IN THE NAME OF HIM WHO IS THE SUPREME RULER OVER ALL THAT HATH BEEN AND THAT IS TO BE

The first duty prescribed by God for His servants is the recognition of Him Who is the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Fountain of His laws, Who representeth the Godhead in both the Kingdom of His Cause and the world of creation. Whoso achieveth this duty hath attained unto all good; and whoso is deprived thereof hath gone astray, though he be the author of every righteous deed. It behoveth every one who reacheth this most sublime station, this summit of transcendent glory, to observe every ordinance of Him Who is the Desire of the world. These twin duties are inseparable. Neither is acceptable without the other. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Source of Divine inspiration.

- They whom God hath endued with insight will readily recognize that the precepts laid down by God constitute the highest means for the maintenance of order in the world and the security of its peoples. He that turneth away from them is accounted among the abject and foolish. We, verily, have commanded you to refuse the dictates of your evil passions and corrupt desires, and not to transgress the bounds which the Pen of the Most High hath fixed, for these are the breath of life unto all created things. The seas of Divine wisdom and Divine utterance have risen under the breath of the breeze of the All-Merciful. Hasten to drink your fill, O men of understanding! They that have violated the Covenant of God by breaking His commandments, and have turned back on their heels, these have erred grievously in the sight of God, the All-Possessing, the Most High.
- O ye peoples of the world! Know assuredly that My commandments are the lamps of My loving providence among My servants, and the keys of My mercy for My creatures. Thus hath it been sent down from the heaven of the Will of your Lord, the Lord of Revelation. Were any man to taste the sweetness of the words which the lips of the All-Merciful have willed to utter, he would, though the treasures of the earth be in his possession, renounce them one and all, that he might vindicate the truth of even one of

بسمه الحاكم على ما كان وما يكون

إن أول ما كتب الله على العباد عرفانُ مشرق وحيه ومطلع أمره الذي كان مقام نفسه في عالم الأمر والخلق من فاز به قد فاز بكل الخير والذي مُنِع إنه من أهل الضلال ولو يأتي بكل الأعمال إذا فزتم بهذا المقام الأسنى والأفق الأعلى ينبغي لكل نفس أن يتبع ما أمر به من لدى المقصود لأنهما معا لا يقبل أحدهما دون الآخر هذا ما حكم به مطلع الإلهام اللهام

إن الذين أوتوا بصائر من الله يَرَوْن حدود الله السبب الأعظم لنَظْم العالم وحفظ الأمم والذي عَفَل إنه من همج رعاع إنا أمرناكم بكسر حدودات النفس والهوى لا ما رقم من القلم الأعلى إنه لروح الحيوان لمن في الإمكان قد ماجت بحور الحكمة والبيان بما هاجت نسمة الرحمن اغتنموا يا أولي الألباب إن الذين نكثوا عهد الله في أوامره ونكصوا على أعقابهم أولئك من أهل الضلال لدى الغني المتعال المتعال المتعال المتعال

يا ملأ الأرض اعلموا أن أوامري سرج عنايتي بين عبادي ومفاتيح رحمتي لبريّتي كذلك نزّل الأمر من سماء مشيّة ربّكم مالك الأديان الله لو يجد أحد حلاوة البيان الذي ظهر من فم مشيّة الرحمن لَيُنفق ما عنده ولو يكون خزائن الأرض كلّها لِيُثبت

	His commandments, shining above the Dayspring of His bountiful care and loving-kindness.	أمراً من أوامره المشرقة من أفق العناية
		والألطاف *
4	Say: From My laws the sweet-smelling savour of My garment can be smelled, and by their aid the standards of Victory will be planted upon the highest peaks. The Tongue of My power hath, from the heaven of My omnipotent glory, addressed to My creation these words: "Observe My commandments, for the love of My beauty." Happy is the lover that hath inhaled the divine fragrance of his Best-Beloved from these words, laden with the perfume of a grace which no tongue can describe. By My life! He who hath drunk the choice wine of fairness from the hands of My bountiful favour will circle around My commandments that shine above the Dayspring of My creation.	قل من حدودي يمرّ عَرْفُ قميصي وبها تنصب أعلام النّصر على القُنن والأتلال قد تكلّم لسان قدرتي في جبروت عظمتي مخاطبا لبريّتي أن اعملوا حدودي حبّاً لجمالي طوبى لحبيب وجد عرف المحبوب من هذه الكلمة التي فاحت منها نفحات الفضل على شأن لا توصف بالأذكار شلي لعمري من شرب رحيق الإنصاف من أيادي الألطاف إنه يطوف حول أوامري المشرقة من أفق الإبداع شية
5	Think not that We have revealed unto you a mere code of laws. Nay, rather, We have unsealed the choice Wine with the fingers of might and power. To this beareth witness that which the Pen of Revelation hath revealed. Meditate upon this, O men of insight!	لا تحسبن أنّا نزّلنا لكم الأحكام بل فتحنا ختم الرحيق المختوم بأصابع القدرة والاقتدار يشهد بذلك ما نزّل من قلم الوحي تفكّروا يا أولي الأفكار **
7	We have enjoined obligatory prayer upon you, with nine rak'áhs, to be offered at noon and in the morning and the evening unto God, the Revealer of Verses. We have relieved you of a greater number, as a command in the Book of God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omnipotent, the Unrestrained. When ye desire to perform this prayer, turn ye towards the Court of My Most Holy Presence, this Hallowed Spot that God hath made the Centre round which circle the Concourse on High, and which He hath decreed to be the Point of Adoration for the denizens of the Cities of Eternity, and the Source of Command unto all that are in heaven and on earth; and when the Sun of Truth and Utterance shall set, turn your faces towards the Spot that We have ordained for you. He, verily, is Almighty and Omniscient.	قد كتب عليكم الصلوة تسع ركعات لله منزل الآيات حين الزّوال وفي البكور والآصال وعفونا عِدَّة أخرى أمراً في كتاب الله إنه لهو الآمر المقتدر المختار وإذا أردتم الصلوة ولّوا وجوهكم شطري الأقدس المقام المقدّس الذي جعله الله مطاف الملأ الأعلى ومقبل أهل مدائن البقاء ومصدر الأمر لمن في الأرضين والسموات وعند غروب شمس الحقيقة والتبيان المقرّ الذي قدّرناه لكم إنه لهو العزيز العلام المعرد المره المبرم إذا أشرقت
,	irresistible decree. Whenever My laws appear like the sun in the heaven of Mine utterance, they must be faithfully obeyed by all, though My decree be	كل شيء تحقق بامره المبرم إدا اشرفت من أفق البيان شمس الأحكام لكلٍّ أن

such as to cause the heaven of every religion to be cleft asunder. He doeth what He pleaseth. He chooseth, and none may question His choice. Whatsoever He, the Well-Beloved, ordaineth, the same is, verily, beloved. To this He Who is the Lord of all creation beareth Me witness. Whoso hath inhaled the sweet fragrance of the All-Merciful, and recognized the Source of this utterance, will welcome with his own eyes the shafts of the enemy, that he may establish the truth of the laws of God amongst men. Well is it with him that hath turned thereunto, and apprehended the meaning of His decisive decree.

يتبعوها ولو بأمر تنفطر عنه سموات أفئدة الأديان الله إنه يفعل ما يشاء ولا يُسئل عما شاء وما حكم به المحبوب إنّه لمحبوب ومالك الاختراع إن الذي وجد عَرْف الرحمن وعَرْف مطلع هذا البيان إنه يستقبل بعينيه السّهام لإثبات الأحكام بين الأنام طوبى لمن أقبل وفاز بفصل الخطاب الله السهام الخطاب

We have set forth the details of obligatory prayer in another Tablet. Blessed is he who observeth that whereunto he hath been bidden by Him Who ruleth over all mankind. In the Prayer for the Dead six specific passages have been sent down by God, the Revealer of Verses. Let one who is able to read recite that which hath been revealed to precede these passages; and as for him who is unable, God hath relieved him of this requirement. He, of a truth, is the Mighty, the Pardoner.

قد فصلنا الصلوة في ورقة أخرى طوبى لمن عمل بما أُمر به من لدن مالك الرقاب الله قد نزّلت في صلوة الميت ست تكبيرات من الله منزل الآيات والذي عنده علم القرائة له أن يقرء ما نزّل قبلها والا عفا الله عنه إنه لهو العزيز الغفار الله عنه الله عنه إنه الله عنه ع

9 Hair doth not invalidate your prayer, nor aught from which the spirit hath departed, such as bones and the like. Ye are free to wear the fur of the sable as ye would that of the beaver, the squirrel, and other animals; the prohibition of its use hath stemmed, not from the Qur'án, but from the misconceptions of the divines. He, verily, is the All-Glorious, the All-Knowing.

لا يبطل الشّعر صلوتكم ولا ما منع عن الروح مثل العظام وغيرها البسوا السّمور كما تلبسون الخِزَّ والسّنجاب وما دونهما إنّه ما نُهي في الفرقان ولكن اشتبه على العلماء إنه لهو العزيز العلام **

10 We have commanded you to pray and fast from the beginning of maturity; this is ordained by God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. He hath exempted from this those who are weak from illness or age, as a bounty from His Presence, and He is the Forgiving, the Generous. God hath granted you leave to prostrate yourselves on any surface that is clean, for We have removed in this regard the limitation that had been laid down in the Book; God, indeed, hath knowledge of that whereof ye know naught. Let him that findeth no water for ablution repeat five times the words "In the Name of God, the Most Pure, the Most Pure", and then proceed to his devotions. Such is the command of the Lord of all worlds. In regions where the days and nights grow long, let times of

قد فُرض عليكم الصلوة والصوم من أول البلوغ أمراً من لدى الله ربّكم ورب آبائكم الأولين من كان في نفسه ضعف من المرض أو الهرم عفا الله عنه فضلاً من عنده إنه لهو الغفور الكريم قد أذن الله لكم السجود على كل شيء طاهر ورفعنا عنه حكم الحدّ في الكتاب إن الله يعلم وأنتم لا تعلمون من لم يجد الماء يذكر خمس مرات بسم الله الأطهر الأطهر ثم يشرع في العمل هذا ما حكم به مولى يشرع في العمل هذا ما حكم به مولى العالمين والأيام فليصلوا بالساعات الليالى والأيام فليصلوا بالساعات

	prayer be gauged by clocks and other instruments	والمشاخص التي منها تحدّدت الأوقات إنه
	that mark the passage of the hours. He, verily, is the Expounder, the Wise.	لهو المبيّن الحكيم *
11	We have absolved you from the requirement of	قد عفونا عنكم صلوة الآيات إذا ظهرت
	performing the Prayer of the Signs. On the	اذكروا الله بالعظمة والاقتدار إنه هو
	appearance of fearful natural events call ye to mind the might and majesty of your Lord, He	
	Who heareth and seeth all, and say "Dominion is	السميع البصير ۞ قولوا العظمة لله رب ما
	God's, the Lord of the seen and the unseen, the	يرى وما لا يرى رب العالمين *
	Lord of creation".	
12	It hath been ordained that obligatory prayer is to	كتب عليكم الصلوة فرادى قد رفع حكم
	be performed by each of you individually. Save in	الجماعة إلا في صلوة الميت إنه لهو
	the Prayer for the Dead, the practice of congregational prayer hath been annulled. He, of a	
	truth, is the Ordainer, the All-Wise.	الأمر الحكيم *
13	God hath exempted women who are in their	قد عفا الله عن النساء حين ما يجدن الدم
	courses from obligatory prayer and fasting. Let	'
	them, instead, after performance of their ablutions,	الصوم والصلوة ولهن أن يتوضّان ويسبّحن
	give praise unto God, repeating ninety-five times between the noon of one day and the next	خمسا وتسعين مرة من زوال إلى زوال
	"Glorified be God, the Lord of Splendour and	سبحان الله ذي الطّلعة والجمال هذا ما قدّر
	Beauty". Thus hath it been decreed in the Book, if ye be of them that comprehend.	في الكتاب إن أنتم من العالمين *
14	When travelling, if ye should stop and rest in	ولكم ولهنّ في الأسفار إذا نزلتم واسترحتم
	some safe spot, perform yemen and women	•
	alikea single prostration in place of each unsaid	المقام الآمن مكان كل صلوة سجدة واحدة
	Obligatory Prayer, and while prostrating say	واذكروا فيها سبحان الله ذي العظمة
	"Glorified be God, the Lord of Might and	والإجلال والموهبة والإفضال والذي عجز
	Majesty, of Grace and Bounty". Whoso is unable	يقول سبحان الله إنه يكفيه بالحقّ إنه لهو
	to do this, let him say only "Glorified be God";	, - , -
	this shall assuredly suffice him. He is, of a truth,	الكافي الباقي الغفور الرحيم الله وبعد إتمام
	the all-sufficing, the ever-abiding, the forgiving,	السجود لكم ولهنّ أن تقعدوا على هيكل
	compassionate God. Upon completing your prostrations, seat yourselves cross-leggedmen	التوحيد وتقولوا ثماني عشرة مرة سبحان الله
	and women alikeand eighteen times repeat	ذي الملك والملكوت كذلك يبيّن الله سبل
	"Glorified be God, the Lord of the kingdoms of	الحقّ والهدى وإنها انتهت إلى سبيل واحد
	earth and heaven". Thus doth the Lord make plain	وهو هذا الصراط المستقيم اشكروا الله
	the ways of truth and guidance, ways that lead to	, and the second
	one way, which is this Straight Path. Render	بهذا الفضل العظيم المحدوا الله بهذه
	thanks unto God for this most gracious favour; offer praise unto Him for this bounty that hath	الموهبة التي أحاطت السموات
	encompassed the heavens and the earth; extol Him	والأرضين الله بهذه الرحمة التي
	for this mercy that hath pervaded all creation.	سبقت العالمين *
15	Say: God hath made My hidden love the key to	قل قد جعل الله مفتاح الكنز حبّى المكنون
	the Treasure; would that ye might perceive it! But	
	for the key, the Treasure would to all eternity have	لو أنتم تعرفون الله المفتاح لكان مكنونا

	washed his hands and then his face, seat himself	W. 71 - 1
	and, turning unto God, repeat "Alláh-u-Abhá"	كل يوم يديه ثم وجهه ويقعد مقبلا إلى الله
	ninety-five times. Such was the decree of the	ويذكر خمسا وتسعين مرة الله أبهى كذلك
	Maker of the Heavens when, with majesty and power, He established Himself upon the thrones	حكم فاطر السماء إذ استوى على أعراش
	of His Names. Perform ye, likewise, ablutions for	الأسماء بالعظمة والاقتدار ، كذلك
	the Obligatory Prayer; this is the command of	توضَّأوا للصلوة أمراً من الله الواحد
	God, the Incomparable, the Unrestrained.	المختار *
19	Ye have been forbidden to commit murder or adultery, or to engage in backbiting or calumny;	قد حرّم عليكم القتل والزّنا ثم الغيبة
	shun ye, then, what hath been prohibited in the	والافتراء اجتنبوا عما نهيتم عنه في
	holy Books and Tablets.	الصّدائف والألواح *
20	We have divided inheritance into seven	قد قسمنا المواريث على عدد الزاء منها
	categories: to the children, We have allotted nine	قدر لذرباتكم من كتاب الطّاء على عدد
	parts comprising five hundred and forty shares; to the wife, eight parts comprising four hundred and	المقت وللأزواج من كتاب الحاء على عدد
	eighty shares; to the father, seven parts	التَّاء والفاء وللآباء من كتاب الزَّاء على
	comprising four hundred and twenty shares; to the	عدد التّاء والكّاف وللأمهات من كتاب
	mother, six parts comprising three hundred and sixty shares; to the brothers, five parts or three	الواو على عدد الرّفيع وللإخوان من كتاب
	hundred shares; to the sisters, four parts or two	الهاء عدد الشين وللأخوات من كتاب
	hundred and forty shares; and to the teachers,	الدّال عدد الرّاء والميم وللمعلّمين من كتاب
	three parts or one hundred and eighty shares. Such was the ordinance of My Forerunner, He Who	الجيم عدد القاف والفاء كذلك حكم مبشري
	extolleth My Name in the night season and at the	الذي يذكرني في الليالي والأسحار ا إنّا
	break of day. When We heard the clamour of the	لمّا سمعنا ضجيج الذريات في الأصلاب
	children as yet unborn, We doubled their share and decreased those of the rest. He, of a truth, hath	ريا ضعف ما لهم ونقصنا عن الأخرى
	power to ordain whatsoever He desireth, and He	إنه لهو المقتدر على ما يشاء يفعل
	doeth as He pleaseth by virtue of His sovereign	
0.4	might.	بسلطانه كيف أراد الله
21	Should the deceased leave no offspring, their share shall revert to the House of Justice, to be	من مات ولم يكن له ذرية ترجع حقوقهم
	expended by the Trustees of the All-Merciful on	إلى بيت العدل ليصرفوها أمناء الرحمن في
	the orphaned and widowed, and on whatsoever will bring benefit to the generality of the people,	الأيتام والأرامل وما ينتفع به جمهور الناس
	that all may give thanks unto their Lord, the All-	ليشكروا ربّهم العزيز الغفّار ١
22	Gracious, the Pardoner.	
22	Should the deceased leave offspring, but none of the other categories of heirs that have been	والذي له ذرية ولم يكن ما دونها عما حُدّد
	specified in the Book, they shall receive two thirds	في الكتاب يرجع الثلثان مما تركه إلى
	of the inheritance and the remaining third shall revert to the House of Justice. Such is the	الذرية والثلث إلى بيت العدل كذلك حَكم
	command which hath been given, in majesty and	الغنيّ المتعال بالعظمة والإجلال *
	glory, by Him Who is the All-Possessing, the	العدي المنعال بالعظمة والإجارات

