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Dear friends!

Last night and this morning the Master stayed in the German hotel, entertaining his guests. While we were drinking tea in the Pilgrims' Home about 3 pm we saw suddenly the carriage driving by, having the Beloved as the ^{sole} occupant. We all hurried out of the room, thinking he is going to alight but no, the carriage continued its drive to the foot of the Mountain. This gave us the momentary impression that his sojourn on Mount Carmel is brought to an end but we were fortunately mistaken in our ~~reckoning~~ ^{reckoning}. It was about sunset when he returned and although the material sun did set behind the clouds, the spiritual sun arose from the horizon of our hearts. "You see, I have come back. I want to be with you much longer" he said as he welcomed the students, ranged to welcome him. Then he entered his room and we were happy than ever, considering ^{this} as one of the greatest privileges of our lives to be near the Centre of Love and Truth.

Concerning this very subject he was speaking the other day. He said: - "The star of the fortune of some people is always on the ascendent. They are chosen by God to perform certain services in the world of humanity. He has pre-arranged for them especial Favours and Graces. This is because they are mindful of the Bounties of God and day by day they become humbler and meeker and more gentle and sweet toward their fellow-men. If the recipient is not aware the Bestowals of God will bear no fruit. Man must be ever aware of the goodness and benevolence of the Almighty to him, - so that he may enjoy the taste of those spiritual Confirmations. Consider how ^{the} mother solicitously takes care of the Babe, yet because the babe is not aware, it cannot appreciate the tender training showers upon her: instead it whines and cries! Reflect also, what a source of incalculable benefit is the cloud to the earth! It pours down rain and adorns the plains with verdant plants and sweet herbs: yet because the earth is not aware of this paradisaical transformation, it cannot appreciate it and thank God for it. This cool breeze that is passing by, gives life to the trees, but they are unconscious of it. Now

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the Fragrance of the Kingdom of Allah grant eternal life to the souls. These latter are divided into two kinds. The first are aware of these Divine blessings and thank Bala-Allah for them; others are not aware.

I will bring this letter to a close with the translations of a few Tablets.

To Dr Charles M. Sewing of Cleveland, Ohio he writes:
"O thou herald of the Kingdom of God! Thy letter was received and its contents imparted the utmost spiritual joy. For its contents indicated that praise be to God, thy pure heart is illumined with the rays of the Sun of Reality, and thy tongue is calling the people to the Kingdom, and in the Churches thou art occupied in the promulgation of the Divine Principles. Inasmuch as thou hast arisen with this pure intention, resolute Will and attention to the Kingdom of God—rest thou assured that the Confirmations of the Holy Spirit shall descend upon thee, the ideal powers shall triumph and the invisible hosts will come to thy assistance. Thou shalt heal the diseases of the spirits and hearts and thou shalt raise a flag with such firmness and steadfastness

the holy workings of which shall be witnessed between the heaven and earth for ever more; spiritual cures will be perceived and everlasting restoration will be obtained "

To another person in Chicago he says:—

"O thou respected servant of reality and the well-wisher of the world of humanity! Thy letter was received and it conveyed exceeding happiness and rejoicing. Praise be to God that in that region a respected soul is living who is a seeker of reality and the servant of the world of man. Miss Mason has given the utmost praise to your character. Praise be to God that all the believers are pleased with thee and they have all unloosed their tongues in thy commendation. I likewise entreat and supplicate at the Divine Threshold, begging for thee heavenly Confirmations;—so that thou mayest become instrumental in the promulgation of the Teachings of God and the means of the education of humanity. For mankind have great many defects. They are in need of instruction.

Consider thyself how the regions of the world are enveloped with the darkness of error and the world of ethics is completely beclouded! I hope that through your effort the realm of morality may become radiant and the shining luminary of the guidance of God may enlighten this universe — thus these ravenous beasts may become freed from the gloom of the world of nature and through the Divine Illumination they may be changed into heavenly angels. "

To another friend in New York he writes: —
 "O thou who art attracted by the Spirit of God! Thy letter was received. Praise be to God that thou hast seeing eyes and hearing ears. Therefore I hope that one ray from the Sun of Truth which hath dawned from the horizon of the Manifestation may be cast upon the mirror of thy heart and the Breaths of the Holy Spirit may quicken thy soul! Mayst thou obtain a new spirit at every moment! May it become clear to you that the Promised One of all the nations of the world — Heh Mahmeis Baha-olloh has appeared in the zenith of

of His Glory! His Teachings which are the rays of the Sun of Reality have flooded all the countries. This world has become another world, the radiant Century has come and the spiritual Period is ushered in"

To Miss Fanny Knablock he writes:—

"O thou who art firm in the Covenant! Praise be to God that thou art firm in the Testament and Covenant, art attracted with the Love of God, ~~has~~ sincere intention in the service of the Divine Kingdom and art helping thy dear sister;— so that in Germany she may be engaged in the service of the Cause of God. This service in thy behalf is the most great Bestowment. Thank thee for this. The Attracted maid servant of God, Mrs. Hammen is, truly I say, very loyal. I am exceedingly pleased with her...."

Today I received a number of letters from our friends in America. I hope everyone will exert his or her utmost during the coming months to teach new souls and spread this message amongst those persons who are unhappy and unfortunate and are in need of spiritual consolation.