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Dear friends!

In this twentieth Century, man from the time of his birth to the time of his death is subject to the influence of four progressive degrees of human life; - physical, intellectual, spiritual and celestial. As soon as the babe is born the mother suckles it from the breast of kindness, nourishes it with the utmost tenderness, trains it with the greatest compassion and spends many sleepless and anxious nights watching over its cradle. Having reached the stage of childhood she strives to engrave upon the clean tablet of his mind the elementary lessons of sincerity and honesty and illumines in the chamber of his heart the lamps of the refinement of feelings and spiritual susceptibilities. She wards off from his path the possibilities of any danger and supplies all his physical needs. Before the child attains the age of maturity the mother has done everything, putting forward

energy and life to cause his all-around material growth. Then, the necessities of his life are multiplied. He must work personally for his food, shelter and clothing and solve independently the 3 cardinal problems of his physical existence, namely, nutrition, reproduction and production. Thus his physical life is always fluctuating between health and sickness, joy and sorrow, light and darkness, happiness and depression. Consequently in the physical life no matter how ever much perfect there is no stability and permanency.

His intellectual life begins when he enters the school and starts to learn the principles of knowledge, and later on assimilate the thoughts and ideals of the sages and wise men. His mind is nourished through the lofty ideals of ancient and modern philosophers. Having learned all that he ought to learn he starts on his business or professional career and to a large degree contributes his ^{share to the} welfare to the community. His mind becomes a store-house for ~~useful~~

information and his intellectual life is constantly replenished through association with other peers of progress. Naturally, a man of his accomplishments and attainments is vastly superior to the physical man who lives only for the sake of enjoying material pleasures.

Going a step further and we meet the spiritual man. The man whose spirit is sustained through the moral precepts, ethical advices of the past messengers and prophets. If a man of this type lives up in accord with the best ^{moral} instructions he will influence the lives of many people, his heart like unto a pure mirror reflects the rays of the sun of the Holy Spirit, he will guide his friends to the Path of rectitude and integrity and thus become an example of purity and virtue. That is why in our contact with the men of religious and professions we often meet a truly grand, noble spiritual soul whose words are comforting and whose deeds are philanthropic. In ^{temperament} houses and in social service of the

large cities we find a band of men and women awakened by a sense of moral and spiritual responsibility are devoting their whole lives to the improvement of the awful conditions of the shem and the poor who are dragged down with poverty and misery. These people are not doing these things for any selfish purpose but because ^{their} inner consciousness is stirred by a feeling of pity and sympathy, they devote their time to such a noble work. The Lord loves these people and great reward is destined for them.

The highest expression of the life of man on this planet - in this age and many ages to come - is Celestial; - that is to live and act in accord with the Teachings of Baha - allah and be ^{fast} in the Love of Abdul Baha. The Principles of the religion of the Blessed Perfection adorn the spirit with the highest attributes of the Kingdom of Akha, illumine his heart with the sun of the love of God, make him

a servant of the world of humanity, a standard-bearer of universal Peace, and an orb shining from the heaven of righteousness. He forgets himself and lives in the flow of the Love of the True One, he embraces all mankind with an ineffable tenderness and strives day and night to serve his fellowman. He becomes a herald of the Supreme Concourse and wins the great-pleasure of the Lord of Hosts. He will be attracted with the Gaze of the Beloved and immerses his whole being in the Ocean of humility and meekness. He will enlist himself in the army of human progress and the limitless advancement of the race. Through his zeal he will sacrifice everything in the Path of God and quaff from the chalice of Eternal Life! This is the most glorious Bounty of this age! This is the Bestowal of the Bahai Cycle! This is the Light that illumines every heart! This is the Water that allays every thirsty one! This is the divine Elixir that changes man into

the image and likeness of the Almighty!

Today we did not see the Master at all. He did not leave the house as he was not feeling well. For the last 2 or 3 days he has been suffering from a cold. But toward the evening we heard that he is feeling better and we will have the great joy of seeing him tomorrow.

Several packages of the National Geographic magazine mailed to me by our brother Mr Wilhelm have relieved the quietness of the Eastern life and their fine pictures are interesting as well as instructive.

The greatest half-leaf, with Mirza Jafar and his wife left for Cairo this evening and may stay there for a few days.

Toward the evening we passed by the hotel and enjoyed a long talk with our American sisters and Mrs Stanard. They are all delighted with their new experience especially Mrs ^{Von Lilienthal} ~~Blumenthal~~ and Mrs Beede! No doubt they will write about their visit to the Master to New York friends. Greeting and Love to all.