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Dear Harriet! 1-

Today the Bahais all over the world are celebrating Now Ruz, the glorious ^{New Year} ~~fest~~. It is a day of new resolutions, higher aims and loftier intentions. It is a day that new lives are consecrated to the holy purposes of the Bahai Cause. My resolution is short and very simple: I wish to pledge my life anew to the noblest Cause and the purest Ideal of this Radiant Century. I desire to serve whole-heartedly my fellow men. I yearn to contribute my share of work to the construction of the glorious Place of Peace. I long to be a faithful laborer in the Vineyard of Our Lord. I wish to be always truthful, sincere, faithful and grateful. I pray to be freed from the ties of attachment. I supplicate to God for the daily increase of capacity, understanding, illumination.

and Knowledge. On this day I empty²
my heart from all the traces of ill-feeling,
envy, jealousy and covetousness! I pray
for the purification of heart, the clearness
of vision, the wide range of sympathy,
the simplicity of the Child and the
attraction of divine love. I aspire the flight
to the highest summit of heavenly
felicity. I long for the calmness of the soul,
the peace of the mind, the serenity of
Consciousness, the humility of the spirit
and the patience of the elect. I beg for
the virtues of the Celestial world, the
perfections of the angels of the Supreme
Concourse, the resignation of the
martyrs, the fire of the Love of God,
the Breaths of the Holy Spirit, the
enthusiasm of the ~~Holy~~ ^{Blessed} faith and the
glance of spiritual contemplation.

May I ever be ~~be~~ a fit instrument
to serve the oneness of the world of
humanity, to assist all the sincere
lovers of ^{man} ~~human~~ kind and to help the
~~raising~~ of the Banner of Conciliation
between all regions and countries.

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This morning the Beloved called me
twice and I hastened to get ready to
go to him in as few minutes as possible.
Being the New year I went right to him
and kissed his blessed hands and accor-
ding to our custom, I wished him a
happy New year. He hoped that in this
new year there will be a greater spread
of the Cause throughout the world
and a greater outpouring of the
3 Holy Spirit. Having received lately
cable messages from Chicago about
the health of Mrs Getzinger he asked
me whether I have received any
news about her condition. Of
course I have had no intelligence
of the matter whatsoever. He said
~~I am~~ ^{He was} praying for her; because in the
past she has served this Cause very
faithfully. I desired to see her advance
day unto day, to become more

spiritual day unto day and to progression⁴
the Cause day unto day.

^{Bahá'u}
4 ~~He~~ said ^{that} on this day the ~~foundings~~
~~of~~ throughout ^{the world} ~~all the states~~ celebrate
the Feast of Now Ruz and spend
the hours in great rejoicing and
happiness. ~~He said~~ ^{He} I prayed that this
Fete be blessed to all the friends in
America! May each one of them become
a mighty teacher in this Cause and
spread the Glad-tidings of the
Kingdom! In about ten years this
Cause will be promoted most
marvellously in America. I am
ever expecting to see the appearance
of a few souls upon the arena
of action - souls who are detached,
attracted, enraptured, devout and
active, then ^{there will be no doubt} ~~there will be no doubt~~ that the
majority of the people will
become Bahá'is. This Cause will
be promoted ~~with~~ through severance
from all else save God. Our
Capital is severance. ~~He~~ I hope
each one of us may become the
embodiment of this attribute

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Abdul Baha

When I was in Bagdad I had a coat ^{he} which I wore over ^{his} shirt. It was made of very cheap stuff, the whole thing costing only one dollar. Having no ^{the} means ^{to} I wore it till it was threadbare and associated with all the friends and strangers ^{while wearing} it, notwithstanding ^{this he was fully} my happiness ^{and his} ~~was~~ ^{supreme} my joy had no bound. In Bagdad the severance of the believers of God was a subject of discussion in all the circles. There were ten people living in one small room and often they did not have any other food than a few dates, yet from sunset till ^{hour} midnight and long after that they chanted prayers, sang and showed a merry heart, forgetting their outward circumstances and living only

