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Dear Harriet!

1- The Persian New Year is approaching and I ^{believe} ~~am afraid~~ we may have to spend ~~that day~~ either in Paris or in Stuttgart. When ^{we} arrived in Paris on the 21st of January I never thought that the Beloved will stay long ^{here so} in ~~the city~~. However there must be a wisdom in this which ^{will} ~~may~~ appear later.

This morning the Beloved ^{he} read some letters from California and dictated answers. When I presented to him the translation of the petition from one of the maid-servants in San-Francisco his face became radiant, hopeful and smiling. Truly I say, ^{he} said "She is a real Bahai. See how the holy sanctified souls unconsciously express their sincerity and faithfulness in every word they ^{utter} ~~say~~ or write!" ~~Then~~ He began to read the letter. When he

finished ^{it} he said: - While in America ²
I strove day and night to prepare a few,
holy sanctified souls to take up the burden
of the Cause after my departure. A very
few who have responded to this call have
arisen to serve and ~~to~~ teach. As they were
capable souls they forged ahead and
advanced without much ~~excitation~~ ^{coercion} on
my part. In the middle of nights I
constantly pray for them and beg
of God to descend upon them this heavenly
benediction! May they succeed in their
noble task!

2, Then ~~he~~ ^{was the} asked me ~~on~~ what ^{subject}
~~they~~ ^{meeting} talked last night. I gave him an
outline of the proceeding and then ^{told} ~~some~~
^{that} some one in the audience ^{inquired about} the difference
^{between} the Teachings of Sufism and
the Bahai Movement. The Master ^{said that} ~~said~~
^{he} I had explained the ~~theoretical~~ philosophical
aspect of this subject. It is this: ~~that~~
In Sufism there are only two stations,
God and his creatures. In turn, the
creatures are not only considered ^{as} ~~parts~~

God's
~~the emanations of God~~ but they are
~~taken as parts of the essence of God.~~
 In other words, ^{with a slight interpretive variations} pantheism is the basis
 upon which the Sufi philosophy is built
 with slight variation here and there.

The ^{Sufi liken the} essence of God is likened by them
 unto a sea and the infinite proce-
~~sion~~ of creatures are the waves
 of the sea. In a wave you find
 all the potential attributes of sea.
 The individual members of the world
 of humanity are therefore, distinct
 waves which are temporarily cut off
 from the sea. They are parts of the sea.
 But one day they will join the sea
 again and partake of all ^{its infinite} attributes
 of the Infinite Ocean.

However, in the Bahai Cause there
 are three stations. The Station of
 Divinity, the Station of ^{the} Will and
 the station of creatures. The ~~only~~
~~procession~~ of phenomena ~~are~~ ~~only~~
 proceeded ~~through~~ from the Will of the
 Almighty. They do not form parts

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of the essence of God. They are the creation
of His Will.
~~Further~~ he said: It is ^{not} through the
philosophical interpretation of this or
that subject that the souls are
attracted to the Kingdom of Akha. Phi-
losophy withers the spirit. We must
stir the souls by proclaiming boldly
the "Glad-tidings" of the Kingdom so
that the souls may become cheered and
breathe the fresh zephyr, wafting
from the Paradise of Joy. We must
intoxicate the people with the
wine of the Love of God. We ^{must}
say: O ye people! Do ye know in
what ^{radiant} day you are living? Do
you realize in what peerless age
you are existing? Awake! Awake!
This is the century of Our Glorious
Lord! Be mindful! Be mindful!
This is the period of the King of
Kings! Arise! Arise! This is the
Dispensation of the Light of Light!

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Be active! Be active! This is the ^{hour} of all ages! Be illumined! Be illumined! The lights of the Sun of Reality are pouring down! Sleep! Why are ye sleep! Negligent! Why are ye negligent! In this age the prophecies of all the holy-Books are fulfilled. The desire of all the nations hath come! Hasten ye! Hasten ye! and Gather around his hammer! Sing the songs of triumph! Raise your rich melodious voices toward the Supreme Concourse! All the prophets of the past have longed for this Day! This day is yours! The doors of opportunities are opened before your faces! Be stirred with the Glad-Tidings of Akha! Shake away this ^{slumber}! Send your God! Spread to all parts his glorious Message! Be inspired with his wondrous revelations! Let your voices be heard by all

the nations of the world. Be ye filled⁶
with the joy of the Kingdom. Listen
to the voice of the Shepherd. Is he
not calling his flock to gather^{around}
himself? He is tender! He is loving,
He is merciful! He is compassionate!

I wish you were here to see the
expressions ^{played on} ~~of~~ the Master's face as
^{delivered the above pronouncement} ~~talked~~. Now powerful, again ^{Commanding}
now sympathetic and again smiling!

If a photographer was hidden ^{somewhere}
behind the door and could take
a series of ^{snapshots} ~~photographs~~ of the rapid
changes which ^{flitted} ~~came and went~~ ^{across} ~~his~~
^{the} ~~countenance~~ ^{of the Beloved} while
swayed by the spiritual ^{feelings} ~~emotion~~
of the heavenly words we would
have had an excellent heritage
for posterity! I was simply transfixed
with wonder, awe and amazement!
A torrent of words flowed from his
lips! When I ~~came~~ ^{came} out I ^{was} ~~could~~
^{staggered and could remember only the sight of} ~~not remember everything but the~~
^{a few} ~~above is only a drops~~ ^{from} ~~out of the~~

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Sea of divine utterances which was
set in motion by ^{the} invisible gales
and hurricanes ^{the directions of} which ~~we~~ could not
~~see~~ ^{see} ~~figures~~!

