

Rue St Didier 30
Paris France

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day

Dear Harriet!

It ^{was} ~~is~~ one p. m. The Master
^{was} ~~is~~ taking his ~~usual~~ walk under
the ^{Eiffel} tower of ^{which} ~~Eiffel~~, ~~is~~ ^{only} about
five minutes from ~~the above~~ ^{our apartment}
~~address~~ ^{and} Doctor Mohamad Khan
and ~~Ahmad Sohrab~~ ^{myself followed in his footsteps} are waiting
behind him. He ^{was} ~~is~~ giving ^{up} ~~them~~
^{some} particulars about Zoroaster. The
sun ^{was} ~~is~~ shining, the weather ~~is~~
balmy; The ~~river of~~ Seine ~~is~~
placidly rolling 50 feet beyond;
The bridge of Napoleon ^{was} ~~is~~ in sight.
The ~~Artistic building of~~ Trocadero
~~is~~ in front of us; Carriages and
automobiles ~~are~~ ^{banding} passing ~~by~~ People
here and there gaze wonderingly.

at the Master, ^{when he} ~~so~~ and behold
 there appeared before him, a paralytic
 man in a small wheel carriage
 which ^{was} ~~is~~ moved around with
 one hand. He ^{was} ~~is~~ a young man,
 shabbily dressed, ~~and~~ sells postcards
 and books of photographic views.
 Our Beloved's face ^{was} ~~is~~ lighted up ^{on}
 He smiled the smile of heartfelt
 pleasure as though he ^{was} meeting
 a long-lost friend. He exclaimed: "Oh! here is,
 my old friend, my friend of last
 year," and he approached the man.
 This poor ^{man} ~~is~~ happy, ^{and} ~~he~~ is pleased. Then
 Our Beloved ^{talked} ~~with~~ him in French.
 "Bonjour Monsieur! Comment va
 votre sante' aujourd'hui?" The man
 answered with an effusion of French
 politeness. The Master gave him
~~some~~ money, and with that
 heavenly smile on his face ^{we} ~~passed~~ ^{by}.

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2 An article appeared today about the arrival of the Master in a newspaper, called "Gil Blas." I wonder ^{whether} you can decipher the French idioms so copiously used. However, I enclose a copy. It is about the arrival of "Zoroaster." "Tomorrow a real prophet will be amongst us" thus the article begins. Mrs H. H. Ford knows French very well. She is my dear mother. Ask her to translate it for you. Mirza Azizollah Khan, ~~as he~~ ^{knowing} French ~~very well~~, the translation of the daily news in the domain of politics and oriental events, falls upon his shoulder. On the other ^{Also} ~~hand~~ ^{most of} the translations ^{of public addresses} are made by our dear

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brother Mon. Dreyfus into French,
for he it known that we are living
amongst the French ~~nation~~ ^{people}.

This morning there occurred
many interviews, ~~many~~ ^{most} of them
in French, ^{which fortunately can} ~~can~~ understand
~~perfectly well~~. There was a
woman from Montreal; The Master
asked whether she knew Mrs
Maswell, yes, she answered, ^{sign the beloved spoke}
In Montreal there are many good
Bahais, many good men and
3 women. ~~Our Beloved tells us~~
It ^{was} ~~is~~ arranged that everyday from
10 o'clock to ~~noon~~ ^{twelve} there will
be private interviews, ~~and~~ then
the Master ^{will} comes out to deliver
his short ^{public} address. This being
the first day that people were
officially ~~invited~~ ^{bidden} to come

^{invitation}
The ~~enclosed~~ cards many ^{guest} people
were present ^{were a number of}
~~Came~~. There ~~are~~ many Americans
~~who are amongst the visitors, esp-~~
~~ecially from San Francisco. During~~
~~the hours of interviews I talk~~
~~with these people, some of them~~
~~most interesting.~~ (copy of the)

Opening his address the Master
said: (copy the talk from enclosed).
You are most welcome!
I have come again to Paris to
see whether the seeds sown
last year have grown or not.
Now having returned I observe
that, praise be to God, they have
grown. On this account I
am very happy. It is my hope
that day unto day they may
develop more quickly so that
this plain and meadow may

become green and verdant, the
divine Bestowels be unfolded,
the ideal illumination become
revealed and manifest. Every
phenomenon (of phenomena) has
one reality or aspect; the earth,
the trees, the flowers, the animal
and all their sub-varieties
have one aspect which is natural
and material. Man, however, has
two aspects, one material, the
other spiritual. The physical
aspect of man is a captive
of nature but his spiritual
aspect controls nature.
For we clearly observe that
in man there is a power
which is not in animal
..... This spiritual Reality in

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man is capable to discover the
realities of phenomena and it
will develop to such an ^{extraordinary}
degree that it will surround
the world of nature,
just as the material reality of
man is in need of assistance,
likewise ~~the~~ ^{his} spiritual reality
needs food. The ideal sus-
tenance of the spiritual Reality
of man is through Merciful
Effulgence, through divine
Bestowels, through the Breath
of the Holy Spirit, and
through heavenly Confirmation
etc. It is my hope that
you may become the
recipients of this universal
Sustenance of God so that

you may be regenerated, obtain
 miraculous development, become
 luminous and the angels
 of heaven. ~~Having thus~~
 finished his eloquent address,
 he called me and Doctor
 Mohamad Khan to ^{take a} walk with
 him. On the way he talked
 on the wonders of Brooklyn
 Bridge, the tall buildings of
 New York. ^{He said that} The people in America
 are like bee-hives; They live
 in their wonderful hives ^{and}
 work day and night without
 intermission.

