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Dear Harriet!

What is the object of the Bahai Movement? Is it the unification of religion? Is it universal Peace? Does the Bahai religion mean to go to the meeting and ^{listen to} ~~hear~~ a good speech? Does it mean a system of new ideals for the progress of humanity? The Bahai revelation means the succor of the poor and helpless in a practical manner. We must ^{embody} the lofty principles of Baha-Ullah in our daily life. We must be as charitable, as loving, as helpful, and as benevolent to our brothers and sisters as ^{Abdul Baha} ~~the~~ Master. If the Beloved heard that one Bahai had really helped another person, even if that person ^{was} his enemy, he ^{would} ~~will~~ be made very happy. I hope the reports coming to Abdul Baha from ^{many} all parts of

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America ^{will} ~~shall~~ not consist only of
the gatherings held, speeches delivered,
~~words spoken~~, plans proposed, amended
and never carried out, discussions
continued and small things magnified
while the big things overlooked — ^{may} but
the reports ~~consist~~ consist of the assistance
given to the helpless, the hungry ones
fed, the naked ~~one~~ clothed, the children
educated, ~~the~~ social conditions
bettered through the endeavors of the
friends, the ignorant ~~one~~ made wise,
the poor ~~one~~ succored, the orphans
taken care of, the Cause ^{promulgated} ~~spread~~, the
teachings promoted, the law of God
made manifest in the hearts and
the essentials of divine civilization
upheld. ~~There~~ Such news will always
gladden the heart of Abdul
Baha. Such ^{advantages} glad ~~tidings~~ will confer
upon ^{the friends} ~~you~~ the heavenly benedictions!
Such deeds will make ^{them} ~~you~~ the
beloved of Baha — Allah!

Such actions will bring Our Beloved
 back to America. I teach Bahai ^{made} ~~new~~
 up his mind to speak about this
 Revelation at least to one ^{new} person in
 a month, or ~~one person~~ in each 3
 months, or let us say one in a
 year, ere long the present number
 will be doubled. This is the Cause of
 God. He will assist whomsoever
 arises to serve Him! These teachings
 will be ~~be~~ spread all over the world.
 There is not a shadow of doubt about
 this. But ~~what we~~ ^{it is} hoped ^{that we} to become
 earnest laborers in this Vineyard,
 sincere gardeners in this orchard
 and the standbearers of this Army.
 If we only arise, the host of the
 Supreme Concourse will assist us,
 the Victorious Lord will reinforce
 us, the Countenance of the King
 of Kings will smile upon us and
 the Sun of Reality will encircle
 us with its glorious rays.

2 Every morning is a heavenly blessing to be
with the Beloved, because from his lips
fall pearls of wisdom and knowledge.
While we drink tea he walked and
spoke on spiritual matters, soul-
uplifting, spirit-inspiring! He was
walking ~~along~~ strong with the constant
descent of the Holy-Spirit! ^{He said:} The Cause of
God ~~will~~ soon throw a great revo-
lution throughout the pillars of the
world. It will embrace in its fold
the East and the West. Its power
will penetrate through every atom
of creation. Its ~~power~~ imperial
Tent ~~shall~~ ^{will} be pitched upon the
area of ~~the world~~ ^{Existence}, Its invincible
Army ~~shall~~ ^{will} conquer the cities
of the hearts! Its royal shadow
~~shall~~ ^{will} be set upon the brow of
humanity, Its throne ~~shall~~ ^{will} be
established amongst the children
of men! Its heavenly sceptre
~~shall~~ ^{will} sway nations and

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empires! and its spiritual influence
shall be felt by the people of every
clime. Let the weak in heart be cheered,
and the despondent be made hopeful!

3. ~~The~~ Lovingly remembered Aga
Foraj and smilingly asked us whether
we have kept any copy of his poetry.
We all answered in the negative.

