back to the Truth, is living the life of Truth, is helping people in the understanding of Truth, is meditating on the subject of Truth, he is the Path of Truth, the topic of his conversation is the Truth, his ideals are always devoted to the Truth! he is the King of Truth; to and hearken he is the Truth!

This morning the pilgrims came ⁱⁿ and had an interesting interview with the Beloved. They asked a number of questions concerning Bahai laws, ^{and the} intercalary days, Feasts etc and were rewarded with inspired answers and lucid explanations. Then for an hour or two ^{after} he stayed in his own room; then he went out and ^{remained} ~~stayed~~ away till noon. All ^{morning} the Eastern Hills were covered with a white mist or fog - to the extent that one could not find any trace of them and looking at the sea one supposed it is a vast ocean limited only by the misty horizon in the far distance. From ^{the} Lake rose columns of vapours adding to the heat and general discomfort.

The Pilgrims left at one pm, and so the Master called them into his presence and spoke to them as follows:-

"May you be ever under the protection of the Merciful One! I supplicate for you the Bestowals and Favors of the Blessed Perfection! Rest ye assured! Have abounding Faith in the Lord! Ye shall be confirmed from all directions. I shall never forget you. The memory of all your services will be cherished in my mind. I am most pleased with you. Convey to each and all the believers of God my wonderful Abha-greeting.

Summon them all to be firm and steadfast in the Cause, - so that they may not become dismayed by any trials and vicissitudes. Nothing must discourage them. Should they be surrounded with a hundred thousand tests they must not turn away. After His Holiness Christ His apostles did not rest for one moment and devoted all their energies to the promotion of the Gospel of Salvation. With what greater enthusiasm and sincerity should we serve at the Threshold of Baha-Allah. If the Apostles ^{has} ~~did~~ not ^{manifested} ~~manifest~~ that Superhuman steadfastness the Cause of Christ

would have ~~been~~^{now} disappeared entirely from the face of the earth ~~in its infancy~~^{during its infancy}, In a similar manner the believers of God must show great fortitude in the propagation of the principles of the Cause and let their deeds be as examples to others. I will pray for them."

During the day our faithful Zoroastrian Bahais brought for us fruits and vegetables, half of which were sent to the house of Mofti. In turn the Mofti sent to the Beloved a dish of Arabian food especially prepared by his family.

In the afternoon before going out he dictated several Tablets for the believers of Persia. The news from that country shows a marked increase in the number of the believers and the establishment of greater unity and affinity amongst them. They leave no stone unturned in order to teach the souls and invite the inhabitants to the divine Banquet of the Lord. Their cups are filled with the wine of the Love of God and they are suffering others to drink from its ruby contents. In many of their letters they wish to be remembered to the Western Bahais