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Dear Harriet!

1— The Light of Reality is shining upon all the regions! Happy are those who are illumined! The fragrance of the Rose-garden of Akba is diffused, blessed are those who are perfumed! The Banquet of the Lord of Hosts is spread, joyous are those who partake therefrom! The King of the spiritual Love has appeared, glad are those who are favored in His divine Court! The Angel of life hath sounded the trumpet, watchful are those who answer the Call! The herald of Peace and reconciliation hath raised His Voice, blissful are those who have hearkened! The River of the Bounties of God ^{is} flowing, satisfied are those who drink from this salubrious water. The torch of guidance is lighted, enlightened are those

who follow the light. Divine civilization²
has upraised its pavilion, privileged are
those who have sheltered themselves beneath
it. The Clarion of the heavenly religion
is sounded, glory be unto those who have
listened!

~~The Master~~ ^{Abdul Baha} is the source ^{from} ~~out of~~
^{whom} ~~which~~ the divine attributes become
manifest, ^{and he} is working day and night
so that the people may consciously
realize in what a glorious day they are
living and avail themselves of these rare
opportunities! How great must be the
blessing of Europe and America in
thus receiving these heavenly teachings
while the Bahais in Persia will give
up their lives if they could simply
look for one moment on His
Shining Countenance. I wonder
whether we can ever comprehend
the deep significance of His luminous
Presence, the unlimited downpour
of His Mercy, the greatness of His life
and the mystery of His Benevolence
humane

2 This morning he spoke of the stability of the ^{Bahai} Movement based upon ~~Reality~~ ^{the} Reality and how many other movements disappear in the welter of chaos and disorder. All those people who work for ^{the} furtherance of their own interests will pass away. They are like the foams on the crest of the waves. But the apostles who were lost in Christ, they exist. Only the sincere souls shall become confirmed. ~~Then~~ He related the story of Haji Karim Khan who was one of the wisest men of Persia but ~~as~~ ^{no sooner} he wrote a book against the Bahai Movement he became as naught. It ~~is~~ ^{was} said ^{that} as a student he ~~did~~ ^{hardly} ~~not~~ sleep for three yrs; that ~~is~~ ~~he worked and~~ ^{he} studied all nights and only slept for an hour or two before sunrise. He had a most remarkable memory; ~~he~~ ^{and} he could recite the Khoran and many voluminous books on poetry and philosophy.

3 At ten ^{o'clock} several new ~~interested~~ souls arrived but as the Beloved

was out they had to wait till he arrived.

As he came in late he ~~entered~~ ^{entered} the room and delivered a most beautiful, touching address on kindness and compassion, ^{saying,}

"Now is the beginning of the dawn of light in the West. It is ^{his} ~~my~~ hope that it will ^{attain to} ~~find~~ the utmost ~~of~~ brilliancy. May ^{they} ~~you~~ be so educated as to adore the oneness of the world of humanity! May ^{they} ~~you~~ be kind to all the religions and nations of the world! May the utmost desire of ^{their} ~~your~~ hearts be the guidance of humankind! May ^{they} ~~you~~ be the cause of progress to all the people! May ^{they} ~~you~~ unfurl the waving flag of the Love of God! May ^{their} ~~your~~ Voices of Peace reach the Kingdom of Abhe! May ^{their} ~~your~~ cry and clamor of brotherhood ascend to the Supreme Concourse! May each one of ^{them} ~~you~~ become a brilliant torch, shedding lights upon all the ~~the~~ countries of the world!"

After the meeting he called me

and as I walked behind him toward the
^{5th} Tower of ~~Eiffel~~ he spoke of many
~~lovely~~ things, ~~addressing himself to~~
~~me~~, the record of which is out of the
 Keeping of this ^{communication} ~~letter~~. ~~He~~ walked so
 far that we ^{had to} hire a taxi to return
 for lunch.

4 At four o'clock he attended a
 meeting at the apartment of an
 American lady Mrs Lillian Haydon
 Hieston, 170 Boulevard Montparnasse. She
 is a Bahai and ~~it is almost~~ ^{only} 3 weeks ^{ago}
~~that~~ she ~~has~~ arrived from America.
 As almost all those who were present
 were Americans ~~except one lady~~ I
 translated ^{the Master's talk}. He spoke on Capacity
 and receptivity; that we must
 increase our ability, we must ^{become}
 hungry, thirsty in order to enjoy
 food and water. Mrs Hieston was
 of course very happy to have the
 Master bless her apart, and all
 those who were present were
 delighted with the Teachings.

5 From then the Master attended Mr Scott's meeting. The studio was crowded. His subject was on the equality of man and woman citing the ^{example} of some of Persian women who were firm and steadfast under severe trials and ordeals. Toward the close of his address he said: "Whenever ^{he} heard that such women ^{were} ~~and~~ faced ~~amongst~~ you ^{he} will be made very happy." he stopped and began to shake hands, circulating amongst the audience, smiling here, nodding approvingly there but continuing his talk: "This is the work. All else save this has no result. Humanity must become illumined with the light of the Kingdom, otherwise all ^{our} ~~his~~ efforts will remain fruitless. ^{man} ~~he~~ spends his time in the pursuit of shadowy objects. When ^{he} ~~man~~ leave this world

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then, no relatives, no family, no friends
will benefit him. He will leave them
all behind. His wealth, his possession,
his dominion and even his sover-
eignty will not satisfy him. Nay
rather all these things will be
the cause of his remorse and
regret, for he sees that he must
leave them and go away empty-
handed. But if he possesses merciful
susceptibilities, and if he is quickened
with the divine spirit and if he
realizes that he has attained to
the eternal life - then these
things will confer upon him
a happiness which shall last
throughout eternity. Thus the
Master finished his address.