~~The~~ Apropos of something he told us
the story of two men in Acre:
Reza borrowed from Hassen 300
dollars. As they relied upon each
other, they did not exchange any
^{notes} ~~papers~~ amongst themselves.
After a while Reza gave Hassen
\$100 on account. ~~But~~ Later on
^{an incident} something created an ill-feeling
between them. ~~Hassen~~ ^{Reza} denied that
he owed anything to ~~Reza~~ ^{Hassen} and ~~Reza~~ ^{Hassen}
insisted that he owed him \$300.00
denying that he had ever received
\$100. Finally ~~he came~~ ^{Hassen came} to the
Master and pleaded him to make
the ~~man~~ ^{Reza} pay him ~~\$300~~ ^{\$300}. ~~Have~~
his true hundred dollars.

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and
You received" the Master asked anything
on account? You must tell the
truth; ~~otherwise~~ otherwise, I will not judge
between you." "How ^{can} I tell the
truth, because if I confess that I
have already received \$100 he will
not ~~pay~~ ^{pay} me ~~anything~~ ^{the rest}. "The Master
sent for ~~Hossein~~ Reza and commanded
him to pay back to Hossein \$200.⁰⁰
The man started to cry and lament but
the Beloved stopped him short and
~~told~~ ^{told} him that there ~~was~~ ^{was} no use in
carrying along like this. He must
pay back the money he has
borrowed!

4 ~~at ten o'clock several people~~
~~arrived~~. Two ladies ~~all~~ ^{were} introduced. They
inquired about the health of the Beloved.
~~He said:~~ - Praise be to God that ~~my~~ ^{his} spiritual
health ~~is~~ ^{was} very good. Physical health
had no importance in ~~my~~ ^{his} sight.
If ~~you~~ ^{the friends who} are always attached with
the Breath of the Holy Spirit

^{he would be}
~~I am~~ ever in good health and will be
with you. This union ^{was} good, This ^{was} a
union ~~which~~ not followed by any
separation. ^{Left them} Strive that ^{they} ~~we~~ may
always be alive with the Divine
Breaths.

5 Others were permitted to sit before
the feet of the all-wise to learn
the lessons of truth.

In answer to question on the
Bible he said: - There are three
ancient Bibles. 1st the Jewish Bible,
2d the Sanhedrin Bible which
was translated by ^{the} seventy wisest
Rabbis into Greek at the time of
^{Ptolemy} ~~Alexander~~. 3d the Samaritan
Bible. These three Bibles differ a
great deal from each other on
historical ground. For instance,
in one Bible you read the age
of a certain patriarch was 120
yrs; in another Bible it says ^{he was}
80yrs and in the third Bible
^{first} it says 60yrs. It is most

difficult to say which one of the ^{three}
Bibles is correct, for each sect holds
fast to his own bible claiming it
to be the only authoritative one and
the other two as unreliable.
Therefore all the historical parts
of the Bible ^{were written by} ~~belong~~ to the historians
^{and} ~~but the~~ commandment and the
Decalogue belong to Moses.

To two others ^{with} ~~the~~ rays - The
Sun of Truth has shone forth
from the horizon of the East casting
its rays in the West. Now it is the
beginning of the cause in
Europe. It is the early dawn. Ere
long the sun shall rise and
be stationed in its ^{station} ~~position~~, then
ye shall see how the whole
of Europe is illumined.

At 12 ^{noon} ~~o'clock~~ the Beloved
Cousin came and gave a ^{very}
~~elegant~~ ^{with} address on
the "good and the better".

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after the lonely talk he went out
alone but after a few minutes, he
returned and asked several of the
Persians to go to the room. From
each he inquired the news of the
day and whether he had received
letters from Persia. At lunch he
had Mon and Madame Dreyfus
who dropped by accident and the
Master insisted that they should
stay to eat and so they did. After
his ^{afternoon} rest, with Sayad Ahmad, ~~he~~
^{Alim Beg} went out to call on Sardar
Mansour, one of the ~~most~~ nobles
of Persia, residing in Rasht. Sardar
Mansour is a very important
personage and his influence
is well spread beyond the confine
of Rasht. At five ^{o'clock} ~~the~~ Master
returned but very tired, for he
had to talk with this man
all the time. Mon and
Madame Dreyfus came in and

and they were ushered into the Beloved's private room. Aga Sayad Ahmad was ^{also} present. I have seldom enjoyed anything as I enjoyed the anecdotes after ~~anecdotes~~ of the Cause ^{related} ~~said~~ by the Master. It was truly a most wonderful afternoon. ~~We spoke about the history of~~ Hageeem, his love for them etc.

