

Bahai West

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Dear friends!

The translation of the Tablet to Rev. C. J. Street
may be a good introduction for the opening to-day's ac-
tivities:-

He is God!

O thou respected heavenly Doctor!

Praise be to God that the Call of the Kingdom reached
thy ears and thou didst become informed with the
Principles of His Holiness Baha-O-llah. Unquestionably
day by day thou wilt add to thy knowledge of this
subject. If possible thou mayst ask from London or
America the translations of some of the Tablets of
His Holiness Baha-ollah, such as the Tablets of the
Words, Tajalleyat, the Glad-Tidings, the Eshtarat
and some of the addresses of this servant, the Collection
and the perusal of which ^{will} ~~shall~~ add to your infor-
mation. Thus thou mayst cry out in all the Churches
that these Teachings are heavenly Teachings, ~~these~~

Call is the Call of the Kingdom and this Potency is through the Confirmation of the Holy-Spirit.

Today all the inhabitants of the world are submerged in the darkness of dogmas and religious, sectarian, racial and political prejudices; peradventure, God willing thou mayst become a brilliant star and cause the disappearance of these darknesses from those parts:— so that the light of Divine Love may illumine those regions and the Flag of the Oneness of the world of humanity be upraised.

Upon thee be greeting and praise!

(Signed) Abdul Baha, Abbas.

In another Tablet revealed for Mrs Isabel Fraser he says:— He is God!

O thou beloved maid-servant of God!

Thy letter was received. Its sweet contents imparted the utmost rejoicing, for it contained the good news of the unity and accord of the believers of God, their association and fellowship

in the congregations of the elect, their enticement⁷
with the Fire of the Love of God, their advancement
toward the Kingdom of God and their firmness in the
Divine Covenant and Testament.

I shall never forget thee. I remember thee always
and desire for thee heavenly illumination and Bahá
Spirituality. I hope that in Chicago thou mayest
become the cause of the promotion of the Word
of God and the promulgation of the religion of
God.....

Convey the most wonderful greetings of Abhá to all
the believers and the maid-servants of the Merciful!
upon thee be Bahá El Abhá!

(Signed) Abdu'l-Bahá Abhá.

About noon the Beloved called me to his Presence.
He dictated a cablegram to be sent to America and
then told me to sit down and then spoke about the
healthy air of the Mount Carmel: "The climate up
the mountain is very bracing and invigorating. It
ensures men a long life and vigorous constitution."

"I was going to devote part of my time to answering the letters, but the many hindrances that have crept in have prevented me from doing so. But it is good that thou art writing the news - thus the believers ^{may} be informed of what is going on here. Thou art expending much effort in this direction." For nearly 10 minutes he was silent and I did not wish to intrude on his quiet contemplation.

In the afternoon he went out to his Khawat-Gah to rest. Later on the landeau was sent for so that he ^{might} ~~may~~ take a ride. Then Mr and Mrs Holback came in and Mirza Haydar Ali unfolded another chapter of his rich and most interesting life. His talks on the problems of the Cause and his interpretations of the lives of the various individuals connected with the movement are very illuminating. It is a great pleasure to me to translate his words. The recital of his wonderful story cannot be brought within the scope of these letters as our dear sister will give it to the world in her own way.

When the Master returned a number of the believers and pilgrims were in the garden. He joined them and enquired about the health of each. He sat down on a chair and then spoke these words of truth and light:—

"When the believers gather in a meeting and are engaged in the mention of God my heart is there, my spirit is there, although my body may be a thousand miles ^{away}.

..... Praise be to God that the friends are gathering together in the Tomb of the Bab and occupy ^{ing} their time with the worship of God, and obtain the most holy sanctification. This is one of the most eminent, divine Bestowals. Those hearts which are illumined with the light of reality, and those breasts which are dilated with the fragrance of the Love of God, no ^{as soon as} sooner they enter the ⁽²⁾ Holy Tomb of the Bab or the ~~Divine~~ ^{Divine} Review of the Blessed Perfection, they ⁽¹⁾ find themselves in the Supreme Paradise and they get a foretaste of the heavenly beauties. They will obtain the most great happiness, inhale the celestial fragrances and ^{become} characterized with

74 bodily spirituality. When a person enters a rose garden, if his nostril is open he will inhale the ^{sweet} fragrances of the flowers, but ^{if} the nostril ^{is} infected with cold ^{he} is deprived of the delicate scent of roses, although he may live in the garden for well-nigh many days. During our stay in Adrianople, Aga Jamal, and Mirza Ali Akbar Boroujerdy and his brother arrived from a long journey. After a day all the three received permission to go into the Presence of the Blessed Perfection. When they came out Beh-o-ollah said that Mirza Ali Akbar ^{was} completely changed, that the present Mirza Ali Akbar is ^{now} not the old one, he ^{was} re-created, that within the short space of five minutes he ^{had} made more velleous progress The stations of the believers of God are not ^{now} duly appreciated. Their importance will be revealed in the future. After the crucifixion of Christ the few apostles ^{who} were left behind were thrown into a state of utter consternation and agitation. Peter ^{who} was

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the Chief of Apostles denied the Lord three. Notwithstanding this, his lofty station and degree were revealed to the Christian nations in later ages. Now the hands of the highest artists have fashioned his statues with pure marble and ^{have} placed in his hand the Keys of Paradise and hell.

"But the believers of the Blessed Perfection during his lifetime cried out Ya Baha El Abha, while under the sword. The glorious stations of the these martyrs are not known to day, they will appear later on. Outwardly the disciples of Christ were very much derided and laughed to scorn in their days. Their honor today is as high, as their humiliation was low ^{in their lifetime}. All the Pharisees and highpriests ridiculed them in their temples, synagogues.

"The power and majesty of the Cause have not become yet apparent ^{yet} amongst the people. Out of the mountaneous waves of this most great sea only a small ripple has become manifest, but ere long the power and might of the Cause shall

shall environ the East and the West and shall cause a great astonishment amongst the inhabitants of the world.

"In all the former ages the prophets and messengers of God were ridiculed and persecuted and there are many verses in the Koran indicating this fact.... but in this blessed Cause no one has been able to satirize the Personality of Baha-Allah or repudiate the Principles of the Movement. Again in those bygone dispensations only the followers praised the Manifestations and commended the Teachings, not a single outsider gave a favorable testimony; but in this Great Bahai Cycle every nation and community ^{have} applauded and extolled the Cause. Although they do not believe in the Divine Station of His Holiness Baha-Allah yet they testify to His Power, His Dominion, His Authority, His Might and His Glory. Today in whichever circle the name of the Blessed Perfection is mentioned, they say, 'he was a Great Man, ^a Noble Personage'."