	Most High.	
23	If the deceased should leave none of the specified heirs, but have among his relatives nephews and nieces, whether on his brother's or his sister's side, two thirds of the inheritance shall pass to them; or, lacking these, to his uncles and aunts on both his father's and his mother's side, and after them to their sons and daughters. The remaining third of the inheritance shall, in any case, revert to the Seat of Justice. Thus hath it been laid down in the Book by Him Who ruleth over all men.	والذي لم يكن له من يرثه وكان له ذو القربى من أبناء الأخ والأخت وبناتهما فلهم الثاثان وإلا للأعمام والأخوال والعمات والخالات ومن بعدهم وبعدهن لأبنائهم وأبنائهن وبناتهم وبناتهن والثلث يرجع إلى مقر العدل أمراً في الكتاب من لدى الله مالك الرقاب
24	Should the deceased be survived by none of those whose names have been recorded by the Pen of the Most High, his estate shall, in its entirety, revert to the aforementioned Seat that it may be expended on that which is prescribed by God. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omnipotent.	من مات ولم يكن له أحد من الذين نزّلت أسمائهم من القلم الأعلى ترجع الأموال كلّها إلى المقرّ المذكور لتُصرَف فيما أمر الله به إنه لهو المقتدر الأمّار *
25	We have assigned the residence and personal clothing of the deceased to the male, not female, offspring, nor to the other heirs. He, verily, is the Munificent, the All-Bountiful.	وجعلنا الدار المسكونة والألبسة المخصوصة للذرية من الذُكْران دون الإناث والورّاث إنه لهو المعطي الفيّاض *
26	Should the son of the deceased have passed away in the days of his father and have left children, they will inherit their father's share, as prescribed in the Book of God. Divide ye their share amongst them with perfect justice. Thus have the billows of the Ocean of Utterance surged, casting forth the pearls of the laws decreed by the Lord of all mankind.	إن الذي مات في أيام والده وله ذرية أولئك يرثون ما لأبيهم في كتاب الله اقسموا بينهم بالعدل الخالص كذلك ماج بحر الكلام وقذف لئالىء الأحكام من لدن مالك الأنام \$\times\$
27	If the deceased should leave children who are under age, their share of the inheritance must be entrusted to a reliable individual, or to a company, that it may be invested on their behalf in trade and business until they come of age. The trustee should be assigned a due share of the profit that hath accrued to it from being thus employed.	والذي ترك ذرية ضعافاً سلّموا ما لهم إلى أمين ليتّجر لهم إلى أن يبلغوا رشدهم أو إلى محلّ الشراكة ثم عيّنوا للأمين حقاً مما حصل من التجارة والاقتراف *
28	Division of the estate should take place only after the Huqúqu'lláh hath been paid, any debts have been settled, the expenses of the funeral and burial defrayed, and such provision made that the deceased may be carried to his resting-place with dignity and honour. Thus hath it been ordained by Him Who is Lord of the beginning and the end.	كل ذلك بعد أداء حقّ الله والديون لو تكون عليه وتجهيز الأسباب للكفن والدفن وحمل الميت بالعزّة والاعتزاز كذلك حكم مالك المبدء والمئاب
29	Say: This is that hidden knowledge which shall never change, since its beginning is with nine, the symbol that betokeneth the concealed and	قل هذا لهو العلم المكنون الذي لن يتغير لأنه بدء بالطاء المدلّة على الاسم

	manifest, the inviolable and unapproachably exalted Name. As for what We have appropriated to the children, this is a bounty conferred on them by God, that they may render thanks unto their Lord, the Compassionate, the Merciful. These, verily, are the Laws of God; transgress them not at the prompting of your base and selfish desires. Observe ye the injunctions laid upon you by Him Who is the Dawning-place of Utterance. The sincere among His servants will regard the precepts set forth by God as the Water of Life to the followers of every faith, and the Lamp of wisdom and loving providence to all the denizens of earth and heaven.	المخزون الظاهر الممتنع المنبع وما خصّصناه للذريات هذا من فضل الله عليهم ليشكروا ربهم الرحمن الرحيم تلك حدود الله لا تعتدوها بأهواء أنفسكم اتبعوا ما أمرتم به من مطلع البيان المخلصون يرون حدود الله ماء الحيوان لأهل الأديان ومصباح الحكمة والفلاح لمن في الأرضين والسموات **
30	The Lord hath ordained that in every city a House of Justice be established wherein shall gather counsellors to the number of Bahá, and should it exceed this number it doth not matter. They should consider themselves as entering the Court of the presence of God, the Exalted, the Most High, and as beholding Him Who is the Unseen. It behoveth them to be the trusted ones of the Merciful among men and to regard themselves as the guardians appointed of God for all that dwell on earth. It is incumbent upon them to take counsel together and to have regard for the interests of the servants of God, for His sake, even as they regard their own interests, and to choose that which is meet and seemly. Thus hath the Lord your God commanded you. Beware lest ye put away that which is clearly revealed in His Tablet. Fear God, O ye that perceive.	قد كتب الله على كل مدينة أن يجعلوا فيها بيت العدل ويجتمع فيه النّفوس على عدد البهاء وإن ازداد لا بأس ويُروْنَ كأنهم يدخلون محضر الله العليّ الأعلى ويرَوْن من لا يُرى وينبغي لهم أن يكونوا أمناء الرحمن بين الإمكان ووكلاء الله لمن على الأرض كلّها ويشاوروا في مصالح العباد لوجه الله كما يشاورون في أمورهم ويختاروا ما هو المختار كذلك حكم ربّكم العزيز الغفّار * إياكم أن تدعوا ما هو المنصوص في اللوح اتّقوا الله يا أولي الأنظار *
31	O people of the world! Build ye houses of worship throughout the lands in the name of Him Who is the Lord of all religions. Make them as perfect as is possible in the world of being, and adorn them with that which befitteth them, not with images and effigies. Then, with radiance and joy, celebrate therein the praise of your Lord, the Most Compassionate. Verily, by His remembrance the eye is cheered and the heart is filled with light.	يا ملأ الإنشاء عمروا بيوتا بأكمل ما يمكن في الإمكان باسم مالك الأديان في البلدان وزيّنوها بما ينبغي لها لا بالصّور والأمثال ثم اذكروا فيها ربّكم الرحمن بالرَّوْح والرّيحان ألا بذكره تستنير الصدور وتَقَرُ الأبصار **
32	The Lord hath ordained that those of you who are able shall make pilgrimage to the sacred House, and from this He hath exempted women as a mercy on His part. He, of a truth, is the All-Bountiful, the Most Generous.	قد حكم الله لمن استطاع منكم حجّ البيت دون النساء عفا الله عنهن رحمة من عنده إنه لهو المعطي الوهاب
33	O people of Bahá! It is incumbent upon each one of you to engage in some occupationsuch as a craft, a trade or the like. We have exalted your	يا أهل البهاء قد وجب على كل واحد منكم الاشتغال بأمر من الأمور من الصّنائع

engagement in such work to the rank of worship والاقتراف وأمثالها وجعلنا اشتغالكم بها نفس of the one true God. Reflect, O people, on the العبادة لله الحقّ تفكّروا يا قوم في رحمة الله grace and blessings of your Lord, and yield Him thanks at eventide and dawn. Waste not your وألطافه ثم اشكروه في العشي والإشراق ا hours in idleness and sloth, but occupy yourselves لا تضيّعوا أوقاتكم بالبطالة والكسالة with what will profit you and others. Thus hath it واشتغلوا بما ينتفع به أنفسكم وأنفس غيركم been decreed in this Tablet from whose horizon hath shone the day-star of wisdom and utterance. كذلك قضى الأمر في هذا اللوح الذي The most despised of men in the sight of God are لاحت من أفقه شمس الحكمة والتبيان الله they who sit and beg. Hold ye fast unto the cord of means and place your trust in God, the Provider of أبغض الناس عند الله من يقعد ويطلب all means. تمسّكوا بحبل الأسباب متوكلين على الله مسبّب الأسباب * 34 The kissing of hands hath been forbidden in the قد حُرّم عليكم تقبيل الأيادي في الكتاب Book. This practice is prohibited by God, the Lord هذا ما نهيتم عنه من لدن ربّكم العزيز of glory and command. To none is it permitted to seek absolution from another soul; let repentance الحكّام الله للم المحد أن يستغفر عند أحد be between yourselves and God. He, verily, is the توبوا إلى الله تلقاء أنفسكم إنه لهو الغافر Pardoner, the Bounteous, the Gracious, the One Who absolveth the repentant. المعطى العزيز التّواب ١ 35 O ye servants of the Merciful One! Arise to serve يا عباد الرحمن قوموا على خدمة الأمر the Cause of God, in such wise that the cares and على شأن لا تأخذكم الأحزان من الذين sorrows caused by them that have disbelieved in the Dayspring of the Signs of God may not afflict كفروا بمطلع الآيات الله لمّا جاء الوعد you. At the time when the Promise was fulfilled and the Promised One made manifest, differences وظهر الموعود اختلف الناس وتمسك كل have appeared amongst the kindreds of the earth حزب بما عنده من الظنون والأوهام # and each people hath followed its own fancy and idle imaginings. 36 Amongst the people is he who seateth himself من الناس من يقعد صفّ النّعال طلباً amid the sandals by the door whilst coveting in his لصدر الجلال قل من أنت يا أيها الغافل heart the seat of honour. Say: What manner of man art thou, O vain and heedless one, who الغرّار الله ومنهم من يدّعي الباطن وباطن wouldst appear as other than thou art? And among الباطن قل يا أيها الكذّاب تالله ما عندك the people is he who layeth claim to inner إنه من القشور تركناها لكم كما تُترك knowledge, and still deeper knowledge concealed within this knowledge. Say: Thou speakest false! العظام للكلاب الله الحقّ لو يغسل أحد By God! What thou dost possess is naught but أرجل العالم ويعبد الله على الأدغال husks which We have left to thee as bones are left to dogs. By the righteousness of the one true God! والشواجن والجبال والقنان والشناخيب وعند Were anyone to wash the feet of all mankind, and كل حجر وشجر ومَدر ولا يتضوع منه were he to worship God in the forests, valleys, and عَرْف رضائي لن يقبل أبداً هذا ما حكم mountains, upon high hills and lofty peaks, to leave no rock or tree, no clod of earth, but was a به مولى الأنام الله كم من عبد اعتزل في witness to his worship--yet, should the fragrance of My good pleasure not be inhaled from him, his

works would never be acceptable unto God. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the Lord of all. How many a man hath secluded himself in the climes of India, denied himself the things that God hath decreed as lawful, imposed upon himself austerities and mortifications, and hath not been remembered by God, the Revealer of Verses. Make not your deeds as snares wherewith to entrap the object of your aspiration, and deprive not yourselves of this Ultimate Objective for which have ever yearned all such as have drawn nigh unto God. Say: The very life of all deeds is My good pleasure, and all things depend upon Mine acceptance. Read ye the Tablets that ye may know what hath been purposed in the Books of God, the All-Glorious, the Ever-Bounteous. He who attaineth to My love hath title to a throne of gold, to sit thereon in honour over all the world; he who is deprived thereof, though he sit upon the dust, that dust would seek refuge with God, the Lord of all Religions.

جزائر الهند ومنع عن نفسه ما أحلّه الله له وحمل الرياضات والمشقّات ولم يُذكر عند الله منزل الآيات لا تجعلوا الأعمال شرك الآمال ولا تحرموا أنفسكم عن هذا المئال الذي كان أمل المقرّبين في أزل الآزال له قل روح الأعمال هو رضائي وعلّق كل شيء بقبولي اقرئوا الألواح لتعرفوا ما هو المقصود في كتب الله العزيز الوهاب له من فاز بحبّي حقّ له أن يقعد على سرير العقيان في صدر الإمكان والذي منع عنه لو يقعد على التراب إنه والذي منه إلى الله مالك الأديان له

37 Whoso layeth claim to a Revelation direct from God, ere the expiration of a full thousand years, such a man is assuredly a lying impostor. We pray God that He may graciously assist him to retract and repudiate such claim. Should he repent, God will, no doubt, forgive him. If, however, he persisteth in his error, God will, assuredly, send down one who will deal mercilessly with him. Terrible, indeed, is God in punishing! Whosoever interpreteth this verse otherwise than its obvious meaning is deprived of the Spirit of God and of His mercy which encompasseth all created things. Fear God, and follow not your idle fancies. Nay, rather, follow the bidding of your Lord, the Almighty, the All-Wise. Erelong shall clamorous voices be raised in most lands. Shun them, O My people, and follow not the iniquitous and evilhearted. This is that of which We gave you forewarning when We were dwelling in `Iráq, then later while in the Land of Mystery, and now from this Resplendent Spot.

من يدّعي أمراً قبل إتمام ألف سنة كاملة إنه كذاب مفترٍ نسئل الله بأن يؤيده على الرجوع إن تاب إنه هو التواب وإن أصر على ما قال يبعث عليه من لا يرحمه إنه شديد العقاب من يُأوِّل هذه الآية أو يفسرها بغير ما نزّل في الظاهر إنه محروم من روح الله ورحمته التي سبقت العالمين خافوا الله ولا تتبعوا ما عندكم من الأوهام اتبعوا ما يأمركم به ربّكم العزيز الحكيم سوف يرتفع النّعاق من أكثر البلدان اجتنبوا يا قوم ولا تتبعوا كل فاجر لئيم هذا ما أخبرناكم به إذ كنا في العراق وفي أرض السرّ وفي هذا المنظر المنير *

Be not dismayed, O peoples of the world, when the day-star of My beauty is set, and the heaven of My tabernacle is concealed from your eyes.

Arise to further My Cause, and to exalt My

يا أهل الأرض إذا غربت شمس جمالي وسترت سماء هيكلي لا تضطربوا قوموا على نصرة أمري وارتفاع كلمتي بين Word amongst men. We are with you at all times, and shall strengthen you through the power of truth. We are truly almighty. Whoso hath recognized Me will arise and serve Me with such determination that the powers of earth and heaven shall be unable to defeat his purpose.

The peoples of the world are fast asleep. Were 39 they to wake from their slumber, they would hasten with eagerness unto God, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. They would cast away everything they possess, be it all the treasures of the earth, that their Lord may remember them to the extent of addressing to them but one word. Such is the instruction given you by Him Who holdeth the knowledge of things hidden, in a Tablet which the eye of creation hath not seen, and which is revealed to none except His own Self, the omnipotent Protector of all worlds. So bewildered are they in the drunkenness of their evil desires, that they are powerless to recognize the Lord of all being. Whose voice calleth aloud from every direction: "There is none other God but Me, the Mighty, the All-Wise."