Then I mentioned the fact
 that they have referred to him
 in this morning paper as
 "Zoroaster". This gave him a

theme of telling us the interesting
 rise of ^{the prophet of Iran and his doctrines,} ~~Zoroaster~~, the meaning
 of the two powers in man;
 the god of good and the god of
 evil = Bahman and Ahurman
~~the real significance of this~~
~~idea etc.~~ He sat on ^a ~~the~~
 chairs under the ^{Eiffel} Tower of ~~Paris~~
 and jokingly remarked that
 if all the ^{a certain metaphysical} members of ~~a~~
 Society put their thoughts
 together they ^{could never} ~~cannot~~ con-
 struct a tower like this ~~the~~
^{man's} thoughts of ~~man~~ must ever
 be fruitful, otherwise what
 result? It was on our ^{return}
 that the incident recorded
 in the ~~beginning~~ of this letter
 occurred.

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Arriving home and right after
~~dinner~~ ^{lunch} three important Persians
came to see the Master. They
have played ^{significant} ~~important~~ part in the
recent events of Persia^{revolution}. The
Master spoke with them
on human and divine
education, on his impressions
of America, on the Turkish
war and many stories
illustrating each point. They
were charmed with the
Beloved. ~~Tea was served~~
~~to them~~.

~~The~~ Madame D'Arge
D'Aste who is a French
Bahai, but has lived many
yrs in America came to
see the Master.

I lived in
 I knew her when in ~~America~~
~~I met her in Wash.~~ the first
 year of my arrival in ~~America~~^{the}
 and since that time we
 have been friends. She had
 a few minutes with the
 Master, ~~and then~~ I told her of
 the news of Our trip through
 U.S.

6 / When the Master awoke
 he sent a number of us
 to pay our respect to His
 Excellency the Persian
 Minister. He lived very
 near. Haji Agreen headed
 the delegation. ^{and} When we were
 ushered into ^{the drawing room} there were many
 other Persians. For ~~near~~
 one hour

we discussed various ^{subjects} things.

Tea was served and the ^{utmost} courtesy ^{was} shown to all of us.

The Persian Minister who has met the Master last year expressed his love and devotion ^{for} ~~toward~~ him before all those who were present. Having expressed our ~~pleasure~~ and thanks to ~~His Excellency the Persian Minister~~ we left the Legation but two of the Persians ^{followed} ~~came with~~ us to see ~~Our~~ ^{the} Beloved. One of them was the ^{ex} Chief of the Police in Teheran, the other a wonderful, energetic young man who was the

Editor of an influential daily in
 Teheran. This latter young
 man carried a line of dis-
 cussion with the Master ^{which}
 brought forth many brilliant
 points, many historical
 anecdotes of Persia and
 Turkey. ~~He~~ ^{The Master} reviewed the history
 of Arabia before and after the
 rise of ~~Mohammed~~ ^{Islam}, the change
 which ~~he~~ ^{Mohammed} brought in their
 customs, ^{and} their modes of
 life ~~etc.~~ Then rising to an
 unparalleled height of divini-
 peeling ~~he~~ thundered ~~out~~ gloriously
 "In the beginning, of the Koran
 Mohammed says:—Praise be
 to God for He is the Lord
 of all the people of the world!"

he did not ^{say} ~~say~~, the Lord of
 the Moslems or the Lord of
 the Christians! Now we have
 forgotten this foundation and
 are holding fast to certain
 initiations.

The question of religious dogmas
 was brought ^{up} and again ~~the~~
 Beloved with fire in his eyes,
 with hands moving, with
 face wreathed with ^{lines} ~~smiles~~
 of earnestness and conviction
 cried out:—Baha-Allah
 in this age hath ~~closed~~
 closed the doors of hell; He
 hath freed the necks from
 these fetters. He hath opened
 the unlimited space and
 hath given man white wings

whereby to soar
Following the Master
~~About half past~~ in the
Presence of Our Beloved one walked
to the apartment of Moses, Dreyfus
15 Rue de Greuze where there
was going to be a meeting.
We were ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~much~~ ^{much} ~~to~~ a large
gathering. Before the Master's
talk Mon. Dreyfus read from
a Tablet of Baha-ollah which
he had translated into French.
Then ~~afterwards~~ The Master
came in and gave a ~~very~~
~~and~~ wonderful talk on the
dawn of ^{the} spiritual Sun.
He ^{hoped} that if ~~we~~ ^{he} permitted
to ~~be~~ ^{visit Paris for} a third time to ~~Paris~~
he may obtain greater happiness.

