

*He is the All Glorious,*

*O Lighted Candle! Although enkindlement is sweet, yet sweeter still is consuming oneself, for in this burning lies the attainment to everlasting life, and in this self-effacement the essence of eternal life is decreed and fulfilled. Indeed, this consuming is the essential necessity of kindling, for through this burning the whole world is illumined, and the soul is quickened, refreshed and vibrant.*

*The Glory of God rest upon thee.*

*Abdu'l-Baha*

<sup>1</sup> هو الابهی

ای شمع افروخته اگرچه افروختن خوش است و لکن سوختن خوشتر  
چه که در این سوختن جان باقی یافتن است و در این فنا جوهر بقا مقدرو  
محقق. وفی الحقیقه این سوختن حقیقت افروختن است چه که باین سوختن  
جهان افروخته گردد و جان زنده و تازه وتر گردد والبهاء علیک. ع ع

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