إنّ الناس نيام لو انتبهوا سَرُعوا بالقلوب إلى الله العليم الحكيم وبننوا ما عندهم ولو كان كنوز الدنيا كلّها ليذكرهم مولاهم بكلمة من عنده كذلك ينبّئكم من عندَه علم الغيب في لوح ما ظهر في الإمكان وما اطلع به إلا نفسه المهيمنة على العالمين قد أخذهم سكر الهوى على شأن لا يرَوْن مولى الورى الذي ارتفع ندائه من كل الجهات لا إله إلا أنا العزيز الحكيم **

40 Say: Rejoice not in the things ye possess; tonight they are yours, tomorrow others will possess them. Thus warneth you He Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. Say: Can ye claim that what ye own is lasting or secure? Nay! By Myself, the All-Merciful, ye cannot, if ye be of them who judge fairly. The days of your life flee away as a breath of wind, and all your pomp and glory shall be folded up as were the pomp and glory of those gone before you. Reflect, O people! What hath become of your bygone days, your lost centuries? Happy the days that have been consecrated to the remembrance of God, and blessed the hours which have been spent in praise of Him Who is the All-Wise. By My life! Neither the pomp of the mighty, nor the wealth of the rich, nor even the ascendancy of the ungodly will endure. All will perish, at a word from Him. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. What advantage is there in the earthly things which men possess? That which shall profit them, they have utterly neglected. Erelong, they will awake from their slumber, and find themselves unable to obtain that which hath escaped them in the days of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Did they but know it, they would renounce their all, that their names

قل لا تفرحوا بما ملكتموه في العشيّ وفي الإشراق يملكه غيركم كذلك يخبركم العليم الخبير الله قل هل رأيتم لما عندكم من قرار أو وفاء لا ونفسى الرحمن لو أنتم من المنصفين الله تمرّ أيام حيوتكم كما تمرّ الأرباح ويطوى بساط عزكم كما طوي بساط الأولين الله تفكّروا يا قوم أين أيامكم الماضية وأين أعصاركم الخالية طوبي لأيام مضت بذكر الله ولأوقات صرفت في ذكره الحكيم الله ولأوقات صرفت في لعمري لا تبقى عزّة الأعزّاء ولا زخارف الأغنياء ولا شوكة الأشقياء سيفنى الكل بكلمة من عنده إنه لهو المقتدر العزيز القدير الله لا ينفع الناس ما عندهم من الأثاث وما ينفعهم غَفَلوا عنه سوف ينتبهون ولا يجدون ما فات عنهم في أيام ربهم العزيز الحميد الله لو يعرفون ينفقون ما عندهم لتُذكر أسمائهم لدى العرش ألا إنهم

	may be mentioned before His throne. They, verily, are accounted among the dead.	من الميّتين ۞
41	Amongst the people is he whose learning hath	من الناس من غرّته العلوم وبها منع عن
	made him proud, and who hath been debarred	اسمى القيوم وإذا سمع صوت النّعال عن
	thereby from recognizing My Name, the Self-Subsisting; who, when he heareth the tread of	_ , , ,
	sandals following behind him, waxeth greater in	خلفه یری نفسه أكبر من نمرود قل أین
	his own esteem than Nimrod. Say: O rejected one!	هو يا أيها المردود تالله إنه لفي أسفل
	Where now is his abode? By God, it is the	الجحيم الله قل يا معشر العلماء أما
	nethermost fire. Say: O concourse of divines!	'
	Hear ye not the shrill voice of My Most Exalted Pen? See ye not this Sun that shineth in refulgent	تسمعون صرير قلمي الأعلى وأما ترون
	splendour above the All-Glorious Horizon? For	هذه الشمس المشرقة من الأفق الأبهى إلى
	how long will ye worship the idols of your evil	م اعتكفتم على أصنام أهوائكم دعوا
	passions? Forsake your vain imaginings, and turn yourselves unto God, your Everlasting Lord.	الأوهام وتوجّهوا إلى الله مولاكم القديم ۞
42	Endowments dedicated to charity revert to God,	قد رجعت الأوقاف المختصّة للخيرات إلى الله
	the Revealer of Signs. None hath the right to	
	dispose of them without leave from Him Who is	مُظهِر الآيات ليس لأحد أن يتصرّف فيها إلا
	the Dawning-place of Revelation. After Him, this	بعد إذن مطلع الوحي ومن بعده يرجع الحكم
	authority shall pass to the Aghsán, and after them to the House of Justiceshould it be established in	إلى الأغصان ومن بعدهم إلى بيت العدل إن
	the world by thenthat they may use these	تحقّق أمره في البلاد ليصرفوها في البقاع
	endowments for the benefit of the Places which	المرتفعة في هذا الأمر وفيما أُمروا به من لدن
	have been exalted in this Cause, and for	
	whatsoever hath been enjoined upon them by Him	مقتدر قدير ﴿ وَإِلَّا تَرْجُعُ إِلَى أَهُلَ الْبُهَاءُ الَّذِينَ
	Who is the God of might and power. Otherwise, the endowments shall revert to the people of Bahá	لا يتكلّمون إلا بعد إننه ولا يحكمون إلا بما
	who speak not except by His leave and judge not	حكم الله في هذا اللوح أولئك أولياء النصر بين
	save in accordance with what God hath decreed in	السّموات والأرضين ۞ ليصرفوها فيما حدّد في
	this Tabletlo, they are the champions of victory	*
	betwixt heaven and earththat they may use them	الكتاب من لدن عزيز كريم **
	in the manner that hath been laid down in the	
	Book by God, the Mighty, the Bountiful.	
43	Lament not in your hours of trial, neither rejoice therein; seek ye the Middle Way which is the	لا تجزعوا في المصائب ولا تفرحوا ابتغوا
	remembrance of Me in your afflictions and	أمراً بين الأمرين هو التّذكر في تلك الحالة
	reflection over that which may befall you in	والتّنبّه على ما يرد عليكم في العاقبة كذلك
	future. Thus informeth you He Who is the	•
	Omniscient, He Who is aware.	ينبّئكم العليم الخبير *
44	Shave not your heads; God hath adorned them	لا تحلقوا رؤسكم قد زيّنها الله بالشعر وفي
	with hair, and in this there are signs from the Lord of creation to those who reflect upon the	ذلك لآيات لمن ينظر إلى مقتضيات
	requirements of nature. He, verily, is the God of	الطبيعة من لدن مالك البريّة إنه لهو العزيز
	strength and wisdom. Notwithstanding, it is not seemly to let the hair pass beyond the limit of the	الحكيم الله ولا ينبغي أن يتجاوز عن حدّ
	ears. Thus hath it been decreed by Him Who is the	•
	The second secon	الأذان هذا ما حكم به مولى العالمين *

Lord of all worlds. 45 Exile and imprisonment are decreed for the thief, قد كتب على السارق النفي والحبس وفي and, on the third offence, place ye a mark upon his الثالث فاجعلوا في جبينه علامة يعرف بها brow so that, thus identified, he may not be accepted in the cities of God and His countries. لئلا تقبله مدن الله ودياره إياكم أن تأخذكم Beware lest, through compassion, ye neglect to carry out the statutes of the religion of God; do الرأفة في دين الله اعملوا ما أمرتم به من that which hath been bidden you by Him Who is لدن مشفق رحيم انا ربّيناكم بسياط compassionate and merciful. We school you with the rod of wisdom and laws, like unto the father الحكمة والأحكام حفظاً لأنفسكم وارتفاعاً who educateth his son, and this for naught but the لمقاماتكم كما يربي الآباء أبنائهم لعمري protection of your own selves and the elevation of your stations. By My life, were ye to discover لو تعرفون ما أردناه لكم من أوامرنا what We have desired for you in revealing Our المقدّسة لتفدون أرواحكم لهذا الأمر holy laws, ye would offer up your very souls for this sacred, this mighty, and most exalted Faith. المقدس العزيز المنيع ا 46 Whoso wisheth to make use of vessels of silver من أراد أن يستعمل أواني الذهب والفضية لا and gold is at liberty to do so. Take heed lest, بأس عليه إياكم أن تتغمس أياديكم في when partaking of food, ye plunge your hands into الصّحاف والصّحان خنوا ما يكون أقرب إلى the contents of bowls and platters. Adopt ye such اللطافة إنه أراد أن يراكم على آداب أهل usages as are most in keeping with refinement. He, verily, desireth to see in you the manners of الرضوان في ملكوته الممتنع المنيع الله تمسّكوا the inmates of Paradise in His mighty and most باللطافة في كل الأحوال لئلا تقع العيون على sublime Kingdom. Hold ye fast unto refinement under all conditions, that your eyes may be ما تكرهه أنفسكم وأهل الفردوس والذي تجاوز preserved from beholding what is repugnant both عنها يُحبَط عمله في الحين الله وإن كان له to your own selves and to the dwellers of عذر يعفو الله عنه إنه لهو العزيز الكريم الله Paradise. Should anyone depart therefrom, his deed shall at that moment be rendered vain; yet should he have good reason, God will excuse him. He, in truth, is the Gracious, the Most Bountiful. He Who is the Dawning-place of God's Cause ليس لمطلع الأمر شربك في العصمة hath no partner in the Most Great Infallibility. He الكبرى إنه لمظهر يفعل ما يشاء في it is Who, in the kingdom of creation, is the ملكوت الإنشاء قد خصّ الله هذا المقام Manifestation of "He doeth whatsoever He willeth". God hath reserved this distinction unto لنفسه وما قُدِّر لأحد نصيب من هذا His own Self, and ordained for none a share in so الشأن العظيم المنيع الله قد أمر الله قد sublime and transcendent a station. This is the Decree of God, concealed ere now within the veil كان مستوراً في حجب الغيب أظهرناه في of impenetrable mystery. We have disclosed it in هذا الظهور وبه خرقنا حجاب الذين ما this Revelation, and have thereby rent asunder the veils of such as have failed to recognize that عرفوا حكم الكتاب وكانوا من الغافلين الله which the Book of God set forth and who were

	numbered with the heedless.	
48	Unto every father hath been enjoined the	كتب على كل أب تربية ابنه وبنته بالعلم
	instruction of his son and daughter in the art of	
	reading and writing and in all that hath been laid	والخطِّ ودونهما عما حدّد في اللوح والذي ترك
	down in the Holy Tablet. He that putteth away	ما أمر به فللأمناء أن يأخذوا منه ما يكون
	that which is commanded unto him, the Trustees	
	are then to take from him that which is required	لازماً لتربيتهما إن كان غنيّاً وإلا يرجع إلى
	for their instruction if he be wealthy and, if not,	بيت العدل إنّا جعلناه مأوى الفقراء
	the matter devolveth upon the House of Justice.	والمساكين ﴿ إِن الذي ربِّي ابنه أو ابناً من
	Verily have We made it a shelter for the poor and	•
	needy. He that bringeth up his son or the son of	الأبناء كأنه ربّى أحد أبنائي عليه بهائي
	another, it is as though he hath brought up a son of	وعنايتي ورحمتي التي سبقت العالمين ۞
	Mine; upon him rest My glory, My loving-	
	kindness, My mercy, that have compassed the	
	world.	
49	God hath imposed a fine on every adulterer and	قد حكم الله لكل زان وزانية دية مسلمة إلى
	adulteress, to be paid to the House of Justice: nine mithqáls of gold, to be doubled if they should	بيت العدل وهي تسعة مثاقيل من الذهب وإن
	repeat the offence. Such is the penalty which He	* *
	Who is the Lord of Names hath assigned them in	عادا مرّة أخرى عودوا بضعف الجزاء هذا ما
	this world; and in the world to come He hath	حكم به مالك الأسماء في الأولى وفي
	ordained for them a humiliating torment. Should	الأخرى قدر لهما عذاب مهين ﴿ من ابتلى
	anyone be afflicted by a sin, it behoveth him to	
	repent thereof and return unto his Lord. He, verily, granteth forgiveness unto whomsoever He willeth,	بمعصية فله أن يتوب ويرجع إلى الله إنه
	and none may question that which it pleaseth Him	يغفر لمن يشاء ولا يسئل عما شاء إنه لهو
	to ordain. He is, in truth, the Ever-Forgiving, the	التوّاب العزيز الحميد *
	Almighty, the All-Praised.	. 32 .3
50	Beware lest ye be hindered by the veils of glory	إياكم أن تمنعكم سبحات الجلال عن زلال
	from partaking of the crystal waters of this living Fountain. Seize ye the chalice of salvation at this	هذا السّلسال خُذوا أقداح الفلاح في هذا
	dawntide in the name of Him Who causeth the day	الصباح باسم فالق الإصباح ثم اشربوا بذكره
	to break, and drink your fill in praise of Him Who	
	is the All-Glorious, the Incomparable.	العزيز البديع*
51	We have made it lawful for you to listen to music	إنّا حلّلنا لكم إصغاء الأصوات والنّغمات
	and singing. Take heed, however, lest listening	إياكم أن يخرجكم الإصغاء عن شأن
	thereto should cause you to overstep the bounds of propriety and dignity. Let your joy be the joy	الأدب والوقار افرحوا بفرح اسمى الأعظم
	born of My Most Great Name, a Name that	الذي به تولّهت الأفئدة وانجذبت عقول
	bringeth rapture to the heart, and filleth with	*
	ecstasy the minds of all who have drawn nigh	المقرّبين ﴿ إِنَّا جِعَلْنَاهُ مَرِقَاةً لَعْرُوجِ
	unto God. We, verily, have made music as a	الأرواح إلى الأفق الأعلى لا تجعلوه
	ladder for your souls, a means whereby they may	جناح النفس والهوى إنّي أعوذ أن تكونوا
	be lifted up unto the realm on high; make it not,	من الجاهلين *
	therefore, as wings to self and passion. Truly, We	المل الب سيل الله
	are loath to see you numbered with the foolish.	

52	We have decreed that a third part of all fines shall go to the Seat of Justice, and We admonish its men to observe pure justice, that they may expend what is thus accumulated for such purposes as have been enjoined upon them by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. O ye Men of Justice! Be ye, in the realm of God, shepherds unto His sheep and guard them from the ravening wolves that have appeared in disguise, even as ye would guard your own sons. Thus exhorteth you the Counsellor, the Faithful.	قد أرجعنا ثلث الديات كلّها إلى مقرّ العدل ونوصي رجاله بالعدل الخالص ليصرفوا ما اجتمع عندهم فيما أمروا به من لدن عليم حكيم الله عليم حكيم العدل كونوا رعاة أغنام الله في مملكته واحفظوهم عن الذئاب الذين ظهروا بالأثواب كما تحفظون أبنائكم كذلك ينصحكم النّاصح الأمين الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الل
53	Should differences arise amongst you over any matter, refer it to God while the Sun still shineth above the horizon of this Heaven and, when it hath set, refer ye to whatsoever hath been sent down by Him. This, verily, is sufficient unto the peoples of the world. Say: Let not your hearts be perturbed, O people, when the glory of My Presence is withdrawn, and the ocean of My utterance is stilled. In My presence amongst you there is a wisdom, and in My absence there is yet another, inscrutable to all but God, the Incomparable, the All-Knowing. Verily, We behold you from Our realm of glory, and shall aid whosoever will arise for the triumph of Our Cause with the hosts of the Concourse on high and a company of Our favoured angels.	إذا اختلفتم في أمر فأرجعوه إلى الله ما دامت الشمس مشرقة من أفق هذه السماء وإذا غربت ارجَعُوا إلى ما نزّل من عنده إنه ليكفي العالمين الله قل يا قوم لا يأخذكم الاضطراب إذا غاب ملكوت ظهوري وسكنت أمواج بحر بياني إنّ في ظهوري لحكمة وفي غيبتي حكمة أخرى ما اطلع بها إلا الله الفرد الخبير الله ونراكم من أفقي الأبهى وننصر من قام على نصرة أمري بجنود من الملأ الأعلى وقبيل من الملائكة المقرّبين الله المقرّبين الهري الملائكة المؤرّبين الهري المري الملائكة المؤرّبين الهري الملائكة المؤرّبين الهري المؤرّبين الهري المؤرّبين المؤرّبين الهري المؤرّبين المؤرّبين الهري المؤرّبين الهري المؤرّبين الهري المؤرّبين المؤرّبي المؤرّبين المؤرّبين المؤرّبين المؤرّبين المؤرّبين المؤرّبين المؤرّبين المؤرّبين المؤرّب
54	O peoples of the earth! God, the Eternal Truth, is My witness that streams of fresh and soft-flowing waters have gushed from the rocks through the sweetness of the words uttered by your Lord, the Unconstrained; and still ye slumber. Cast away that which ye possess, and, on the wings of detachment, soar beyond all created things. Thus biddeth you the Lord of creation, the movement of Whose Pen hath revolutionized the soul of mankind.	يا ملأ الأرض تالله الحقّ قد انفجرت من الأحجار الأنهار العذبة السائغة بما أخذتها حلاوة بيان ربّكم المختار وأنتم من الغافلين الله دعوا ما عندكم ثم طيروا بقوادم الانقطاع فوق الإبداع كذلك يأمركم مالك الاختراع الذي بحركة قلمه قلّب العالمين الله العالمين
55	Know ye from what heights your Lord, the All-Glorious, is calling? Think ye that ye have recognized the Pen wherewith your Lord, the Lord of all names, commandeth you? Nay, by My life! Did ye but know it, ye would renounce the world, and would hasten with your whole hearts to the presence of the Well-Beloved. Your spirits	هل تعرفون من أيّ أفق يناديكم ربّكم الأبهى وهل علمتم من أي قلم يأمركم ربّكم مالك الأسماء لا وعمري لو عرفتم لتركتم الدنيا مقبلين بالقلوب إلى شطر المحبوب