~~When Mon and Madame I took down some of the points and if I want to translate here it will take too long a time to do it so I will leave it to future.~~

~~and will send this letter by~~ ^{here I will relate} ~~writing~~ a few stories heard from Sayad Assadullah and Nurja Ali Akbar!

When Abdul Baker was a child, Baba Allah was living in Majanorian. At that time ~~the Blessed Perfection~~ ^{Baba Allah} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~large~~ ^{very}

herds of ~~many~~ cattle of camels, ~~horses~~ ^{sheep} 11
~~horses~~ etc. One day Abdul Baha
^{went} goes to the village with ^{a servant} one of the
~~attendants~~ and he walks in the
field and while walking in the
field ^{he} ~~he~~ comes across ^{one} of the
shepherds who was taking care
of a large number of sheep—
probably ~~of~~ two or ~~three~~ ^{three} hundred.
The Shepherd ^{knew} ~~came~~ to Abdul Baha
and ~~he~~ ~~asked him~~ ^{asked} to ~~say~~ "Will you
let me have this herd of sheep?"
"All right! It is yours!" The
~~attendant~~ ^{servant} ~~did not dare to say~~ ^{contradict}
~~anything~~ ^{Abdul Baha} but he feared Bahá'í
may get ^{angry} with him. After
a day or two ~~the~~ ^{the} guests arrive and
the ~~Bahá'í~~ ^{Bahá'í} Blessed Perfection sends
for ~~a~~ ^a sheep to be killed and
food prepared. They told ^{him} ~~Baha~~
~~Allah~~ that Aga has given away
all the sheep to the shepherd.

Very good! You may ^{then buy an 1/2} ~~buy~~ ~~them~~ ~~one~~
~~thing~~ from ~~the~~ ~~shepherd~~. ~~Long~~
Years afterward, Baba Ullah one day
recalling this ^{incident} ~~story~~ in Acrea says:
Watch, Aga. ~~the~~ ^{the master} ~~may~~ ^{for his generosity} give by him-
self some day he may even give himself away.

10 ~~One~~ One day while the
Master was walking in the narrow
streets of Acrea a beggar came to
him and begged alms. The Beloved
^{pushed} ~~put~~ his hand into ^{his} ~~one~~ pocket and
^{took} ~~take~~ out a piece of what should be
silver money - Majidi - Turkish
money equal to one daller - And
^{placed} ~~put~~ it in the ~~palms~~ ^{went} of the hand of
the beggar. He ~~goes~~ away and after
a minute he returned with a sign of
excitement on his face. "O Master!
O Master! Look what you have
given me! This is a gold piece of
£25." The Master ~~returned~~

looked at the money and ^{said} ~~at~~ ^{to} ~~the poor!~~ Thy brother! This is your Kismet! It is your money. What goes out of my pocket never ^{returns} to it.

11 Another ^{time} ~~day~~ ^{Abdul Bahe} he came across another ^{beggar} ~~poor~~. This day one of the ^{pilgrims} ~~believers~~ was ^{following} ~~walking~~ after him. The Master asked ^{him} ~~whether~~ whether he had ^a ~~any~~ Majidi ^{He had not have.} ~~with him!~~
"No! I do not carry any money with myself."

Immediately ^{he took out} the ~~Master~~ ~~took out~~ a golden chain which he had around his neck and gave it to the poor. Afterward the ^{pilgrim} ~~poor~~ ^{beggar} ~~and~~ tried his best to buy the chain for many Majidi but he would not sell it.

12 ^{When} ~~While~~ Mirza Ali Akbar was travelling in Persia, teaching the Cause, a great personage in the course