in spiritual atmosphere, full of sweet
Communion and delightful converse.
Once there arose a dispute between
the members of a family about the
division of inheritance. The litigation
dragged along and day by day the difference
became more acute. When they realized
that even the court will not do them
any justice, they came to Baha Ullah
and pleaded him for a verdict and
the readjustment of their claims. Baha
Ullah at first refused to discuss the
case but ^{they} implored so ^{perseverently} ~~strongly~~ that
finally he delegated ^{Abdul Baha} ~~me~~ to go and
settle their case in one day. ^{Abdul Baha} I went
and after reconciling the various factions
divided the property ~~into~~ ^{two} into parts.
When noon arrived ~~at~~ ^{he} I went out
and returned ⁱⁿ after an hour ~~or two~~.
He observed that the inheritors had
divided the two parts into three
parts. ^{He} I inquired the reason. They
said, that ~~this~~ third part ^{was} ~~is~~ for
^{him} you - ~~your~~ ^{his} fee, in other words his fee

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at that hour he wore his
Now I have my threadbare coat on.
I looked at the pile of all those ^{effects} ~~effects~~
and then ^{he} I looked at ^{his} ~~my~~ coat; I saw
that ^{he} ~~I~~ ^{was} independent of these things
and ^{he} ~~I~~ refused to accept. They insisted
and ^{he} ~~I~~ resisted. Finally ^{Abdul Baha} I observed
that it ^{was} ~~is~~ useless to argue any longer
with them. ^{He} ~~Then~~ I said, all right.
Put all these ^{things} ~~effects~~ in one room. They
did. ~~Good then~~ ^{He} made them lock
the door and seal it with wax.
I ^{he} got the key and went straight to
Baha Wallah. ^{He} related to him all the
transactions and begged him in case
they came to him for further pleading
to allow this third part to go to another
member of the family who was
disinherited through no fault of his
own. Lo! ^{soon} They arrived ~~after awhile~~
and started their ~~urgent~~ pleading
that ^{Abdul Baha} I must accept ^{his} ~~my~~ share
it was no more than right

On that day Baha Ullah did not give ^{them} any definite answer; but they ~~started~~ continued to come for several days, always urging the acceptance of the third part. Finally one day Baha Ullah told them: ~~Abdul Baha~~ ^{he} will accept ~~this~~ ^{his share} unconditionally - that is, ^{he must} ~~to~~ have the right to dispose of it as ^{he is} please; ~~it~~ ^{he} may throw it into the sea or to commit it to fire. They accepted this condition and Baha Ullah calling in the disinherited man, gave him the key of the room wherein the objects and the documents were stored by ~~him~~ ^{Abdul Baha} on that eventful day.

~~Then~~ A Tablet was revealed to our dear brother Doctor ^{in Chicago} Bagdadi, in which a greeting for Nassi Razi was sent by the Beloved to all the friends.

6 ~~Then~~ Another Tablet with the Master's own hand was written for the ^{Tehran} family of Sayad Ahmad Bageroff. The members of this family from the time of Baha Ullah have rendered conspicuous services to the Cause. There were five brothers, all of whom

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were Bahais, and they were the
descendants of Mohamad, ^{the prophet} and Con-
sequently Baha Ullah gave them the
title of the "Five Sayads." This Sayad
Ahmad is the son of one of those five.
Herein is the Tablet:—

To the household of his holiness
Bageroff. Upon them be Baha-Allah!
He is God!

O ye self-sacrificing household in the
Path of the Merciful! It is the early
morn of the Blessed Day of Now-Rouz;
the rays of the Sun of Reality are
refulgent and manifest and Abdul
Baha with infinite attraction, happi-
ness and joyousness has taken the
pen in his hand—so that he may
write to that favored and famous
household, the felicitations of this
auspicious Fete and congratulate

you on this New Year, in order that ¹⁰
all of you may render thanksgiving
unto the Glorious Lord for ^{that entire family} ~~thine~~
taking as shelter beneath the shade
of the Providence of His Highness the
One and that generation becoming
encircled with the rays of imperi-
shable Glory. For the pillars (the "Sai
Sayads" who became Bahais and thus ^{founded}
this family) during the day of the
Manifestation of the Revelator on
Mount Sinai (Baha V. Allah) became
attracted to the Forgiving Lord!