		T
	would be so transported by His Word as to throw into commotion the Greater Worldhow much	وأخذكم اهتزاز الكلمة على شأن يهتر منه
	more this small and petty one! Thus have the	العالم الأكبر وكيف هذا العالم الصغير ١
	showers of My bounty been poured down from the heaven of My loving-kindness, as a token of	كذلك هطلت من سماء عنايتي أمطار
	My grace, that ye may be of the thankful.	مكرمتي فضلا من عندي لتكونوا من
		الشاكرين *
56	The penalties for wounding or striking a person depend upon the severity of the injury; for each	وأما الشّجاج والضّرب تختلف أحكامهما
	degree the Lord of Judgement hath prescribed a	باختلاف مقاديرهما وحكم الدّيان لكلِّ مقدارَ
	certain indemnity. He is, in truth, the Ordainer,	ديَّة معيّنة إنه لهو الحاكم العزيز المنبع الله
	the Mighty, the Most Exalted. We shall, if it be Our Will, set forth these payments in their just	لو نشاء نفصّلها بالحقّ وعداً من عندنا إنه
	degreesthis is a promise on Our part, and He,	لهو الموفى العليم العلم ال
	verily, is the Keeper of His pledge, the Knower of all things.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
57	Verily, it is enjoined upon you to offer a feast,	قد رقم عليكم الضيافة في كل شهر مرة
	once in every month, though only water be served; for God hath purposed to bind hearts	واحدة ولو بالماء إن الله أراد أن يؤلّف بين
	together, albeit through both earthly and heavenly	القلوب ولو بأسباب السّموات والأرضين ١
58	means. Beware lest the desires of the flesh and of a	إياكم أن تفرّقكم شئونات النفس والهوى
	corrupt inclination provoke divisions among you. Be ye as the fingers of one hand, the members of	إيدم ال عربيم سنودك النفس والهوى كونوا كالأصابع في اليد والأركان للبدن
	one body. Thus counselleth you the Pen of Revelation, if ye be of them that believe.	كذلك يعظكم قلم الوحي إن أنتم من
	Revelation, if ye be of them that believe.	الموقنين *
59	Consider the mercy of God and His gifts. He	فانظروا في رحمة الله وألطافه إنه يأمركم
	enjoineth upon you that which shall profit you,	بما ينفعكم بعد إذ كان غنياً عن
	though He Himself can well dispense with all creatures. Your evil doings can never harm Us,	العالمين الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الل
	neither can your good works profit Us. We summon	تنفعنا حسناتكم إنما ندعوكم لوجه الله
	you wholly for the sake of God. To this every man of	يشهد بذلك كل عالم بصير *
60	understanding and insight will testify. If we should hunt with beasts or birds of previous	
00	If ye should hunt with beasts or birds of prey, invoke ye the Name of God when ye send them to	إذا أرسلتم الجوارح إلى الصيد اذكروا الله إذاً
	pursue their quarry; for then whatever they catch	يحلّ ما أمسكن لكم ولو تجدونه ميتاً إنه
	shall be lawful unto you, even should ye find it to have died. He, verily, is the Omniscient, the All-	لهو العليم الخبير ۞ إياكم أن تسرفوا في
	Informed. Take heed, however, that ye hunt not to	ذلك كونوا على صراط العدل والإنصاف
	excess. Tread ye the path of justice and equity in all things. Thus biddeth you He Who is the	في كل الأمور كذلك يأمركم مطلع الظهور
	Dawning-place of Revelation, would that ye might comprehend.	إن أنتم من العارفين ۞
61	God hath bidden you to show forth kindliness	إنّ الله قد أمركم بالمودّة في ذوي القربي
	towards My kindred, but He hath granted them no right to the property of others. He, verily, is self-	وما قدّر لهم حقاً في أموال الناس إنه لهو
	sufficient, above any need of His creatures.	

		الغنيّ عن العالمين ﴿
62	Should anyone intentionally destroy a house by	من أحرق بيتاً متعمداً فاحرقوه ومن قتل نفساً
	fire, him also shall ye burn; should anyone	عامداً فاقتلوه خذوا سنن الله بأيادي القدرة
	deliberately take another's life, him also shall ye put to death. Take ye hold of the precepts of God	
	with all your strength and power, and abandon the	والاقتدار ثم اتركوا سنن الجاهلين الله وإن
	ways of the ignorant. Should ye condemn the	تحكموا لهما حبساً أبدياً لا بأس عليكم في
	arsonist and the murderer to life imprisonment, it	الكتاب إنه لهو الحاكم على ما يربد *
	would be permissible according to the provisions	ا العداب إلى الهو العدام على قد يريد الا
	of the Book. He, verily, hath power to ordain whatsoever He pleaseth.	
63	God hath prescribed matrimony unto you. Beware	
	that ye take not unto yourselves more wives than	قد كتب الله عليكم النّكاح إياكم أن تجاوزوا
	two. Whoso contenteth himself with a single	عن الاثنتين والذي اقتنع بواحدة من الإماء
	partner from among the maidservants of God,	استراحت نفسه ونفسها ومن اتّخذ بكراً
	both he and she shall live in tranquillity. And he	
	who would take into his service a maid may do so with propriety. Such is the ordinance which, in	الخدمته لا بأس عليه كذلك كان الأمر من
	truth and justice, hath been recorded by the Pen of	قلم الوحي بالحقّ مرقوماً ۞ تزوّجوا يا قوم
	Revelation. Enter into wedlock, O people, that ye	ليظهر منكم من يذكرني بين عبادي هذا
	may bring forth one who will make mention of	من أمري عليكم اتّخذوه لأنفسكم معيناً *
	Me amid My servants. This is My bidding unto	من امري عليكم الكدوه لالفسكم معينا **
64	you; hold fast to it as an assistance to yourselves.	
04	O people of the world! Follow not the promptings of the self, for it summoneth insistently to	يا ملاً الإنشاء لا تتبعوا أنفسكم إنها لأمّارة
	wickedness and lust; follow, rather, Him Who is	بالبغى والفحشاء اتبعوا مالك الأشياء الذي
	the Possessor of all created things, Who biddeth	يأمركم بالبرّ والتّقوى إنه كان عن العالمين
	you to show forth piety, and manifest the fear of	· ·
	God. He, verily, is independent of all His	غنيًا الله إياكم أن تفسدوا في الأرض بعد
	creatures. Take heed not to stir up mischief in the land after it hath been set in order. Whoso acteth	إصلاحها ومن أفسد إنه ليس منا ونحن
	in this way is not of Us, and We are quit of him.	برءاء منه كذلك كان الأمر من سماء الوحى
	Such is the command which hath, through the	بالحقّ مشهوداً ﴿
	power of truth, been made manifest from the	ا بالحق مسهودا 🐃
65	heaven of Revelation.	
05	It hath been laid down in the Bayán that marriage is dependent upon the consent of both parties.	إنه قد حدّد في البيان برضاء الطرفين إنّا
	Desiring to establish love, unity and harmony	لمًا أردنا المحبة والوداد واتّحاد العباد لذا
	amidst Our servants, We have conditioned it, once	علَّقناه بإذن الأبوين بعدهما لئلا تقع بينهم
	the couple's wish is known, upon the permission	
	of their parents, lest enmity and rancour should	الضّغينة والبغضاء ولنا فيه مآرب أخرى
	arise amongst them. And in this We have yet other purposes. Thus hath Our commandment	وكذلك كان الأمر مقضيّاً *
	been ordained.	
66	No marriage may be contracted without payment	لا يحقّق الصّهار إلا بالأمهار قد قدّر للمدن
	of a dowry, which hath been fixed for city-	
	dwellers at nineteen mithqáls of pure gold, and for	تسعة عشر مثقالاً من الذهب الإبريز وللقرى
	village-dwellers at the same amount in silver. Whoso wisheth to increase this sum, it is	من الفضية ومن أراد الزّيادة حرّم عليه أن
	Windso wished to mercuse this sum, it is	

forbidden him to exceed the limit of ninety-five mithqáls. Thus hath the command been writ in majesty and power. If he content himself, however, with a payment of the lowest level, it shall be better for him according to the Book. God, verily, enricheth whomsoever He willeth through both heavenly and earthly means, and He, in truth, hath power over all things.

يتجاوز عن خمسة وتسعين مثقالاً كذلك كان الأمر بالعزّ مسطوراً والذي اقتنع بالدرجة الأولى خير له في الكتاب إنه يُغني من يشاء بأسباب السموات والأرض وكان الله على كل شيء قديراً والله على الله على كل شيء قديراً والله على كل شيء والله على كل شيء قديراً والله على كل شيء قديراً والله على كل شيء والله على كل كل شيء والله على كل شيء والله

67 It hath been decreed by God that, should any one of His servants intend to travel, he must fix for his wife a time when he will return home. If he return by the promised time, he will have obeyed the bidding of his Lord and shall be numbered by the Pen of His behest among the righteous; otherwise, if there be good reason for delay, he must inform his wife and make the utmost endeavour to return to her. Should neither of these eventualities occur, it behoveth her to wait for a period of nine months, after which there is no impediment to her taking another husband; but should she wait longer, God, verily, loveth those women and men who show forth patience. Obey ye My commandments, and follow not the ungodly, they who have been reckoned as sinners in God's Holy Tablet. If, during the period of her waiting, word should reach her from her husband, she should choose the course that is praiseworthy. He, of a truth, desireth that His servants and His handmaids should be at peace with one another; take heed lest ye do aught that may provoke intransigence amongst you. Thus hath the decree been fixed and the promise come to pass. If, however, news should reach her of her husband's death or murder, and be confirmed by general report, or by the testimony of two just witnesses, it behoveth her to remain single; then, upon completion of the fixed number of months, she is free to adopt the course of her choosing. Such is the bidding of Him Who is mighty and powerful in His command.

قد كتب الله لكل عبد أراد الخروج من وطنه أن يجعل ميقاتاً لصاحبته في أيّة مدّة أراد إن أتى وَوَفَى بالوعد إنه اتبع أمر مولاه وكان من المحسنين من قلم الأمر مكتوباً الله والا إن اعتذر بعذر حقيقي فله أن يخبر قربنته ويكون في غاية الجهد للرجوع إليها وإن فات الأمران فلها تربّص تسعة أشهر معدودات وبعد إكمالها لا بأس عليها في اختيار الزوج وان صبرت إنه يحب الصابرات والصابرين اعملوا أوامري ولا تتبعوا كل مشرك كان في اللوح أثيماً * وإن أتى الخبر حين تربِّصها لها أن تأخذ المعروف إنه أراد الإصلاح بين العباد والإماء إياكم أن ترتكبوا ما يَحدُثُ به العناد بينكم كذلك قضى الأمر وكان الوعد مأتياً الله وإن أتاها خبر الموت أو القتل وثبت بالشّياع أو بالعدلين لها أن تلبث في البيت إذا مضت أشهر معدودات لها الاختيار فيما تختار هذا ما حكم به من كان على الأمر قوياً الله

Should resentment or antipathy arise between husband and wife, he is not to divorce her but to bide in patience throughout the course of one whole year, that perchance the fragrance of affection may be renewed between them. If, upon the completion of this period, their love hath not returned, it is permissible for divorce to take place. God's wisdom, verily, hath encompassed all things. The Lord hath prohibited, in a Tablet inscribed by the Pen of His command, the practice

وإن حدث بينهما كدورة أو كره ليس له أن يطلقها وله أن يصبر سنة كاملة لعل تسطع بينهما رائحة المحبة وإن كَمُلَت وما فاحت فلا بأس في الطّلاق إنه كان على كل شيء حكيماً * قد نهاكم الله عما عملتم بعد طلقات ثلاث فضلاً من عنده لتكونوا من

	to which ye formerly had recourse when thrice ye	الشاكرين في لوح كان من قلم الأمر
	had divorced a woman. This He hath done as a favour on His part, that ye may be accounted	مسطوراً الله والذي طلق له الاختيار في
	among the thankful. He who hath divorced his	الرجوع بعد انقضاء كل شهر بالمودة
	wife may choose, upon the passing of each month,	
	to remarry her when there is mutual affection and	والرضاء ما لم تستحصن وإذا استحصنت
	consent, so long as she hath not taken another husband. Should she have wed again, then, by this	تحقّق الفصل بوصل آخر وقضي الأمر إلا
	other union, the separation is confirmed and the	
	matter is concluded unless, clearly, her	بعد أمر مبين كذلك كان الأمر من مطلع
	circumstances change. Thus hath the decree been	الجمال في لوح الجلال بالإجلال مرقوماً *
	inscribed with majesty in this glorious Tablet by	
69	Him Who is the Dawning-place of Beauty. If the wife accompany her husband on a journey,	1
03	and differences arise between them on the way, he	والذي سافر وسافرت معه ثم حدث بينهما
	is required to provide her with her expenses for	الاختلاف فله أن يؤتيها نفقة سنة كاملة
	one whole year, and either to return her whence	
	she came or to entrust her, together with the	ويرجعها إلى المقرّ الذي خرجت عنه أو
	necessaries for her journey, to a dependable	يسلّمها بيد أمين وما تحتاج به في السّبيل
	person who is to escort her home. Thy Lord,	ليبلّغها إلى محلّها إن ربك يحكم كيف يشاء
	verily, ordaineth as He pleaseth, by virtue of a sovereignty that overshadoweth the peoples of the	بسلطان كان على العالمين محيطاً ١
	earth.	بسلطان کان علی العالمین مخیطا 🐃
70	Should a woman be divorced in consequence of a	والتي طلّقت بما ثبت عليها منكر لا نفقة
	proven act of infidelity, she shall receive no	•
	maintenance during her period of waiting. Thus	لها أيام تربّصها كذلك كان نيّر الأمر من
	hath the day-star of Our commandment shone	أفق العدل مشهوداً ﴿ إِن الله أحب الوصل
	forth resplendent from the firmament of justice. Truly, the Lord loveth union and harmony and	والوفاق وأبغض الفصل والطلاق عاشروا
	abhorreth separation and divorce. Live ye one	
	with another, O people, in radiance and joy. By	يا قوم بالرَّوْح والرّيحان لعمري سيفني من
	My life! All that are on earth shall pass away,	في الإمكان وما يبقى هو العمل الطيّب
	while good deeds alone shall endure; to the truth	وكان الله على ما أقول شهيداً الله على عبادي
	of My words God doth Himself bear witness. Compose your differences, O My servants; then	أصلحوا ذات بينكم ثم استمعوا ما ينصحكم
	heed ye the admonition of Our Pen of Glory and	' '
	follow not the arrogant and wayward.	به القلم الأعلى ولا تتّبعوا جبّاراً شقيّاً *
71	Take heed lest the world beguile you as it	إياكم أن تغرّنكم الدنيا كما غرّت قوماً
	beguiled the people who went before you! Observe ye the statutes and precepts of your Lord,	قبلكم اتّبعوا حدود الله وسننه ثم اسلكوا هذا
	and walk ye in this Way which hath been laid out	,
	before you in righteousness and truth. They who	الصراط الذي كان بالحقّ ممدوداً الله إن
	eschew iniquity and error, who adhere to virtue,	الذين نبذوا البغى والغوى واتخذوا التقوى
	are, in the sight of the one true God, among the	ا أولئك من خيرة الخلق لدى الحقّ يذكرهم
	choicest of His creatures; their names are extolled	'
	by the Concourse of the realms above, and by	الملأ الأعلى وأهل هذا المقام الذي كان
	those who dwell in this Tabernacle which hath been raised in the name of God.	باسم الله مرفوعاً ﴿
72	It is forbidden you to trade in slaves, be they men or	,
'-	women. It is not for him who is himself a servant to	قد حُرّم عليكم بيع الإماء والغِلمان ليس
	buy another of God's servants, and this hath been	لعبد أن يشتري عبداً نهياً في لوح الله كذلك
	prohibited in His Holy Tablet. Thus, by His mercy,	

hath the commandment been recorded by the Pen of كان الأمر من قلم العدل بالفضيل justice. Let no man exalt himself above another; all مسطوراً الله وليس لأحد أن يفتخر على أحد are but bondslaves before the Lord, and all exemplify the truth that there is none other God but كل أرقّاء له وأدِلاّء على أنه لا إله إلا هو Him. He, verily, is the All-Wise, Whose wisdom إنه كان على كل شيء حكيماً * encompasseth all things. 73 Adorn yourselves with the raiment of goodly زينوا أنفسكم بطراز الأعمال والذي فاز deeds. He whose deeds attain unto God's good بالعمل في رضاه إنه من أهل البهاء قد كان pleasure is assuredly of the people of Bahá and is لدى العرش مذكوراً انصروا مالك البريّة remembered before His throne. Assist ye the Lord of all creation with works of righteousness, and بالأعمال الحسنة ثم بالحكمة والبيان كذلك also through wisdom and utterance. Thus, indeed, أمرتم في أكثر الألواح من لدى الرحمن إنه have ye been commanded in most of the Tablets كان على ما أقول عليماً الله يعترض أحد by Him Who is the All-Merciful. He, truly, is cognizant of what I say. Let none contend with على أحد ولا يقتل نفس نفساً هذا ما نُهيتم another, and let no soul slay another; this, verily, عنه في كتاب كان في سرادق العزّ is that which was forbidden you in a Book that hath lain concealed within the Tabernacle of مستوراً الله بروح من أحياه الله بروح من glory. What! Would ye kill him whom God hath عنده إن هذا خطأ قد كان لدى العرش quickened, whom He hath endowed with spirit كبيراً اتَّقوا الله ولا تخرّبوا ما بناه الله through a breath from Him? Grievous then would be your trespass before His throne! Fear God, and بأيادي الظلم والطغيان ثم اتّخذوا إلى الحقّ lift not the hand of injustice and oppression to سبيلاً الله الله الله المرفان برايات destroy what He hath Himself raised up; nay, walk ye in the way of God, the True One. No البيان انهزمت قبائل الأديان إلا مَنْ أراد أن sooner did the hosts of true knowledge appear, يشرب كوثر الحيوان في رضوان كان من bearing the standards of Divine utterance, than the tribes of the religions were put to flight, save only نفس السّبحان موجوداً ا those who willed to drink from the stream of everlasting life in a Paradise created by the breath of the All-Glorious. God hath decreed, in token of His mercy unto His creatures, that semen is not unclean. Yield thanks