^{that he} may see Paris is illumined; ^{that} Paris
 has become the Paradise of Allah;
^{that} from Paris the summons of
 the Kingdom is heard; ^{that} in Paris
 the Stars of the Kingdom are
 shining. Toward the end of
 this glowing address, He ^{stated that} said: - Bala-
 allah was a real ^{divine} physician. He
 diagnosed the sicknesses of the world
 of humanity. Therefore he ^{halt}
 prescribed quick-healing remedy.
 There is no other medicine for the
 human kind except this course
 of treatment. If this medicine
 is taken, it is evident that the
 world of humanity will become
 luminous, the nether world will
 reflect the virtues of the divine
 world and all humanity will
 attain to the utmost of ^{composure}
 and peace.

Thus a busy day was ^{closed} ~~ended~~
 with the Word "Peace" from the
 divine lips of our Beloved. Love to all
 always

^{address}
~~Instructions~~ of Abdul Baha

given Friday January 24th at Paris - 30 Rue St Didier
Translated from the Persian notes of Ahmad Sohrab

4 Welcome! Welcome!

I have come again to Paris so that I may see
if the seed I have sown last year has sprung up.
Praise be to God, I can see that they have taken
root. On this account I am very happy. I
hope that the cause will not remain stationary
but that day by day these seeds will take
firmer root in the ground and that these
meadows may become verdant and full of
flowers. That the ideal illumination may
become manifest.

Every creature is endowed with one aspect or
reality. Man however possesses two aspects or
realities. Consider how these sentient beings
whether they live upon the earth or in the air,
have only one aspect. For example: The earth,
the mountain, the meadow and the desert
have only one mineral aspect. The flowers
and the trees enjoy the ~~seasonal~~ vegetable
reality - the one vegetable aspect. These
animals and the quadrupeds possess
only the animal aspect. ~~This physical~~
~~reality is captive~~ but man has a material
aspect and a spiritual aspect. For man
is different. His physical reality is
captive to nature & is on a level with the
animal kingdom while the veritable man
is superior to the animals. By his spiritual
reality he is distinguished from them. For

evident - that ⁴man with this small body 3
of his is enabled physically to overcome these
difficulties he surmounts them by his intellect.
He dries up the land, then again he floods it -
He breaks through the mountains and for
geological ~~for~~ discoveries he descends into the
earth - He discovers the realities of all phenomena
Through the power of his genius he creates all
sorts of industries and he also brings forth
delicate arts and crafts - While in Europe he
discovers America - While on the earth he ex-
plores the stars in the firmament - While in the
East he receives in a few minutes news from
the West. These illustrations make it evident
that while man is physically weak, yet
intellectually and spiritually he is powerful.
From a physical standpoint he can not
~~con~~ conquer a panther or a wolf but by
his spiritual, ideal power he subdues all
the animals. This holy power in man
is one of the Divine bestowals - It is a
sign of the power of God.

Consider what power has brought us to-
gether in this meeting - The East and the
West. It is evident that this is not
through the material power - It is the
Ideal power which brings us together.
It is the ideal power which establishes
a bond between hearts - It is the Ideal
power which makes us kinder to
each other - It is the Ideal power that
brings nations together - The ideal

power that organizes the heterogeneous 4
people into a homogenous whole. It is
the ideal power that brings to us the influx
of the Spirit. It is the ideal power that
explores the mystic regions of science -
It is the ideal power that codifies laws
and regulations - It is the ideal power
that sets man a ruler over the domain
of nature - Corporeally man is not
important but spiritually he is mighty.
The physical side of his life is weak
and easily ~~overcome~~ ^{defeated} but the ideal side
of his life is the all-conqueror. The
physical side of man is like an ani-
mal but the ideal aspect of his existence
is humanistic - Physically man is
aggressive, tyrannical, ignorant, overbearing,
bloodthirsty; - Ideally he is just, gentle,
wise, patient and benevolent. He is peace-
ful - he seeks unity - He bestows life.
He is the cause of honour in the world
of humanity - He is conducive to
progress of mankind. In short - there
two realities are in man - His physical
reality is in need of assistance - It
needs food - water, sleep and rest,
and if it does not get these it will
perish. Likewise if the ideal reality

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of man does not receive its
sustenance it also shall die - The
Holy divine manifestations appeared so
that - the ideal reality of man may
be fed - that his thoughts may take
a higher flight - his intellect - may
expand - spiritual morals be
revealed and extraordinary progress
be made - Therefore we cannot
state that - the ideal reality of man
is not in need of sustenance, for
his physical reality receives the
material food - The food of the
Ideal reality of man is Divine
13 words - the breath of the holy
spirit - and Heavenly confirmation

I hope that - you may become
the recipients of this heavenly food
so that - the ideal reality may be
strengthened - your spiritual
powers increased - regeneration may
be obtained and thus you may
become radiant - and the luminous
Angels of Heaven.