O Lord! Reinforce all of them
with Thy most Great Power.

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abba.

1 Afterward ¹¹⁰ ~~the Master~~ called on Miss
Sanderson and Sayad Ahmad and myself
went out to buy candies, fruits,
nuts and cakes for the Fete. We
got two large tables in the Salon
and decorated them tastily with
blacks, ~~and~~ ^{roses and} other flowers. The
~~catables~~ were spread over the tables

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~~and after the return of the Master~~
~~he~~ sat in the Salon and received large
 delegations from amongst the Europeans
 and Orientals. Every one expressed his
 hearty felicitation and ~~the Master~~ ^{he} discoursed
 on the significant ~~of the~~ Now Rouz, ~~the~~
~~major part of his observations came~~
~~out in his talk at~~ Now and Madame
 Dreyfus. In the afternoon several important
 Persians like Sardar Asad and others
 payed calls. The Beloved urged every
 one, especially the Western Bahais
 to eat candies. Many friends brought
 flowers. Large numbers of Persian
 students amongst them the
 brother of Gholseza Khanom came
 to see ~~the Master~~ ^{him}, and many
 of them were invited to sit at
 this Table. In the afternoon

at 10 o'clock ~~the Beland~~ ^{he} told us to call
 in a body at the Persian Legation. There
 were more than hundred young Persians
 many of them ~~dressed~~ in ~~the~~ French Army
 clothes as they are army students.
 Mirza Hossein read his poem and
 toward the end ^a volume of applause
 greeted him. The whole embassy
 was ~~most wonderfully~~ decorated
 with flags and flowers. Large tables
 were groaning under the weight of
 delicacies. It was a lively scene
 of Persia in the making that one ^{can}
 seldom see anywhere ~~else~~ in Europe.

After an ~~amuse~~ ^{hour} minutes we said good
 bye to the Persian Ambassador.

~~Then~~ The Master ^{also} called and delivered
 an eloquent address. In the evening
 the meeting at Mon. Dreyfus was
 delightful ~~and~~ ^{and} many people were ^{present}.
 Miss Haver from London had just returned
 and he received a hearty welcome from the
 Beland. ~~The Master's~~ ^{His} talk was a ~~disgust~~ ^{disgust}
 to the Feast of Now Ruz ~~Love~~
 all Ahmad

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To the maid-servant of God Mrs Mary C.
Haylittel. South Africa.

Upon her be Baha-o-llah!
He is God!

O thou daughter of the Kingdom!

Thy letter was received. Owing to the lack of time I write a brief answer. Its contents was in the utmost of sweetness. The letter was a sign of Love for the Manifest Light. Offer thou a thousand thanks unto the Lord for thou hast turned thy face toward the horizon of Reality and hast beheld the rays of the Sun of the Higher Universe. Thou hast a seeing eye, a hearing ear and a heart attracted toward the Kingdom of Abha!

Therefore with thy revered husband, thy beloved daughter and those souls who have caught the splendors of the

Sun of Reality, strive unanimously so that the Continent of Africa may become illumined, that ~~that~~ world may become another world, divine enlightenment ~~may~~ be diffused and the Blessed Tree of the Oneness of the world of humanity ~~may~~ cast its shade.

I give thee the good news. Rest thou assured that thou wilt become assisted and confirmed! Consequently, arise with the greatest confidence of the heart and summon the people to the Kingdom of God and proclaim:—

Glad-tiding! Glad-tiding! The Morn of Guidance hath dawned!

Glad-tiding! Glad-tiding! The Sun of Reality hath shone forth,

Glad-tiding! Glad-tiding! The Breeze of the Rose-garden of God hath wafted.

Glad-tiding! Glad-tiding! A new Grace hath appeared in the world of humanity.

Glad-tiding! Glad-tiding! The ideal of the solidarity of the human race hath pitched its Tent upon the apex

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of the world.

Glad-tiding! Glad-tiding! The Flag
of Peace and Salvation hath been
unfurled in this century, waving
over the East and the West!

Upon thee be Baha El Abha!

(Sig) Abdul Baha Abbas

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