God hath decreed, in token of His mercy unto His creatures, that semen is not unclean. Yield thanks unto Him with joy and radiance, and follow not such as are remote from the Dawning-place of His nearness. Arise ye, under all conditions, to render service to the Cause, for God will assuredly assist you through the power of His sovereignty which overshadoweth the worlds. Cleave ye unto the cord of refinement with such tenacity as to allow no trace of dirt to be seen upon your garments. Such is the injunction of One Who is sanctified above all refinement. Whoso falleth short of this standard with good reason shall incur no blame. God, verily, is the Forgiving, the Merciful. Wash ye every soiled thing with water that hath

قد حكم الله بالطهارة على ماء النّطفة رحمة من عنده على البريّة اشكروه بالرَّوْح والريّحان ولا تتبّعوا من كان عن مطلع القرب بعيداً شقوموا على خدمة الأمر في كل الأحوال إنه يؤيدكم بسلطان كان على العالمين محيطاً شقيسكوا بحبل اللطافة على شأن لا يُرى من ثيابكم آثار الأوساخ هذا ما حَكَم به مَنْ كان ألطف من كلّ لطيف شوالذي له عذر لا بأس عليه إنه لهو الغفور الرحيم شهروا كل مكروه

	T	<u> </u>
	undergone no alteration in any one of the three respects; take heed not to use water that hath been	بالماء الذي لم يتغيّر بالثلاث إياكم أن
	altered through exposure to the air or to some	تستعملوا الماء الذي تغيّر بالهواء أو بشيء
	other agent. Be ye the very essence of cleanliness	آخر كونوا عنصر اللطافة بين البريّة هذا ما
	amongst mankind. This, truly, is what your Lord, the Incomparable, the All-Wise, desireth for you.	أراد لكم مولاكم العزيز الحكيم *
75	God hath, likewise, as a bounty from His	وكذلك رفع الله حكم دون الطهارة عن كل
	presence, abolished the concept of "uncleanness",	
	whereby divers things and peoples have been held to be impure. He, of a certainty, is the Ever-	الأشياء وعن ملل أخرى موهبة من الله إنه
	Forgiving, the Most Generous. Verily, all created	لهو الغفور الكريم الله قد انغمست الأشياء
	things were immersed in the sea of purification when, on that first day of Ridván, We shed upon	في بحر الطهارة في أول الرضوان إذ
	the whole of creation the splendours of Our most	تجلّينا على من في الإمكان بأسمائنا
	excellent Names and Our most exalted Attributes. This, verily, is a token of My loving providence,	الحسنى وصفاتنا العليا هذا من فضلي
	which hath encompassed all the worlds. Consort	الذي أحاط العالمين الله التعاشروا مع الأديان
	ye then with the followers of all religions, and proclaim ye the Cause of your Lord, the Most	وتبلّغوا أمر ربّكم الرحمن هذا لإكليلُ
	Compassionate; this is the very crown of deeds, if ye be of them who understand.	الأعمال لو أنتم من العارفين *
76	God hath enjoined upon you to observe the utmost	وحكم باللطافة الكبرى وتغسيل ما تغبّر
	cleanliness, to the extent of washing what is soiled with dust, let alone with hardened dirt and similar	من الغبار وكيف الأوساخ المنجمدة
	defilement. Fear Him, and be of those who are	ودونها اتّقوا الله وكونوا من المطّهرين ١
	pure. Should the garb of anyone be visibly sullied,	والذي يُرى في كسائه وسخ إنه لا يصعد
	his prayers shall not ascend to God, and the	دعائه إلى الله ويجتنب عنه ملأ عالون الله علم الل
	celestial Concourse will turn away from him. Make use of rose-water, and of pure perfume; this,	. "
	indeed, is that which God hath loved from the	استعملوا ماء الورد ثم العِطْرَ الخالص هذا
	beginning that hath no beginning, in order that	ما أحبه الله من الأول الذي لا أول له
	there may be diffused from you what your Lord, the Incomparable, the All-Wise, desireth.	ليتضوّع منكم ما أراد ربّكم العزيز
	are meomparable, the rm- wise, desiredi.	الحكيم *
77	God hath relieved you of the ordinance laid down	قد عفا الله عنكم ما نزّل في البيان من محو
	in the Bayán concerning the destruction of books. We have permitted you to read such sciences as	الكتب وأذنّاكم بأن تقرئواً من العلوم ما
	are profitable unto you, not such as end in idle	ينفعكم لا ما ينتهي إلى المجادلة في الكلام
	disputation; better is this for you, if ye be of them that comprehend.	هذا خير لكم إن أنتم من العارفين *
78	O kings of the earth! He Who is the sovereign	يا معشر الملوك قد أتى المالك والملك لله
	Lord of all is come. The Kingdom is God's, the	المهيمن القيوم الله عبدوا إلا الله وتوجّهوا
	omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting. Worship none but God, and, with radiant hearts,	بقلوب نوراء إلى وجه ربكم مالك الأسماء
	lift up your faces unto your Lord, the Lord of all	
	names. This is a Revelation to which whatever ye	هذا أمر لا يعادله ما عندكم لو أنتم
	possess can never be compared, could ye but	

	know it.	تعرفون *
79	We see you rejoicing in that which ye have amassed for others and shutting out yourselves from the worlds which naught except My guarded Tablet can reckon. The treasures ye have laid up have drawn you far away from your ultimate objective. This ill beseemeth you, could ye but understand it. Wash from your hearts all earthly defilements, and hasten to enter the Kingdom of your Lord, the Creator of earth and heaven, Who caused the world to tremble and all its peoples to wail, except them that have renounced all things and clung to that which the Hidden Tablet hath ordained.	إِنّا نراكم تفرحون بما جمعتموه لغيركم وتمنعون أنفسكم عن العوالم التي لم يُحْصِها إلا لوحي المحفوظ قد شَغَلَتْكم الأموال عن المئال هذا لا ينبغي لكم لو أنتم تعلمون شلم طهروا قلوبكم عن ذَفَر الدنيا مسرعين إلى ملكوت ربّكم فاطر الأرض والسماء الذي به ظهرت الزلازل وناحت القبائل إلا من نبذ الورى وأخذ ما أمر به في لوح مكنون شلا
80	This is the Day in which He Who held converse with God hath attained the light of the Ancient of Days, and quaffed the pure waters of reunion from this Cup that hath caused the seas to swell. Say: By the one true God! Sinai is circling round the Dayspring of Revelation, while from the heights of the Kingdom the Voice of the Spirit of God is heard proclaiming: "Bestir yourselves, ye proud ones of the earth, and hasten ye unto Him." Carmel hath, in this Day, hastened in longing adoration to attain His court, whilst from the heart of Zion there cometh the cry: "The promise is fulfilled. That which had been announced in the holy Writ of God, the Most Exalted, the Almighty, the Best-Beloved, is made manifest."	هذا يوم فيه فاز الكليم بأنوار القديم وشرب زلال الوصال من هذا القدح الذي به سُجّرت البحور * قل تالله الحقّ إنّ الطّور يطوف حول مطلع الظهور والروح ينادي من الملكوت هلمّوا وتعالوا يا أبناء الغرور * هذا يوم فيه سَرُعَ كَوْمُ الله شوقاً للقائه وصاح الصّهيون قد أتى الوعد وظهر ما هو المكتوب في ألواح الله المتعالي العزيز المحبوب *
81	O kings of the earth! The Most Great Law hath been revealed in this Spot, this scene of transcendent splendour. Every hidden thing hath been brought to light by virtue of the Will of the Supreme Ordainer, He Who hath ushered in the Last Hour, through Whom the Moon hath been cleft, and every irrevocable decree expounded.	يا معشر الملوك قد نزّل النّاموس الأكبر في المنظر الأنور وظهر كل أمر مستتر من لدن مالك القدر الذي به أتت الساعة وانشق القمر وفصّل كل أمر محتوم الله المعتوم الله الله المعتوم الله المعتوم الله المعتوم الله الله المعتوم الله الله المعتوم الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الل
82	Ye are but vassals, O kings of the earth! He Who is the King of Kings hath appeared, arrayed in His most wondrous glory, and is summoning you unto Himself, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Take heed lest pride deter you from recognizing the Source of Revelation, lest the things of this world shut you out as by a veil from Him Who is the Creator of heaven. Arise, and serve Him Who is the Desire of all nations, Who hath created you through a word from Him, and ordained you to be,	يا معشر الملوك أنتم المماليك قد ظهر المالك بأحسن الطّراز ويدعوكم إلى نفسه المهيمن القيوم الله إياكم أن يمنعكم الغرور عن مشرق الظهور أو تحجبكم الدنيا عن فاطر السماء قوموا على خدمة المقصود الذي خلقكم بكلمة من عنده وجعلكم مظاهر القدرة لما كان وما يكون الله

for all time, the emblems of His sovereignty. 83 By the righteousness of God! It is not Our wish to تالله لا نربد أن نتصرّف في ممالككم بل lay hands on your kingdoms. Our mission is to جئنا لتصرّف القلوب اللهاء المنظر البهاء seize and possess the hearts of men. Upon them the eyes of Bahá are fastened. To this testifieth the يشهد بذلك ملكوت الأسماء لو أنتم Kingdom of Names, could ye but comprehend it. تفقهون الذي اتبع مولاه إنه أعرض عن الله عن الله المرض Whoso followeth his Lord will renounce the world and all that is therein; how much greater, الدنيا كلّها وكيف هذا المقام المحمود # then, must be the detachment of Him Who holdeth دعوا البيوت ثم أقبلُوا إلى الملكوت هذا ما so august a station! Forsake your palaces, and haste ye to gain admittance into His Kingdom. ينفعكم في الآخرة والأولى يشهد بذلك مالك This, indeed, will profit you both in this world and in the next. To this testifieth the Lord of the realm الجبروت لو أنتم تعلمون ا on high, did ye but know it. 84 How great the blessedness that awaiteth the king طوبي لملك قام على نصرة أمرى في مملكتي who will arise to aid My Cause in My kingdom, وانقطع عن سوائي إنه من أصحاب السفينة who will detach himself from all else but Me! Such a king is numbered with the companions of the الحمراء التي جعلها الله لأهل البهاء ينبغي Crimson Ark--the Ark which God hath prepared لكل أن يعزّروه وبوقّروه وبنصروه ليفتح المدن for the people of Bahá. All must glorify his name, must reverence his station, and aid him to unlock بمفاتيح اسمى المهيمن على من في ممالك the cities with the keys of My Name, the الغيب والشهود الله إنه بمنزلة البصر للبشر omnipotent Protector of all that inhabit the visible and invisible kingdoms. Such a king is the very eye والغُّرة الغّراء لجبين الإنشاء ورأس الكرم لجسد of mankind, the luminous ornament on the brow of العالم انصروه يا أهل البهاء بالأموال creation, the fountainhead of blessings unto the whole world. Offer up, O people of Bahá, your والنّفوس ﷺ substance, nay your very lives, for his assistance. 85 O Emperor of Austria! He Who is the Dayspring يا ملك النّمسة كان مطلع نور الأحديّة في of God's Light dwelt in the prison of Akká at the سجن عكاء إذ قصدت المسجد الأقصى time when thou didst set forth to visit the Aqsá مررت وما سئلت عنه بعد إذ رُفع به كل بيت Mosque. Thou passed Him by, and inquired not about Him by Whom every house is exalted and وفُتِح كل باب مُنِيف الله قد جعلناه مَقْبلَ العالم every lofty gate unlocked. We, verily, made it a لذكرى وأنت نبذت المذكور إذ ظهر بملكوت place whereunto the world should turn, that they might remember Me, and yet thou hast rejected الله ربك ورب العالمين الله كنّا معك في كل Him Who is the Object of this remembrance, الأحوال ووجدناك متمسّكاً بالفرع غافلاً عن when He appeared with the Kingdom of God, thy Lord and the Lord of the worlds. We have been الأصل إنّ ربك على ما أقول شهيد الله قد with thee at all times, and found thee clinging أخذتنا الأحزان بما رأيناك تدور لاسمنا ولا unto the Branch and heedless of the Root. Thy Lord, verily, is a witness unto what I say. We تعرفنا أمام وجهك افتح البصر لتنظر هذا grieved to see thee circle round Our Name, whilst المنظر الكريم الهلام وتعرف من تدعوه في unaware of Us, though We were before thy face. الليالي والأيام وترى النور المشرق من هذا Open thine eyes, that thou mayest behold this glorious Vision, and recognize Him Whom thou الأفق اللميع ه invokest in the daytime and in the night season,

and gaze on the Light that shineth above this

	luminous Horizon.	
86	Say: O King of Berlin! Give ear unto the Voice	قل يا ملك برلين اسمع النّداء من هذا
	calling from this manifest Temple: "Verily, there	
	is none other God but Me, the Everlasting, the	الهيكل المبين الله إنه لا إله إلا أنا الباقي
	Peerless, the Ancient of Days." Take heed lest	الفرد القديم الله إياك أن يمنعك الغرور عن
	pride debar thee from recognizing the Dayspring	مطلع الظهور أو يحجبك الهوى عن مالك
	of Divine Revelation, lest earthly desires shut thee	
	out, as by a veil, from the Lord of the Throne	العرش والثّرى كذلك ينصحك القلم الأعلى
	above and of the earth below. Thus counselleth	إنه لهو الفضّال الكريم الذكر من كان
	thee the Pen of the Most High. He, verily, is the	أعظم منك شأناً وأكبر منك مقاماً أين هو
	Most Gracious, the All-Bountiful. Do thou	وما عنده انتبه ولا تكن من الرّاقدين الله إنه
	remember the one [1] whose power transcended thy power, and whose station excelled thy station.	نبذ لوح الله ورائه إذ أخبرناه بما ورد علينا
	Where is he? Whither are gone the things he	من جنود الظالمين الله لذا أخذته الذلّة من
	possessed? Take warning, and be not of them that	كل الجهات إلى أن رجع إلى التراب بخسران
	are fast asleep. He it was who cast the Tablet of God behind him when We made known unto him	عظيم الله عظيم الله عليه عظيم الله عليه عظيم الله عليه عليه عليه الله عليه عليه عليه عليه عليه عليه عليه ع
	what the hosts of tyranny had caused Us to suffer.	سخّروا البلاد وحكموا على العباد قد أنزلهم
	Wherefore, disgrace assailed him from all sides,	
	and he went down to dust in great loss. Think	الرحمن من القصور إلى القبور اعتبر وكن
	deeply, O King, concerning him, and concerning	من المتذكّرين ۞
	them who, like unto thee, have conquered cities	
	and ruled over men. The All-Merciful brought	
	them down from their palaces to their graves. Be	
07	warned, be of them who reflect.	
87	We have asked nothing from you. For the sake of God We, verily, exhort you, and will be patient as	إنّا ما أردنا منكم شيئاً إنمّا ننصحكم لوجه
	We have been patient in that which hath befallen	الله ونصبر كما صَبَرنا بما ورد علينا منكم
	Us at your hands, O concourse of kings!	يا معشر السلاطين ﴿
88	Hearken ye, O Rulers of America and the	يا ملوك أمريقا ورؤساء الجمهور فيها
	Presidents of the Republics therein, unto that which the Dove is warbling on the Branch of	اسمعوا ما تَغُنُّ به الورقاء على غصن
	Eternity: "There is none other God but Me, the	البقاء إنه لا إله إلا أنا الباقي الغفور
	Ever-Abiding, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful." Adorn ye the temple of dominion with the	الكريم النبية الملك بطراز العدل
	ornament of justice and of the fear of God, and its	والتّقى ورأسه بإكليل ذكر ربّكم فاطر
	head with the crown of the remembrance of your Lord, the Creator of the heavens. Thus counselleth	السماء كذلك يأمركم مطلع الأسماء من
	you He Who is the Dayspring of Names, as	لدن عليم حكيم الله قد ظهر الموعود في
	bidden by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-	هذا المقام المحمود الذي به ابتسم ثغر
	Wise. The Promised One hath appeared in this glorified Station, whereat all beings, both seen	الوجود من الغيب والشهود اغتنموا يوم الله
	and unseen, have rejoiced. Take ye advantage of	إن لقائه خير لكم عمّا تطلُعُ الشمس عليها
	the Day of God. Verily, to meet Him is better for	إن أنتم من العارفين الله يا معشر الأمراء
	you than all that whereon the sun shineth, could	1

