

Ramleh, Egypt
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Dear friends! 1. The Bahai love and a Verse from Koran.

The Bahai love towards all the creatures must be as free as the air, as unshakable as the mountains, as imperishable as the spirit of God and as tender as the love of mother ^{towards} her children. There are abundant evidences that answering to the Love of God in the heart, ^{there} must also be a love to man. One of the ~~strange~~ allegorical verses in the Koran shows clearly, the mystical longings of the heart toward this Love ^{which} ~~and~~ is declared ^{to be a} ~~that this~~ Light ^{and this light} is no other than God's illuminating love for man. The verse is as follows:—

"God is the Light of the heavens and of the Earth. His Light is like a niche in which ^{is} a lamp — the lamp encased in glass — the glass, as it were, a glistening star. It is lighted with the oil of a blessed tree, the olive, neither of the East nor of the West, the oil of which would well-nigh give light though no fire touched it. It is

light upon light. "When the arabs observed Mohamad's charity towards the orphans and unprotected, his extreme simplicity and democratic attitude towards all mankind they used to say, "He is in love with his Maker." One of the sayings of the Prophet is, "Do you love your creator? Love your fellow-beings first. In another place he says: "Do you wish to approach your Lord? Love his creatures". Again he says: "That man, who is most considerate of his kind, is the favourite of God." He says in another place: "How do you think God will know you when you are in His Presence? By your love of your children, of your kin, of your neighbours, of your fellow-creatures". Once the prophet prayed with great earnestness: "O Lord! grant me the love of ^{Thy} ~~Thou~~; grant that I may love those that love ^{Thy} ~~Thou~~; grant that I may do the deeds that may win Thy Love; Make Thy love to be dearer to me than self, family or ~~their~~ wealth." Ali, the son-in-law of Mohamad and his successor, after his death ^{in a} supplication

4. Arrival of American Believers.

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One of the most ^{happy} interesting events of today was the arrival of Mrs von Lilienthal and Mrs Beede ~~from~~ ^{of} New York City. Since we left them in Paris they were ^{living} spending in Switzerland and ~~from~~ now ~~as~~ they will have the ^{daily} privilege of meeting the Beloved ^{daily}. They arrived at noon and dined with the ^{high} Master in the holy Family. I saw them in the evening. They were looking very happy and well. Today also several ^{believers} ~~men~~ arrived from Cairo and other parts of Egypt; ^{a few} ~~some~~ Bahai young men ^{are leaving} ~~going~~ to Beirut, ^{others} ~~going~~ to France to be present at the opening of their ^{Schools} ~~Colleges~~. ^{St. Ramleh is a spiritual clearing-house} ~~Ramleh~~ is at ^{present} a spiritual clearing house. Believers and friends come and go, impelled by holy impulses, filled with the Divine Glad-Tidings and inebriated with the wine of the Love of God. So many people ^{arrive} ~~come~~, each with his peculiar problem to be solved by the Master. He is surrounded with insuperable difficulties but he faces them with an optimism and good-will ~~never~~ to be witnessed in any other man but ^{him} ~~him~~ who is the source of real happiness.

206. Golden Opportunities

About 12 o'clock ^{he} the Master passed by our house and called for me. As it was a warm day - he carried an umbrella in his hand. I followed him, and he walked toward Bacon station. In the course of conversation, he ^{stated that} ~~said~~. God, through His Grace, ^{in the processes of the unfolding of the} ~~in the course of the~~ life of every man, opens ^{before} ~~his face a~~ ^{his face a} wide door of golden opportunity, ~~before his face~~. There are ~~some~~ people who take ^{this} ~~such~~ ^{opportunity} ~~a great~~ ^{privilege} by the forelock, enter in the garden of the heavenly good-pleasure and ever praying, and striving ^{in the} to protect ^{this} spiritual station; others shut their eyes and let the opportunity slip out of their hands. I had obtained for ——— a palace of diamond but he did not appreciate it. He followed his own desires rather than to live in accord with my ~~own~~ good-pleasure. How often I argued with him to set aside his will and follow the will of God. He did not listen. I loved him. I wished him become like unto a glorious sun irradiating the rays of severance and holiness but he preferred to wallow in the filth and quagmire.

gives us clairvoyant power to pierce the veils of
 This love dwells entirely on the Fatherhood of
 God and the brotherhood of man and will ^{not}
~~have~~ ^{rely} no belief in any attributes ^{on} of fear, or
 compulsion. It is a love that includes in it
~~that~~ universal charity, ^{and the} "enthusiasm of
 humanity". True love enjoins upon us to
 love mankind, practice meekness, patience,
 kindness, benevolent charity and all the
 divine qualifications. In this day we as Bahais
 must show forth in our daily lives and
 dealings that love which is fully revealed
 in the mirror of the heart of Abdul Baha.
 He is beckoning us to lofty ambition, divine
 aspiration, heroic endeavor and majestic
 deeds. The underlying principle of all social
 and economic activities is love and
 affection. May we become honored to express
 these qualities, to upraise this standard,
 to shed this glorious light, to scatter these
 promising seeds, to irrigate this fertile field
 and to devote all our time and effort
 to this humanistic service.

Many of the translations of the Holy Tablets
 were forwarded to him and toward the latter
 end of his life he was going to write a book
 on this Cause but death overtook him.
 While he lived, all Europe listened to his
 utterances and his ^{many} works are translated in
 all languages. ^{8. Speaks also about Jamal-ed-din} Speaking about Jamal-ed-
 Din Efgan who opposed very vigorously this
 Cause during his life time he said; "his admirers
 have written to me that the traces of his touch
 owing to neglect are almost effaced! We beg you
 to order some of the Balaïs to build his tomb."
 Now I hope to do this, If he was inimical
 toward us we did not oppose him all. When
 however, I observed that he ^{was} entirely misrepresent-
 ing the Cause by charging Paul Calemories in
 the Egyptian Press I wrote to him: - "Ere
 long thou shalt hear the thunderous
 peals of this bell and the ^{resonant} ^{sound} of this
 Bugle from the Supreme Concourse,
 glorifying and praising My Lord the
 El Ahlay!" After that he stopped his
 attacks. Then we returned home. On the way the
 Postman delivered into his hands a large bundle of
 letters.