4 Afterward Mirza Ali Akbar told
the Master about his work in
Luzerne and the interest ^{shown} ~~taken~~
by the people of Switzerland in
the ^{Bahar} Teachings ~~of God~~. He must
have had a wonderful time! He
is a good teacher and speaker and
I think he will be able to under-
fine service in America but
he does not speak English, only
a very few words. I believe
the Master is going to send
him to Luzerne for another
after which he will go to
London. The Master

5 Then he went out, calling
me to follow him. It was very
cold, so he ^{stopped} ~~dropped~~ at Miss Sand-
son's home to inquire about

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her mother's conditions. In the course
of conversation he said: - whenever
we have some people become
attracted to the Cause and we were
warmed but here in Paris there is
not much interest and conse-
quently we are getting cold. Then
he spoke about the weather in Wajia
and how with ^{a few} ~~several~~ thousand francs
one can build a lovely ^{summer cottage} ~~house~~ on
mount Carmel. Miss Landerson
^{became} ~~got~~ interested in the idea of
a delightful ^{chalet} ~~house~~ on the ^{slope} ~~crest~~
of the Mountain of God, overlooking
the blue Mediterranean and all
the surrounding ^{hills} ~~countries~~. ~~Then~~
~~the Master~~ ^{Miss Landerson} leaving the ~~house~~
~~started~~ ^{but} to walk toward the
Grocadero. It was ^a sunny ^{day} and
we approached ~~the~~ Napoleon's
Bridge. He sat on a chair.
The children, many of them

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dressed in white and all clean and
beautiful roaming in the Park ^{and} attrac-
ted the ~~attention~~^{to} of the Master. How
I love these children! he exclaimed.
In the Orient the children are not
kept ^{so} clean by their mothers and
these ~~uncleanliness~~ of ten leads
to severe sicknesses.

6 After this ~~he~~ returned home
ready to receive the friends. There
were many present and the new
ones were cheered by ~~his~~^{his} divine
Presence and word.

His talk was on the wisdom of
his sickness. His ~~voice was yet~~
~~weak~~. He said in part: - There is a
great wisdom in my illness. It
will become apparent later. For
two years and half I have been
travelling around but was ^{never}
attacked with such severe
~~sickness~~^{sickness}. I am under

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the Control of God; I am not governed
by the dictates of nature. It is not
that nature has conquered me, I have
conquered nature ^a long ^{time} ago. I am the
ruler over nature. I am under
the control of God. That which is
in accord with the wisdom of the
Almighty, that happens to me. It
has been so from the beginning
of my life. While in Teheran
I was seven years old. I became
afflicted with consumption. All
the physicians gave me up as
an ~~unremediable~~ ~~chronic~~ case.
The wisdom of this became apparent
later on; because were I not
sick I would not have ^{remained} been
in Teheran. I would have ^{gone} been
to now ⁱⁿ Mazanderan. I could
not be in Teheran when the
Blessed Perfection was thrown
into the prison. On account

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of that sickness I was kept in Teheran
and later in company with Baha^W-
Allah I was exiled to Bagdad. When
all the ~~doctors~~^{physicians} said, that ~~this~~^{this}
~~young~~^{fragile} body is beyond the stage
of recovery I suddenly got well.
There was at the time an English
~~Doctor~~^{physician} in Teheran who pronounced
my case as hopeless. ~~The~~^{All the} physicians
were amazed at my sudden
recovery. They could not believe
that I have got completely well.
Therefore all the events of my life
are shaped by divine hand. ~~They~~^{all}
~~are~~ based upon heavenly
wisdom. I am ever controlled
by the will of God.

Then he shook hands with
everyone and went out with
Mr. Duggan. On his return
we all had lunch in his
presence. After his rest

just arrived 12
he read ~~the~~ letters which have
~~come~~ from The Orient till 5:30.

Then Sayad Assadallah prepared
the ruby wine-tea and we all
drank two cups each.

The About nine o'clock, the Master
told ~~me~~ ^{ordered} to get an automobile
and he took Ahmad with
himself to call on Monner
Pasha, the former Ambassador
of Turkey in Paris who lives
at 22 Rue de La Tremoille.
He ^{was} is a wide awake man, well
informed. His wife ^{was} a charming
Turkish lady who has called
several times on the Master.
They were beside themselves
with joy. Both kissed the
Beloved Hands. They served tea
~~etc.~~ For two hours ^{he} the Master
stayed there talking on many

subjects which ~~are~~^{were} of interest to them.
 Both were very insistent that the
 Master should take a trip to
 Constantinople because ~~there~~^{his} broad
 Teachings ~~are~~^{were} much needed by
 the inhabitants of ~~these~~^{the Near East} countries.

It was late when he said good-
 bye to them. It was a little raining.
 I run out and called a taxi.
 The Beloved was fatigued and arriving
 home.

I enclose the address of the
 Beloved before the Alliance
 Spirituists which you may
 send copies to Chicago, Boston,
 San-Francisco etc.

My Bahai love and greeting
 to all the friends of God
 your sincere friend

Ahmad