		<u> </u>
	ye but know it. O concourse of rulers! Give ear	اسمعوا ما ارتفع من مطلع الكبرياء إنه لا
	unto that which hath been raised from the Dayspring of Grandeur: "Verily, there is none	إله إلا أنا الناطق العليم الجبروا الكسير
	other God but Me, the Lord of Utterance, the All-	بأيادي العدل وكسروا الصحيح الظالم
	Knowing." Bind ye the broken with the hands of	
	justice, and crush the oppressor who flourisheth	بسياط أوامر ربّكم الآمر الحكيم *
	with the rod of the commandments of your Lord,	
	the Ordainer, the All-Wise.	
89	O people of Constantinople! Lo, from your midst We hear the baleful hooting of the owl. Hath the	يا معشر الرّوم نسمع بينكم صوت البوم
	drunkenness of passion laid hold upon you, or is it	ءأخنكم سكر الهوى أم كنتم من الغافلين الهياء
	that ye are sunk in heedlessness? O Spot that art	أيتها النقطة الواقعة في شاطئ البحرين قد
	situate on the shores of the two seas! The throne	
	of tyranny hath, verily, been established upon thee, and the flame of hatred hath been kindled	استقر عليك كرسيّ الظلم واشتعلت فيك نار
	within thy bosom, in such wise that the Concourse	البغضاء على شأن ناح بها الملأ الأعلى
	on high and they who circle around the Exalted	والذين يطوفون حول كرسيّ رفيع انرى فيك
	Throne have wailed and lamented. We behold in thee the foolish ruling over the wise, and darkness	الجاهل يحكم على العاقل والظلام يفتخر على
	vaunting itself against the light. Thou art indeed	النور وإنك في غرور مبين ﴿ أَغْرَتُكَ زينتُكَ
	filled with manifest pride. Hath thine outward splendour made thee vainglorious? By Him Who	الظاهرة سوف تغنى ورب البريّة وتتوح البنات
	is the Lord of mankind! It shall soon perish, and	والأرامل وما فيك من القبائل كذلك ينبّئك العليم
	thy daughters and thy widows and all the kindreds	'
	that dwell within thee shall lament. Thus	الخبير *
- 00	informeth thee the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.	
90	O banks of the Rhine! We have seen you covered	يا شواطئ نهر الرّين قد رأيناك مغطّاة
	with gore, inasmuch as the swords of retribution	بالدماء بما سلّ عليك سيوف الجزاء ولك
	were drawn against you; and you shall have	
	another turn. And We hear the lamentations of	مرة أخرى ونسمع حنين البرلين ولو أنها
	Berlin, though she be today in conspicuous glory.	اليوم على عزّ مبين ﴿
91	Let nothing grieve thee, O Land of Tá, [2] for	يا أرض الطاء لا تحزني من شيء قد
	God hath chosen thee to be the source of the joy	جعلك الله مطلع فرح العالمين الله علاء
	of all mankind. He shall, if it be His Will, bless	
	thy throne with one who will rule with justice, who will gather together the flock of God which	يبارك سريرك بالذي يحكم بالعدل ويجمع
	the wolves have scattered. Such a ruler will, with	أغنام الله التي تفرّقت من الذئاب إنه يواجه
	joy and gladness, turn his face towards, and	أهل البهاء بالفرح والانبساط ألا إنه من
	extend his favours unto, the people of Bahá. He	
	indeed is accounted in the sight of God as a jewel	جوهر الخَلق لدى الحقّ عليه بهاء الله
	among men. Upon him rest forever the glory of	وبهاء من في ملكوت الأمر في كلّ
	God and the glory of all that dwell in the kingdom	۔ حین ﷺ
	of His revelation. Rejoice with great joy, for God hath made thee	- C.
92	"the Dayspring of His light", inasmuch as within	افرحي بما جعلك الله أفق النور بما ولد فيك
	thee was born the Manifestation of His Glory. Be	مطلع الظهور وسمّيت بهذا الاسم الذي به
	thou glad for this name that hath been conferred upon theea name through which the Day-Star of	
	grace hath shed its splendour, through which both	لاح نيّر الفضل وأشرقت السموات
1	earth and heaven have been illumined.	

		والأرضون *
93	Erelong will the state of affairs within thee be	سوف تتقلب فيك الأمور ويحكم عليك جمهور
	changed, and the reins of power fall into the hands of the people. Verily, thy Lord is the All-	الناس إن ربك لهو العليم المحيط الطمئني
	Knowing. His authority embraceth all things. Rest	بفضل ربك إنه لا تتقطع عنك لحظات
	thou assured in the gracious favour of thy Lord. The eye of His loving-kindness shall everlastingly	الألطاف سوف يأخذك الاطمينان بعد
	be directed towards thee. The day is approaching	الاضطراب كذلك قضي الأمر في كتاب
	when thy agitation will have been transmuted into	
	peace and quiet calm. Thus hath it been decreed in the wondrous Book.	بنيع*
94	O Land of Khá! [3] We hear from thee the voice	يا أرض الخاء نسمع فيك صوت الرجال في
	of heroes, raised in glorification of thy Lord, the All-Possessing, the Most Exalted. Blessed the day	نكر ربك الغنيّ المتعال طوبي ليوم فيه
	on which the banners of the divine Names shall be	تنصب رايات الأسماء في ملكوت الإنشاء
	upraised in the kingdom of creation in My Name,	
	the All-Glorious. On that day the faithful shall rejoice in the victory of God, and the disbelievers	باسمي الأبهى يومئذٍ يفرح المخلصون
	shall lament.	بنصر الله وينوح المشركون ١
95	None must contend with those who wield	ليس لأحد أن يعترض على الذين يحكمون
	authority over the people; leave unto them that which is theirs, and direct your attention to men's	على العباد دعوا لهم ما عندهم وتوجّهوا إلى
	hearts.	القلوب *
96	O Most Mighty Ocean! Sprinkle upon the nations	يا بحر الأعظم رش على الأمم ما أمرت
	that with which Thou hast been charged by Him	به من لدن مالك القدم وزيّن هياكل الأنام
	Who is the Sovereign of Eternity, and adorn the temples of all the dwellers of the earth with the	
	vesture of His laws through which all hearts will	بطراز الأحكام التي بها تفرح القلوب وتَقَرُ
07	rejoice and all eyes be brightened.	العيون *
97	Should anyone acquire one hundred mithqáls of gold, nineteen mithqáls thereof are God's and to	والذي تملُّك مائة مثقال من الذهب فتسعة
	be rendered unto Him, the Fashioner of earth and	عشر مثقالاً لله فاطر الأرض والسماء
	heaven. Take heed, O people, lest ye deprive yourselves of so great a bounty. This We have	إياكم يا قوم أن تمنعوا أنفسكم عن هذا
	commanded you, though We are well able to	الفضل العظيم الله قد أمرناكم بهذا بعد إذ
	dispense with you and with all who are in the	كنّا غنياً عنكم وعن كل من في السموات
	heavens and on earth; in it there are benefits and wisdoms beyond the ken of anyone but God, the	والأرضين ۞ إن في ذلك لَحِكَمٌ ومصالحٌ
	Omniscient, the All-Informed. Say: By this means	لم يُحِطْ بها علم أحد إلاّ الله العالم
	He hath desired to purify what ye possess and to enable you to draw nigh unto such stations as	الخبير الخبير الله عند الله الخبير الموالكم
	none can comprehend save those whom God hath	وتقرّبكم إلى مقامات لا يدركها إلاّ من شاء
	willed. He, in truth, is the Beneficent, the	
	Gracious, the Bountiful. O people! Deal not faithlessly with the Right of God, nor, without His	الله إنه لهو الفضّال العزيز الكريم الله يا
	leave, make free with its disposal. Thus hath His	قوم لا تخونوا في حقوق الله ولا تَصَرّفوا
	commandment been established in the holy Tablets, and in this exalted Book. He who dealeth	فيها إلا بعد إذنه كذلك قضي الأمر في
	1 across, and in this exalted book. He who dealeth	الألواح وفي هذا اللوح المنيع، من خان

	faithlessly with God shall in justice meet with faithlessness himself; he, however, who acteth in	الله يخان بالعدل والذي عمل بما أمر ينزل
	accordance with God's bidding shall receive a	عليه البركة من سماء عطاء ربه الفيّاض
	blessing from the heaven of the bounty of his	المعطى الباذل القديم الله أراد لكم ما لا
	Lord, the Gracious, the Bestower, the Generous,	تعرفونه اليوم سوف يعرفه القوم إذا طارت
	the Ancient of Days. He, verily, hath willed for you that which is yet beyond your knowledge, but	'
	which shall be known to you when, after this	الأرواح وطويت زرابيّ الأفراح كذلك
	fleeting life, your souls soar heavenwards and the	يذكّركم من عنده لوح حفيظ الله المادة
	trappings of your earthly joys are folded up. Thus	
	admonisheth you He in Whose possession is the Guarded Tablet.	
98	Various petitions have come before Our throne	قد حضرت لدى العرش عرائض شتّى من
	from the believers, concerning laws from God, the	
	Lord of the seen and the unseen, the Lord of all	الذين آمنوا وسئلوا فيها الله رب ما يرى
	worlds. We have, in consequence, revealed this	وما لا يرى رب العالمين الله الذا نزّلنا اللوح
	Holy Tablet and arrayed it with the mantle of His	وزيناه بطراز الأمر لعل الناس بأحكام
	Law that haply the people may keep the commandments of their Lord. Similar requests	ربهم يعملون، وكذلك سئلنا من قبل في
	had been made of Us over several previous years	سنين متواليات وأمسكنا القلم حكمة من
	but We had, in Our wisdom, withheld Our Pen	'
	until, in recent days, letters arrived from a number	لدنّا إلى أن حضرت كتب من أنفس
	of the friends, and We have therefore responded,	معدودات في تلك الأيام لذا أجبناهم بالحق
	through the power of truth, with that which shall	بما تحیی به القلوب ﴿
	quicken the hearts of men.	
99	Say: O leaders of religion! Weigh not the Book of God with such standards and sciences as are	قل يا معشر العلماء لا تزنوا كتاب الله بما
	current amongst you, for the Book itself is the	عندكم من القواعد والعلوم إنه لقسطاس
	unerring Balance established amongst men. In this	الحقّ بين الخلق قد يوزن ما عند الأمم
	most perfect Balance whatsoever the peoples and	بهذا القسطاس الأعظم وانه بنفسه لو أنتم
	kindreds of the earth possess must be weighed, while the measure of its weight should be tested	, , ,
	according to its own standard, did ye but know it.	تعلمون *
100	The eye of My loving-kindness weepeth sore over	تبكي عليكم عين عنايتي لأنكم ما عرفتم
	you, inasmuch as ye have failed to recognize the	الذي دعوتموه في العشيّ والإشراق وفي كل
	One upon Whom ye have been calling in the daytime and in the night season, at even and at	
	morn. Advance, O people, with snow-white faces	أصيل وبكور ۞ توجّهوا يا قوم بوجوه بيضاء
	and radiant hearts, unto the blest and crimson	وقلوب نوراء إلى البقعة المباركة الحمراء
	Spot, wherein the Sadratu'l-Muntahá is calling:	التي فيها تتادي سدرة المنتهي إنه لا إله إلا
	"Verily, there is none other God beside Me, the Omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting!"	أنا المهيمن القيوم *
101		
	O ye leaders of feligion! Who is the man amongst	
	O ye leaders of religion! Who is the man amongst you that can rival Me in vision or insight? Where	يا معشر العلماء هل يقدر أحد منكم أن
	'	يستن معي في ميدان المكاشفة والعرفان
	you that can rival Me in vision or insight? Where is he to be found that dareth to claim to be My equal in utterance or wisdom? No, by My Lord,	,
	you that can rival Me in vision or insight? Where is he to be found that dareth to claim to be My	يستن معي في ميدان المكاشفة والعرفان

	the Well-Beloved.	ريّكم العزيز المحبوب*
102	We have decreed, O people, that the highest and last end of all learning be the recognition of Him Who is the Object of all knowledge; and yet, behold how ye have allowed your learning to shut you out, as by a veil, from Him Who is the Dayspring of this Light, through Whom every hidden thing hath been revealed. Could ye but discover the source whence the splendour of this utterance is diffused, ye would cast away the peoples of the world and all that they possess, and would draw nigh unto this most blessed Seat of glory.	يا قوم إنّا قدّرنا العلوم لعرفان المعلوم وأنتم احتجبتم بها عن مشرقها الذي به ظهر كل أمر مكنون الله لو عرفتم الأفق الذي منه أشرقت شمس الكلام لنبذتم الأنام وما عندهم وأقبلتم إلى المقام المحمود الله المقام المحمود
103	Say: This, verily, is the heaven in which the Mother Book is treasured, could ye but comprehend it. He it is Who hath caused the Rock to shout, and the Burning Bush to lift up its voice, upon the Mount rising above the Holy Land, and proclaim: "The Kingdom is God's, the sovereign Lord of all, the All-Powerful, the Loving!"	قل هذه لسماء فيها كنز أمّ الكتاب لو أنتم تعقلون شهذا لهو الذي به صاحت الصّخرة ونادت السّدرة على الطّور المرتفع على الأرض المباركة الملك لله الملك العزيز الودود شه
104	We have not entered any school, nor read any of your dissertations. Incline your ears to the words of this unlettered One, wherewith He summoneth you unto God, the Ever-Abiding. Better is this for you than all the treasures of the earth, could ye but comprehend it.	إنّا ما دخلنا المدارس وما طالعنا المباحث اسمعوا ما يدعوكم به هذا الأمّيّ إلى الله الأبديّ إنه خير لكم عما كنز في الأرض لو أنتم تققهون **
105	Whoso interpreteth what hath been sent down from the heaven of Revelation, and altereth its evident meaning, he, verily, is of them that have perverted the Sublime Word of God, and is of the lost ones in the Lucid Book.	إن الذي يأوّل ما نزّل من سماء الوحي ويخرجه عن الظاهر إنه ممّن حرّف كلمة الله العليا وكان من الأخسرين في كتاب مبين *
106	It hath been enjoined upon you to pare your nails, to bathe yourselves each week in water that covereth your bodies, and to clean yourselves with whatsoever ye have formerly employed. Take heed lest through negligence ye fail to observe that which hath been prescribed unto you by Him Who is the Incomparable, the Gracious. Immerse yourselves in clean water; it is not permissible to bathe yourselves in water that hath already been used. See that ye approach not the public pools of Persian baths; whoso maketh his way toward such baths will smell their fetid odour ere he entereth therein. Shun them, O people, and be not of those who ignominiously accept such vileness. In truth, they are as sinks of foulness and contamination, if ye be of them that apprehend.	قد كتب عليكم نقليم الأظفار والدخول في ماء يحيط هياكلكم في كل أسبوع وتنظيف أبدانكم بما استعملتموه من قبل إياكم أن تمنعكم الغفلة عمّا أمرتم به من لدن عزيز عظيم الخلوا ماء بكراً والمستعمل منه لا يجوز الدخول فيه إياكم أن تَقْرَبوا خزائن حمامات العجم مَنْ قَصَدَها وجد رائحتها المنتنة قبل وروده فيها تجنبوا يا قوم ولا تكونن من الصّاغرين الهارفين إن أنتم من العارفين وكذلك

		<u></u>
	Avoid ye likewise the malodorous pools in the courtyards of Persian homes, and be ye of the	حياضهم المنتنة اتركوها وكونوا من
	pure and sanctified. Truly, We desire to behold	المقدسين ﴿ إِنَّا أَرِدِنَا أَن نِراكُم مظاهِر
	you as manifestations of paradise on earth, that there may be diffused from you such fragrance as	الفردوس في الأرض ليتضوع منكم ما
	shall rejoice the hearts of the favoured of God. If	تفرح به أفئدة المقرّبين، والذي يصب
	the bather, instead of entering the water, wash himself by pouring it upon his body, it shall be	عليه الماء ويغسل به بدنه خير له ويكفيه
	better for him and shall absolve him of the need	عن الدخول إنه أراد أن يسهّل عليكم
	for bodily immersion. The Lord, verily, hath willed, as a bounty from His presence, to make	الأمور فضلاً من عنده لتكونوا من
	life easier for you that ye may be of those who are	الشاكرين *
107	truly thankful.	- 4-
107	It is forbidden you to wed your fathers' wives. We shrink, for very shame, from treating of the	قد حرّمت عليكم أزواج آبائكم إنّا نستحي أن نذكر حكم الغلمان اتّقوا الرحمن يا ملأ
	subject of boys. Fear ye the Merciful, O peoples	الإمكان ولا ترتكبوا ما نهيتم عنه في اللوح
	of the world! Commit not that which is forbidden	ولا تكونوا في هيماء الشهوات من
	you in Our Holy Tablet, and be not of those who rove distractedly in the wilderness of their desires.	الهائمين ۞
108	To none is it permitted to mutter sacred verses	ليس لأحد أن يحرّك لسانه أمام الناس إذ
	before the public gaze as he walketh in the street or marketplace; nay rather, if he wish to magnify the	يمشي في الطرق والأسواق بل ينبغي لمن
	Lord, it behoveth him to do so in such places as	ً أراد الذّكر أن يذكر في مقام بني لذكر الله
	have been erected for this purpose, or in his own home. This is more in keeping with sincerity and	أو في بيته هذا أقرب بالخلوص والتقوى
	godliness. Thus hath the sun of Our commandment shone forth above the horizon of Our utterance.	كذلك أشرقت شمس الحكم من أفق البيان
	Blessed, then, be those who do Our bidding.	طوبي للعاملين *
109	Unto everyone hath been enjoined the writing of a	قد فرض لكل نفس كتاب الوصية وله أن
	will. The testator should head this document with the adornment of the Most Great Name, bear	يزيّن رأسه بالاسم الأعظم ويعترف فيه
	witness therein unto the oneness of God in the	بوحدانية الله في مظهر ظهوره ويذكر فيه
	Dayspring of His Revelation, and make mention, as he may wish, of that which is praiseworthy, so	ما أراد من المعروف ليشهد له في عوالم
	that it may be a testimony for him in the kingdoms	الأمر والخلق ويكون له كنزاً عند ريه
	of Revelation and Creation and a treasure with his Lord, the Supreme Protector, the Faithful.	الحافظ الأمين *
110	All Feasts have attained their consummation in	قد انتهت الأعياد إلى العيدين الأعظمين أما
	the two Most Great Festivals, and in the two other Festivals that fall on the twin daysthe first of the	الأول أيام فيها تجلّى الرحمن على من في
	Most Great Festivals being those days whereon	الإمكان بأسمائه الحسنى وصفاته العليا
	the All-Merciful shed upon the whole of creation the effulgent glory of His most excellent Names	والآخر يوم فيه بعثنا من بشر الناس بهذا
	and His most exalted Attributes, and the second	الاسم الذي به قامت الأموات وحشر من في
	being that day on which We raised up the One Who announced unto mankind the glad tidings of	السّموات والأرضين الله والآخرين في يومين
	this Name, through which the dead have been	كذلك قضى الأمر من لدن آمر عليم الله المراكزين
	resurrected and all who are in the heavens and on	كلك تصني الامر من سن امر عليم ١٠٠٠
	earth have been gathered together. Thus hath it	