~~After~~^{On} our return he called me to his
room and spoke ~~wonderfully~~
about ^{success and} confirmation which
may be of great interest to
you ~~and others~~. As soon as I

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left the room I wrote ^{down} his conversation;
as much of it ^{as} I could remember.
~~used for word~~ Herein is a translation
from my own note book;—

At nine o'clock Our Beloved
called me into his private room and had
me ^{be seated} ~~to sit~~. He asked me about Madame
Dreyfus' ^{talk} ~~address~~ at Mr Scott. I gave him
an outline of it. Then he asked: ^{Tell} ~~what do~~
^{me} ~~you say~~: "What God is doing? How did
I know what God is doing? Half of the
time I ~~didn't~~ know what myself ^{was} ~~am~~
doing, how much less I know about
God's business. He ~~did~~ not consult with
anybody. I was confused. I did not know
what to answer. I was silent. The
Master as though enjoying my confusion
went on repeating the question: "Tell
me! What is God doing just at this
time?" Goodness me! That ^{was} ~~is not~~ more
difficult! Well, I had to say something
so I said: "God is ^{up to success} confirming." "Bravo!
well said. But I have certain things
that attract ^{the} confirmations ^{and achievements} of God. They

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are so wonderful and extraordinary that if I
tell them, some people may not accept
them as facts. These things especially belong
to me. No one else knows ^{or} ~~and~~ has ever
given any importance to them. ^{For example,}
~~Whenever~~ in the beginning of the lunar
month I happen to look at the Crescent
of the moon, I raise my two hands with
their palms open toward ^{the} heaven ^{and} repeat
nine times. "Ya Baha El Abha". During
all the days of that month, the heavenly
Confirmations are experienced and ^{success} ~~is~~
witnessed. Again whenever at midnight,
I am awakened I repeat the ^{saying} ~~formula~~
"Verily God is the Deliverer" many many
times, as many times as I feel the need of
it, then right next day a great confir-
mation, ^{and success} ~~are~~ seen and experienced.
Again, I never enter any meeting or
assemblage to speak without first
turning my face to the Blessed Perfection
that is why they prove to be effective.
These are ^{my} ~~the~~ mysteries of the Kingdom ^{of success}.
Many people have done these things

but they have witnessed no confirmation nor success.

Strangest of all is the following:-
 When I made the necessary preparations to build the Tomb of the Bab on Mount Carmel, there was a piece of land belonging to a Foreign Consul, the acquisition of which was essential to the building. ~~This~~
 This land would ^{have} opened a direct path from the foot of the mountain to the Holy Tomb. When the ^{Ka} Nafezeen found out that I expected to buy this land, they went to the owner and filled his ears with wild stories of gold and silver. They told him that Abbas Effendi ^{was} ~~is~~ obliged to buy this land from ^{him} ~~you~~, therefore ~~you~~ ^{he} may raise the price

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and ask him any amount ^{he} you liked. When I began to speak with the owner of the land about the price, he said 5 francs a yard. I said; "All right, I accept without any murmur. Go and prepare the papers." Several days passed and I did not see him. When I saw him, I remarked why don't you end this transaction? He said; "On this land there are many vines. If you can pay fifteen francs for each vine I will sell it. All right" I yielded again and he disappeared for two more weeks. "Why do you protract this small affair?" I questioned when I met him for the third time. "Oh!" he said "As soon as you buy the land you must put

wires on both sides." I answered:
"For your sake I will build two high
walls." "Very well, then, I am
satisfied with this arrangement."
He went away and I did not see
him for nearly a month. When
I saw him for the fourth time
I asked him the reason of this
unnecessary delay. "Really" he rejoined
"As I am the Consul of a foreign
power, I cannot go to the govern-
ment land office to register
this transference. If you like
to buy this land you have to buy
it without government registra-
tion." "All right" I said. At
last, after much discussion it
was arranged that we may meet
each other on a certain day in
a house and transact this

affair. On the hour I was there
 and the brother of Sadet Pasha,
 one of the Grand Viziers of the
 Ottoman Empire was with me.
 We waited and waited and he
 did not show ~~himself~~ himself. At
 last the brother of ^{the} Grand Vizier
 took his umbrella and in a
 downpour of rain ~~he~~ went
 to the house of the Consul to
 find out what has become of
 him. They told him he is not
 at home. He returned, waited
 another ^{hour} and went again to
 see the Consul. He did not
 come out of his own room
 but sent word that ~~he~~ ^{he} was
 not ⁱⁿ ~~there~~. On his second
 return his ^{clothes were} ~~coat~~ ^{was} so full of
 mud ~~that~~ that one could not
 see ~~the~~ anything else.

He ~~came~~ ^{walked} in wrath and anger. He throw down the Umbrella and furiously exclaimed: - Master! it is no use. Give up buying this land. The man is bidden in his own house and does not want to see us. I have never called on anybody in this fashion but this man is so egoistically arrogant."

You can conceive how I felt that after six months of worry, waiting and expectation this ^{was} ~~is~~ now the ^{outcome} ~~result~~, I felt most grieved and perturbed. I returned home but did not speak with anyone. I went straight to my room and ~~and~~ locked the door so that no one may disturb me. Several times they knocked ^{announcing} at the door ~~for~~ tea and supper

of the land was lawfully transferred to me. Then I said to the other man: I will buy your land too. He said: - No! You have ^{what} you ~~require~~ ^{need}. You do not need any more. You want to buy this second piece of land so as not to hurt ~~our~~ ^{my} feeling; but we are glad just the same.

I insisted much to get that piece of land too, but the German Consul would not think of it. ~~In short~~. The morning of that next day ~~we~~ started ~~the~~ the construction of the road, because the materials were made ready ~~since~~ a long time ago.

Love to all the friends of Leo
Ahmed