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Dear friends!

This afternoon I was in the Holy Presence of Abdul

Baha for more than three hours. The heaven of divine revelation was opened and many white veined angels in the form and likeness of Tablets descended upon the earth to delight the hearts of men. Wistfully and lovingly they will wing their way to different parts of the world, singing their songs of life and light into the spirits of men. While he was dictating the blessed Tablets he talked on various topics, now laughing, now smiling, now making a wistful remark, now asking a question about the person to whom the Tablet was being revealed or reminding one of his peculiar characteristics. It was good to be with him, three long, heavenly hours - roaming with him in the rose-garden of Abha and watching him picking up the ideal flowers, ^{and} arranging them in lovely bouquets of the Kingdom to be sent to expectant, waiting lovers in remote regions. With what solicitude and tenderness he arranged these spiritual nosegays, as though knowing the taste and condition of each! He is indeed the Ideal, heavenly Florist!

In the yesterday mail there was an interesting card containing
the picture of "World Peace Flag" - (the ⁽³⁾ seven colors of the Rainbow,
Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet) ^{(passing}
through the ^(medium) by the process of Refraction ⁽²⁾ and produce ^{(a}
strong white light which bisects the globe ⁽¹⁾ placed next to it,
[the globe and the colors ⁽⁴⁾ ^{being} surrounded with ^{the} stars] At the
bottom of this significant picture the following is written :-
"These seven colors of the Rainbow represent the natural unity
in the variations of the race and in human interests. As these
shades flow together they produce white, which is an emblem of
truth, brotherhood, harmony and peace. The stars stand
for the nations in the world federation. This Flag has
been accepted by the Peace Palace, the International Peace
Congress and the American Peace Society. Designed by
Rev. J. W. Van Kirk, Youngstown, Ohio. U. S. America"

When the Beloved came out of the house and started to
walk in the garden, immediately he was surrounded by
the believers. I took out the card and presented to him. At
the same time I explained it in a few words. He took it
in his hand for a minute or two and looked at it searchingly
and attentively. "It is very good, very splendid!" he said,
"It is an excellent idea. God willing it will come to pass,
and all the nations will be confederated in one Universal

Commonwealth. These ideas and conceptions are tributaries to the great ocean of spiritual awakening which has encircled the world of humanity. The Holy Spirit is the Only Power that will ultimately unite and harmonize the races and nations of the world. The Cause of God is the Only Panacea that will heal for all the time to come the social, economic and political diseases of mankind. The revelation of Baha-ollah is the Tree that will send its outstretched branches to all the countries and usher under its cool shade all the religions and sects, then to fraternize and associate with each other. The world is full of ideas, but they are either fleeting, or profitless, or impractical or limited in their influence or confined with a narrow scope. The beaming shafts of the light of Cosmic Ideals must pierce through the hearts of men and the Power of the Holy Spirit is necessary to carry into execution these noble thoughts of the Age. Human power is limited in its influence. It can unite two persons or two tribes or two communities or the utmost two nations. At the same time it confesses that this Unity is temporal and may be abrogated by the whim of either of the high contracting parties. But the Divine Power, the Power of the Holy Spirit is the only Power that unites nations

and peoples and cement ^{them} together in the bond of brotherhood and Peace for ages and cycles. His Holiness Christ was one person, without any ^{worldly} assistance and help but through the effect of Holy Spirit he was enabled to unite many nations and religions under the Standard of Christianity. Likewise Mohamed unified the wild, savage tribes of Arabia and made them the Conquerors of Asia. Consequently there must needs be Divine Power for the Accomplishment of this Universal Aim. Human Power fails in this undertaking. The words of those souls who are the essences of severance, who are in the utmost of sanctity and purity will play effect upon the hearts of men, the result of which will be unity and good-fellowship. ~~Some~~ Through this, ideal communication will not be made possible between the children of men. They may achieve a temporal union for a few years. Man may so compound the various ingredients as to be promiscuously mixed together but there must needs be the solvent so that they may become perfectly blended and united. In the human world that Solvent is the Power of the Holy Spirit which will thoroughly mix and blend the different constituents and elements representing the various nationalities, religions and sects.

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"I hope the believers of God will unfurl the 'World Peace Flag', because their aim is altruistic and they are helped by the Confirmations of the Holy Spirit. Through the Power of God it is possible for one Bahai to guide an whole nation. Such spiritual victories are dependent upon the Breaths and Bestowals of the Holy Spirit."

After these interesting remarks he went out to take a walk. In the morning I had the supreme pleasure of being in the Presence of the Beloved. He sent for Doctor Habibollah Khodabakhsh and Mirza Azzizollah Khan and spoke to them about their forthcoming trip to Germany, France and England. Just out of college he is sending them to these centres of culture and civilization to spread the Fragrance of the Paradise of Akko.

In the evening there was a large meeting. When the Master entered the room ^{he} looked over the bright faces of the Bahai students and exclaimed with delightful heart: "God be praised! How wonderful are these students! I am looking forward with great hope to their future! In reality they are beneath the shade of the Blessed Perfection and they are being animated with the spirit of the Holy Land. For this reason they are superior to many other students."

Their mettle will become known in the future. They are now under the process of refining. When they come out of the crucible their brightness will become manifest. The word of God is the refinery which will polish them, suffering them ~~to~~ to become as pure as tested gold.....

Every single assured and firm believer will consider himself the servant of all the friends of God, nay rather the servant of the world of humanity. The Honor of man depends upon this. The Everlasting Glory of mankind lies in this! For this reason His Holiness Christ says:- "the last shall be the first, the least amongst you in the Kingdom is the greatest". Whosoever desires to walk in the Path of the Kingdom - so that he may reach the Court of the Almighty - he must be a true servant. The Path of God cannot be compared with the paths of men. The humbler is man in the Path of God, the more exalted is he; the greater is his meekness and submissiveness the more beloved is he; the more is he surrounded with tests and trials the nearer the tranquility and composure of his spirit.
"Tray rather in the Path of God humility is honor, trouble is rest, affliction is bestowal, poverty is wealth, indigence is sovereignty and lowliness is nobility. Truly I say whosoever is the real servant of the believers of God is their assistant and helper. We must all walk in this Divine Path."