		ı
	been decreed by Him Who is the Ordainer, the	
111	Omniscient. Happy the one who entereth upon the first day of	
111	the month of Bahá, the day which God hath	طوبي لمن فاز باليوم الأول من شهر البهاء
	consecrated to this Great Name. And blessed be	الذي جعله الله لهذا الاسم العظيم الله طوبي
	he who evidenceth on this day the bounties that	لمن يُظهر فيه نعمة الله على نفسه إنه ممّن
	God hath bestowed upon him; he, verily, is of	
	those who show forth thanks to God through	أظهر شكر الله بفعله المدل على فضله
	actions betokening the Lord's munificence which hath encompassed all the worlds. Say: This day,	الذي أحاط العالمين الله على إنه لصدر
	verily, is the crown of all the months and the	الشهور ومبدئها وفيه تمرّ نفحة الحيوة على
	source thereof, the day on which the breath of life is wafted over all created things. Great is the	الممكنات طوبي لمن أدركه بالرَّوْح والرّبِحان
	blessedness of him who greeteth it with radiance	نشهد أنه من الفائزين *
	and joy. We testify that he is, in truth, among	سهد انه من الفائرين ﴿
	those who are blissful.	
112	Say: The Most Great Festival is, indeed, the King	قل إنّ العيد الأعظم لسلطان الأعياد
	of Festivals. Call ye to mind, O people, the bounty which God hath conferred upon you. Ye were	اذكروا يا قوم نعمة الله عليكم إذ كنتم
	sunk in slumber, and lo! He aroused you by the	رقداء أيقظكم من نسمات الوحى وعرّفكم
	reviving breezes of His Revelation, and made known unto you His manifest and undeviating	سبيله الواضح المستقيم ا
	Path.	
113	Resort ye, in times of sickness, to competent	إذا مرضتم ارجعوا إلى الحذّاق من الأطباء
	physicians; We have not set aside the use of	إنّا ما رفعنا الأسباب بل أثبتناها من هذا
	material means, rather have We confirmed it	
	through this Pen, which God hath made to be the	القلم الذي جعله الله مطلع أمره المشرق
	Dawning-place of His shining and glorious Cause.	المنير **
114	God had formerly laid upon each one of the	قد كتب الله على كل نفس أن يحضر لدى
	believers the duty of offering before Our throne priceless gifts from among his possessions. Now,	العرش بما عنده ممّا لا عِدْل له إنا عفونا
	in token of Our gracious favour, We have	عن ذلك فضلاً من لدنّا إنه هو المعطى
	absolved them of this obligation. He, of a truth, is	*
	the Most Generous, the All-Bountiful.	الكريم *
115	Blessed is he who, at the hour of dawn, centring his thoughts on God, occupied with His	طوبي لمن توجّه إلى مشرق الأنكار في
	remembrance, and supplicating His forgiveness,	الأسحار ذاكراً متذكّراً مستغفراً وإذا دخل
	directeth his steps to the Mashriqu'l-Adhkár and, entering therein, seateth himself in silence to	يقعد صامتاً لإصغاء آيات الله الملك العزيز
	listen to the verses of God, the Sovereign, the	الحميد الله على الله الله الله على بيت
	Mighty, the All-Praised. Say: The Mashriqu'l-	بني لذكري في المدن والقرى كذلك سمّي
	A <u>dh</u> kár is each and every building which hath been erected in cities and villages for the	
	celebration of My praise. Such is the name by	لدى العرش إن أنتم من العارفين
	which it hath been designated before the throne of	
110	glory, were ye of those who understand.	e s
116	They who recite the verses of the All-Merciful in	والذين يتلون آيات الرحمن بأحسن الألحان
	the most melodious of tones will perceive in them	

	that with which the sovereignty of earth and	أ در الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الل
	heaven can never be compared. From them they	أولئك يدركون منها ما لا يعادله ملكوت مُلْك
	will inhale the divine fragrance of My worlds	السّموات والأرضين الله وبها يجدون عَرْف
	worlds which today none can discern save those	عوالمي التي لا يعرفها اليوم إلا من أوتي
	who have been endowed with vision through this	البصر من هذا المنظر الكريم الله النها
	sublime, this beauteous Revelation. Say: These verses draw hearts that are pure unto those	تَجذُب القلوب الصّافية إلى العوالم الروحانية
	spiritual worlds that can neither be expressed in	التي لا تعبّر بالعبارة ولا تشار بالإشارة
	words nor intimated by allusion. Blessed be those	*
	who hearken.	طوبي للسامعين ﴿
117	Assist ye, O My people, My chosen servants who	انصروا يا قوم أصفيائي الذين قاموا على
	have arisen to make mention of Me among My	•
	creatures and to exalt My Word throughout My	ذكري بين خلقي وارتفاع كلمتي في مملكتي
	realm. These, truly, are the stars of the heaven of	أولئك أنجم سماء عنايتي ومصابيح هدايتي
	My loving providence and the lamps of My	للخلائق أجمعين الله والذي يتكلم بغير ما نزّل
	guidance unto all mankind. But he whose words	, ,
	conflict with that which hath been sent down in	في ألواحي إنه ليس منّي إياكم أن تتبّعوا كل
	My Holy Tablets is not of Me. Beware lest ye	مدّعِ أثيم الله قد زيّنت الألواح بطراز ختم فالق
	follow any impious pretender. These Tablets are	الاصباح الذي ينطق بين السموات
	embellished with the seal of Him Who causeth the	
	dawn to appear, Who lifteth up His voice between the heavens and the earth. Lay hold on this Sure	والأرضين الله تمسكوا بالعروة الوثقى وحبل
	Handle and on the Cord of My mighty and	أمري المحكم المتين الله المتين
	unassailable Cause.	, , ,
118	The Lord hath granted leave to whosoever	قد أذن الله لمن أراد أن يتعلّم الألسن المختلفة
	desireth it that he be instructed in the divers	,
	tongues of the world that he may deliver the	ليبلغ أمر الله شرق الأرض وغربها ويذكره
	Message of the Cause of God throughout the East	بين الدول والملل على شأن تتجذب به الأفئدة
	and throughout the West, that he make mention of	
	Him amidst the kindreds and peoples of the world in such wise that hearts may revive and the	ویحیی به کل عظم رمیم *
	mouldering bone be quickened.	
119	It is inadmissible that man, who hath been	ليس للعاقل أن يشرب ما يذهب به العقل
	endowed with reason, should consume that which	
	stealeth it away. Nay, rather it behoveth him to	وله أن يعمل ما ينبغي للإنسان لا ما
	comport himself in a manner worthy of the human	یرتکبه کل غافل مریب ا
	station, and not in accordance with the misdeeds of every heedless and wavering soul.	
120	Adorn your heads with the garlands of	
	trustworthiness and fidelity, your hearts with the	زيّنوا رؤسكم بإكليل الأمانة والوفاء وقلوبكم
	attire of the fear of God, your tongues with	برداء التقوى وألسنكم بالصدق الخالص
	absolute truthfulness, your bodies with the vesture	وهياكلكم بطراز الآداب كل ذلك من سجية
	of courtesy. These are in truth seemly adornings	, '
	unto the temple of man, if ye be of them that	الإنسان لو أنتم من المتبصّرين الله يا أهل
	reflect. Cling, O ye people of Bahá, to the cord of	البهاء تمسّكوا بحبل العبودية لله الحقّ بها
	servitude unto God, the True One, for thereby your	تظهر مقاماتكم وتثبت أسمائكم وترتفع
	stations shall be made manifest, your names	

		T
	written and preserved, your ranks raised and your	مراتبكم وأذكاركم في لوح حفيظ الاعم أن
	memory exalted in the Preserved Tablet. Beware lest the dwellers on earth hinder you from this	يمنعكم من على الأرض عن هذا المقام
	glorious and exalted station. Thus have We	العزيز الرّفيع الله قد وصّيناكم بها في أكثر
	exhorted you in most of Our Epistles and now in	
	this, Our Holy Tablet, above which hath beamed	الألواح وفي هذا اللوح الذي لاح من أفقه
	the Day-Star of the Laws of the Lord, your God,	نيّر أحكام ربّكم المقتدر الحكيم الله
121	the Powerful, the All-Wise.	
121	When the ocean of My presence hath ebbed and	إذا غيض بحر الوصال وقضي كتاب
	the Book of My Revelation is ended, turn your faces toward Him Whom God hath purposed,	المبدء في المئال توجهوا إلى من أراده الله
	Who hath branched from this Ancient Root.	*
400		الذي انشعب من هذا الأصل القديم *
122	Consider the pettiness of men's minds. They ask for that which injureth them, and cast away the	فانظروا في الناس وقلة عقولهم يطلبون ما
	thing that profiteth them. They are, indeed, of	يضرّهم ويتركون ما ينفعهم ألا إنّهم من
	those that are far astray. We find some men	الهائمين الله إنّا نرى بعض الناس أرادوا
	desiring liberty, and priding themselves therein.	الحرية ويفتخرون بها أولئك في جهل
	Such men are in the depths of ignorance.	مبین *
123	Liberty must, in the end, lead to sedition, whose	إنّ الحرية تنتهي عواقبها إلى الفتنة التي
	flames none can quench. Thus warneth you He	لا تخمد نارها كذلك يخبركم المحصي
	Who is the Reckoner, the All-Knowing. Know ye	
	that the embodiment of liberty and its symbol is the	العليم العلموا أنّ مطالع الحرية
	animal. That which beseemeth man is submission	ومظاهرها هي الحيوان وللإنسان ينبغي أن
	unto such restraints as will protect him from his	يكون تحت سنن تحفظه عن جهل نفسه
	own ignorance, and guard him against the harm of	
	the mischief-maker. Liberty causeth man to	وضَرِّ الماكرين ﴿ إِن الحرية تُخرج
	overstep the bounds of propriety, and to infringe on	الإنسان عن شئون الأدب والوقار وتجعله
	the dignity of his station. It debaseth him to the	من الأرذلين *
101	level of extreme depravity and wickedness.	
124	Regard men as a flock of sheep that need a	فانظروا الخلق كالأغنام لا بدّ لها من راع ا
	shepherd for their protection. This, verily, is the truth, the certain truth. We approve of liberty in	ليحفظها إنّ هذا لحقّ يقين ۞ إنّا نصدّقهاً
	certain circumstances, and refuse to sanction it in	في بعض المقامات دون الآخر إنّا كنّا
	others. We, verily, are the All-Knowing.	عالمين **
125	Say: True liberty consisteth in man's submission	
120	unto My commandments, little as ye know it.	قل الحرية في إتباع أوامري لو أنتم من
	Were men to observe that which We have sent	العارفين الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الل
	down unto them from the Heaven of Revelation,	سماء الوحي ليجدن أنفسهم في حرية بحتة
	they would, of a certainty, attain unto perfect	
	liberty. Happy is the man that hath apprehended	طوبی لمن عرف مراد الله فیما نزّل من
	the Purpose of God in whatever He hath revealed	سماء مشيّته المهيمنة على العالمين الله قل
	from the Heaven of His Will that pervadeth all	الحرية التي تنفعكم إنها في العبودية لله
	created things. Say: The liberty that profiteth you	الحقّ والذي وجد حلاوتها لا يبدّلها بملكوت
	is to be found nowhere except in complete	الحق واسي وجد حاروتها له يبدتها بمنتوب
	servitude unto God, the Eternal Truth. Whoso	

	hath tasted of its sweetness will refuse to barter it for all the dominion of earth and heaven.	ملك السّموات والأرضين ١
126	In the Bayán it had been forbidden you to ask Us	حرّم عليكم السؤال في البيان عفا الله عن
	questions. The Lord hath now relieved you of this	ذلك لتسئلوا ما تحتاج به أنفسكم لا ما
	prohibition, that ye may be free to ask what you need to ask, but not such idle questions as those on	,
	which the men of former times were wont to dwell.	تكلّم به رجال قبلكم اتّقوا الله وكونوا من
	Fear God, and be ye of the righteous! Ask ye that	المتّقين ۞ اسئلوا ما ينفعكم في أمر الله
	which shall be of profit to you in the Cause of God	وسلطانه قد فتح باب الفضل على من في
	and His dominion, for the portals of His tender compassion have been opened before all who dwell	السّموات والأرضين *
	in heaven and on earth.	السموات والاركسين
127	The number of months in a year, appointed in the	إِنّ عدّة الشهور تسعة عشر شهراً في كتاب
	Book of God, is nineteen. Of these the first hath been adorned with this Name which	الله قد زيّن أولها بهذا الاسم المهيمن على
	overshadoweth the whole of creation.	العالمين *
128	The Lord hath decreed that the dead should be	<u> </u>
120	interred in coffins made of crystal, of hard,	قد حكم الله دفن الأموات في البلور أو
	resistant stone, or of wood that is both fine and	الأحجار الممتنعة أو الأخشاب الصلبة
	durable, and that graven rings should be placed upon their fingers. He, verily, is the Supreme	اللطيفة ووضع الخواتيم المنقوشة في
	Ordainer, the One apprised of all.	أصابعهم إنه لهو المقدّر العليم ١
129	The inscription on these rings should read, for men:	يكتب للرجال ولله ما في السموات والأرض
	"Unto God belongeth all that is in the heavens and on the earth and whatsoever is between them, and	وما بينهما وكان الله بكل شيء عليماً ا
	He, in truth, hath knowledge of all things"; and for	*
	women: "Unto God belongeth the dominion of the	وللورقات ولله ملك السموات والأرض وما
	heavens and the earth and whatsoever is between	بينهما وكان الله على كل شيء قديراً الله
	them, and He, in truth, is potent over all things". These are the verses that were revealed aforetime,	هذا ما نزّل من قبل وينادي نقطة البيان
	but lo, the Point of the Bayán now calleth out,	ويقول يا محبوب الإمكان انطق في هذا
	exclaiming, "O Best-Beloved of the worlds! Reveal Thou in their stead such words as will waft the	المقام بما تتضوّع به نفحات ألطافك بين
	fragrance of Thy gracious favours over all mankind.	العالمين * إنّا أخبرنا الكل بأن لا يعادل
	We have announced unto everyone that one single word from Thee excelleth all that hath been sent	بكلمة منك ما نزّل في البيان إنك أنت
	down in the Bayán. Thou, indeed, hast power to do	المقتدر على ما تشاء لا تمنع عبادك عن
	what pleaseth Thee. Deprive not Thy servants of the	فيوضات بحر رحمتك إنك أنت ذو الفضل
	overflowing bounties of the ocean of Thy mercy!	
	Thou, in truth, art He Whose grace is infinite." Behold, We have hearkened to His call, and now	العظيم الله الله الله الله الله الهو
	fulfil His wish. He, verily, is the Best-Beloved, the	المحبوب المجيب الله لو ينقش عليها ما
	Answerer of prayers. If the following verse, which	نزّل في الحين من لدى الله إنه خير لهم
	hath at this moment been sent down by God, be engraved upon the burial-rings of both men and	ولهنّ إنّا كنّا حاكمين الله قد بدئت من الله
	women, it shall be better for them; We, of a	ورجعت إليه منقطعاً عمّا سواه ومتمسّكاً
	certainty, are the Supreme Ordainer: "I came forth	باسمه الرحمن الرحيم الله كذلك يختص الله
	from God, and return unto Him, detached from all save Him, holding fast to His Name, the Merciful,	,
	but of this indication in the incidential,	من يشاء

		T
	the Compassionate." Thus doth the Lord single out whomsoever He desireth	بفضل من عنده إنه لهو المقتدر القدير *
	for a bounty from His presence. He is, in very truth,	
420	the God of might and power.	
130	The Lord hath decreed, moreover, that the deceased should be enfolded in five sheets of silk	وإن تكفنوه في خمسة أثواب من الحرير أو
	or cotton. For those whose means are limited a single sheet of either fabric will suffice. Thus hath	القطن من لم يستطع يكتفي بواحدة منهما
	it been ordained by Him Who is the All-Knowing,	كذلك قضي الأمر من لدن عليم خبير *
	the All-Informed. It is forbidden you to transport the body of the deceased a greater distance than	حرّم عليكم نقل الميت أزيد من مسافة
	one hour's journey from the city; rather should it	ساعة من المدينة ادفنوه بالرَّوْح والرّيحان
	be interred, with radiance and serenity, in a nearby place.	في مكان قريب ۞
131	God hath removed the restrictions on travel that	قد رفع الله ما حكم به البيان في تحديد
	had been imposed in the Bayán. He, verily, is the Unconstrained; He doeth as He pleaseth and	الأسفار إنه لهو المختار يفعل ما يشاء
	ordaineth whatsoever He willeth.	ريحكم ما يريد *
132	O peoples of the world! Give ear unto the call of	ويحدم ما يريد الله الأسماء الله الأسماء
	Him Who is the Lord of Names, Who proclaimeth	ي مر الإنساء اسمعوا نداء مانك الاسماء إنه لا
	unto you from His habitation in the Most Great Prison: "Verily, no God is there but Me, the	
	Powerful, the Mighty, the All-Subduing, the Most	إله إلا أنا المقتدر المتكبّر المتسخّر
	Exalted, the Omniscient, the All-Wise." In truth, there is no God but Him, the Omnipotent Ruler of	المتعالي العليم الحكيم الله إلا هو
	the worlds. Were it His Will, He would, through	المقتدر على العالمين الله لو يشاء يأخذ
	but a single word proceeding from His presence, lay hold on all mankind. Beware lest ye hesitate in	العالم بكلمة من عنده إياكم أن تتوقّفوا في
	your acceptance of this Causea Cause before	هذا الأمر الذي خضع له الملأ الأعلى
	which the Concourse on high and the dwellers of the Cities of Names have bowed down. Fear God,	وأهل مدائن الأسماء اتّقوا الله ولا تكوننّ
	and be not of those who are shut out as by a veil.	من المحتجبين المحتجبات بنار
	Burn ye away the veils with the fire of My love, and dispel ye the mists of vain imaginings by the	حبّي والسّبحات بهذا الاسم الذي به سخّرنا
	power of this Name through which We have	العالمين **
	subdued the entire creation.	
133	Raise up and exalt the two Houses in the Twin	وارفعنّ البيتين في المقامين والمقامات التي
	Hallowed Spots, and the other sites wherein the throne of your Lord, the All-Merciful, hath been	فيها استقر عرش ربّكم الرحمن كذلك
	established. Thus commandeth you the Lord of every understanding heart.	يأمركم مولى العارفين ١
134	Be watchful lest the concerns and preoccupations	150 31 51 55 65 5 61
	of this world prevent you from observing that	إياكم أن تمنعكم شئونات الأرض عمّا
	which hath been enjoined upon you by Him Who	أمرتم به من لدن قويّ أمين ﴿ كونوا
	is the Mighty, the Faithful. Be ye the embodiments of such steadfastness amidst	مظاهر الاستقامة بين البريّة على شأن لا
	mankind that ye will not be kept back from God	تمنعكم شبهات الذين كفروا بالله إذ ظهر
	by the doubts of those who disbelieved in Him	بسلطان عظیم ایاکم أن یمنعکم ما نزّل
	when He manifested Himself, invested with a	

135	mighty sovereignty. Take heed lest ye be prevented by aught that hath been recorded in the Book from hearkening unto this, the Living Book, Who proclaimeth the truth: "Verily, there is no God but Me, the Most Excellent, the All-Praised." Look ye with the eye of equity upon Him Who hath descended from the heaven of Divine will and power, and be not of those who act unjustly. Call then to mind these words which have streamed forth, in tribute to this Revelation, from the Pen of Him Who was My Herald, and consider what the hands of the oppressors have wrought throughout My days. Truly they are numbered with the lost. He said: "Should ye attain the presence of Him Whom We shall make manifest, beseech ye God, in His bounty, to grant that He might deign to seat Himself upon your couches, for that act in itself would confer upon you matchless and surpassing honour. Should He drink a cup of water in your homes, this would be of greater consequence for you than your proffering unto every soul, nay unto every created thing, the water of its very life. Know this, O ye	في الكتاب عن هذا الكتاب الذي ينطق بالحق إنه لا إله إلا أنا العزيز الحميد النظروا بعين الإنصاف إلى من أتى من انظروا بعين الإنصاف إلى من أتى من الظالمين الظالمين المناء المشية والاقتدار ولا تكونن من هذا الظهور وما ارتكبه أولوا الطغيان في أيامه ألا إنهم من الأخسرين الله الركتم ما نظهره أنتم من فضل الله تسئلون المنازكم فإن ذلك عز ممتنع منيع إن سرائركم فإن ذلك عز ممتنع منيع إن يشرب كأس ماء عندكم أعظم من أن يشربن كل نفس ماء وجوده بل كل شيء أن يا عبادي تدركون الله الناء الله الناء الله الناء الله الناء الله الناء الذي الناء الناء الناء الله الناء
136	Such are the words with which My Forerunner hath extolled My Being, could ye but understand. Whoso reflecteth upon these verses, and realizeth what hidden pearls have been enshrined within them, will, by the righteousness of God, perceive the fragrance of the All-Merciful wafting from the direction of this Prison and will, with his whole heart, hasten unto Him with such ardent longing that the hosts of earth and heaven would be powerless to deter him. Say: This is a Revelation around which every proof and testimony doth circle. Thus hath it been sent down by your Lord, the God of Mercy, if ye be of them that judge aright. Say: This is the very soul of all Scriptures which hath been breathed into the Pen of the Most High, causing all created beings to be dumbfounded, save only those who have been enraptured by the gentle breezes of My loving-kindness and the sweet savours of My bounties which have pervaded the whole of creation. O people of the Bayán! Fear ye the Most Merciful	هذا ما نزّل من عنده ذكراً لنفسي لو أنتم تعلمون * والذي تفكّر في هذه الآيات واطّلع بما ستر فيهنّ من اللئالئ المخزونة تالله إنه يجد عَرْف الرحمن من شطر السجن ويسرع بقلبه إليه باشتياق لا تمنعه جنود السّموات والأرضين * قل هذا لظهور تطوف حوله الحجّة والبرهان كذلك أنزله الرحمن إن أنتم من المنصفين * قل هذا روح الكتب قد نفخ به في القلم الأعلى وانصعق من في الإنشاء إلا من أخذته نفحات رحمتي وفوحات ألطافي المهيمنة على العالمين *
	and consider what He hath revealed in another passage. He said: "The Qiblih is indeed He Whom	يا ملأ البيان اتقوا الرحمن ثم انظروا ما أنزله في مقام آخر قال إنّما القبلة من يظهره الله

God will make manifest; whenever He moveth, it moveth, until He shall come to rest." Thus was it set down by the Supreme Ordainer when He desired to make mention of this Most Great Beauty. Meditate on this, O people, and be not of them that wander distraught in the wilderness of error. If ye reject Him at the bidding of your idle fancies, where then is the Qiblih to which ye will turn, O assemblage of the heedless? Ponder ye this verse, and judge equitably before God, that haply ye may glean the pearls of mysteries from the ocean that surgeth in My Name, the All-Glorious, the Most High.

متى ينقلب تتقلب إلى أن يستقرّ كذلك نزّل من لدن مالك القَدَر إذ أراد ذكر هذا المنظر الأكبر تفكّروا يا قوم ولا تكوئنَّ من الهائمين الله لو تتكرونه بأهوائكم إلى أية قبلة تتوجّهون يا معشر الغافلين تتقكّروا في هذه الآية ثم انصفوا بالله لعلّ تجدون لئالئ الأسرار من البحر الذي تموّج باسمي العزيز المنيع المنيع المنيع

138 Let none, in this Day, hold fast to aught save that which hath been manifested in this Revelation. Such is the decree of God, aforetime and hereafter--a decree wherewith the Scriptures of the Messengers of old have been adorned. Such is the admonition of the Lord, aforetime and hereafter-an admonition wherewith the preamble to the Book of Life hath been embellished, did ye but perceive it. Such is the commandment of the Lord, aforetime and hereafter; beware lest ye choose instead the part of ignominy and abasement. Naught shall avail you in this Day but God, nor is there any refuge to flee to save Him, the Omniscient, the All-Wise. Whoso hath known Me hath known the Goal of all desire, and whoso hath turned unto Me hath turned unto the Object of all adoration. Thus hath it been set forth in the Book, and thus hath it been decreed by God, the Lord of all worlds. To read but one of the verses of My Revelation is better than to peruse the Scriptures of both the former and latter generations. This is the Utterance of the All-Merciful, would that ye had ears to hear! Say: This is the essence of knowledge, did ye but understand. 139

ليس لأحد أن يتمسّك اليوم إلا بما ظهر في هذا الظهور هذا حُكُم الله من قبل ومن بعد وبه زيّن صحف الأولين * هذا ذكر الله من قبل ومن بعد قد طرّز به ديباج كتاب الوجود إن أنتم من الشاعرين * هذا أمر الله من قبل ومن بعد إياكم أن تكونوا من الصّاغرين * لا يغنيكم اليوم شيء وليس الصّاغرين * لا يغنيكم اليوم شيء وليس لأحد مهرب إلا الله العليم الحكيم * من عرفني قد عرف المقصود من توجّه إليّ قد توجّه إلى المعبود كذلك فصّل في الكتاب وقضي الأمر من لدى الله رب العالمين * وقضي الأولين والآخرين * هذا بيان الرحمن من يقرء آية من آياتي لخير له من أن يقرء إن أنتم من السامعين * قل هذا حقّ العلم لو أنتم من العارفين *

And now consider what hath been revealed in yet another passage, that perchance ye may forsake your own concepts and set your faces towards God, the Lord of being. He [4] hath said: "It is unlawful to enter into marriage save with a believer in the Bayán. Should only one party to a marriage embrace this Cause, his or her possessions will become unlawful to the other, until such time as the latter hath converted. This law, however, will only take effect after the exaltation of the Cause of Him Whom We shall manifest in truth, or of that which

ثم انظروا ما نزّل في مقام آخر لعلّ تدَعُون ما عندكم مُقبلين إلى الله رب العالمين الله قال لا يحلّ الاقتران إن لم يكن في البيان وإن يدخل من أحد يحرم على الآخر ما يملك من عنده إلا وأن يرجع ذلك بعد أن يرفع أمر من نظهره بالحقّ أو ما قد ظهر بالعدل وقبل ذلك

	that the determine the state of the state	
	hath already been made manifest in justice. Ere this, ye are at liberty to enter into wedlock as ye wish,	فلتقرين لعلَّكم بذلك أمر الله ترفعون الله
	that haply by this means ye may exalt the Cause of	كذلك تغرّدت الورقاء على الأفنان في ذكر
	God." Thus hath the Nightingale sung with sweet	ربِّها الرحمن طوبي للسامعين ﴿
	melody upon the celestial bough, in praise of its Lord, the All-Merciful. Well is it with them that	
	hearken.	
140	O people of the Bayán, I adjure you by your Lord,	يا ملاً البيان أقسمكم بربِّكم الرحمن بأن
	the God of mercy, to look with the eye of fairness	, , ,
	upon this utterance which hath been sent down through the power of truth, and not to be of those	تنظروا فيما نزّل بالحقّ بعين الإنصاف ولا
	who see the testimony of God yet reject and deny	تكونن من الذين يرون برهان الله وينكرونه
	it. They, in truth, are of those who will assuredly	ألا إنهم من الهالكين اللهالكين الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الكين الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الل
	perish. The Point of the Bayán hath explicitly made mention in this verse of the exaltation of My	البيان في هذه الآية بارتفاع أمري قبل أمره
	Cause before His own Cause; unto this will testify	يشهد بذلك كل منصف عليم الله كما ترونه
	every just and understanding mind. As ye can	اليوم إنه ارتفع على شأن لا ينكره إلا الذين
	readily witness in this day, its exaltation is such as none can deny save those whose eyes are drunken	سكّرت أبصارهم في الأولى وفي الأخرى لهم
	in this mortal life and whom a humiliating	•
	chastisement awaiteth in the life to come.	عذاب مهين *
141	Say: By the righteousness of God! I, verily, am His [5] Best-Beloved; and at this moment He	قل تالله إني لمحبوبه والآن يسمع ما ينزل
	listeneth to these verses descending from the	من سماء الوحى وينوح بما ارتكبتم في
	Heaven of Revelation and bewaileth the wrongs	أيامه خافوا الله ولا تكوئن من المعتدين الله الله ولا تكوئنً
	ye have committed in these days. Fear God, and	
	join not with the aggressor. Say: O people, should ye choose to disbelieve in Him, [6] refrain at least	قل يا قوم إن لن تؤمنوا به لا تعترضوا
	from rising up against Him. By God! Sufficient	عليه تالله يكفي ما اجتمع عليه من جنود
	are the hosts of tyranny that are leagued against	الظالمين ﷺ
142	Him! Verily, He [7] revealed certain laws so that, in this	
142	Dispensation, the Pen of the Most High might	إنه قد أنزل بعض الأحكام لئلا يتحرّك
	have no need to move in aught but the	القلم الأعلى في هذا الظهور إلا على ذكر
	glorification of His own transcendent Station and	مقاماته العليا ومنظره الأسنى وإنّا لمّا أردنا
	His most effulgent Beauty. Since, however, We have wished to evidence Our bounty unto you,	الفضل فصّلناها بالحقّ وخفّفنا ما أردناه
	We have, through the power of truth, set forth	
	these laws with clarity and mitigated what We	لكم إنه لهو الفضّال الكريم *
	desire you to observe. He, verily, is the Munificent, the Generous.	
143	He [8] hath previously made known unto you that	ت أن ح من الناء المعاد المعاد التاء
	which would be uttered by this Dayspring of	قد أخبركم من قبل بما ينطق به هذا الذّكر
	Divine wisdom. He said, and He speaketh the	الحكيم الله قال وقوله الحقّ إنه ينطق في
	truth: "He [9] is the One Who will under all conditions proclaim: `Verily, there is none other	كل شأن إنه لا إله إلا أنا الفرد الواحد
	God besides Me, the One, the Incomparable, the	العليم الخبير ۞ هذا مقام خصّه الله لهذا
	Omniscient, the All-Informed." This is a station	الظهور الممتنع البديع الله هذا من فضل
	which God hath assigned exclusively to this	الطهور المستع البديع المدا من سنا
	sublime, this unique and wondrous Revelation.	

	This is a token of His bounteous favour, if ye be	الله المعالمة المعالم
	of them who comprehend, and a sign of His	الله إن أنتم من العارفين ۞ هذا من أمره
	irresistible decree. This is His Most Great Name,	المبرم واسمه الأعظم وكلمته العليا ومطلع
	His Most Exalted Word, and the Dayspring of His Most Excellent Titles, if ye could understand. Nay	أسمائه الحسنى لو أنتم من العالمين الله بل
	more, through Him every Fountainhead, every	به تظهر المطالع والمشارق تفكّروا يا قوم
	Dawning-place of Divine guidance is made manifest. Reflect, O people, on that which hath	فيما نزّل بالحقّ وتدبّروا فيه ولا تكونن من
	been sent down in truth; ponder thereon, and be	المعتدين **
	not of the transgressors.	G.
144	Consort with all religions with amity and concord,	عاشروا مع الأديان بالرَّوْح والرّيحان ليجدوا
	that they may inhale from you the sweet fragrance of God. Beware lest amidst men the flame of	منكم عَرْف الرحمن إياكم أن تأخذكم حميّة
	foolish ignorance overpower you. All things	الجاهليّة بين البريّة كُلُّ بدء من الله ويعود
	proceed from God and unto Him they return. He	إليه إنه لَمُبْدِءُ الخلق ومرجع العالمين *
	is the source of all things and in Him all things are ended.	إليه إله لمبدِّء الحلق ومرجع العالمين ﴿
145	Take heed that ye enter no house in the absence of	إياكم أن تدخلوا بيتاً عند فقدان صاحبه إلا
	its owner, except with his permission. Comport	'
	yourselves with propriety under all conditions,	بعد إذنه تمسّكوا بالمعروف في كل
	and be not numbered with the wayward.	الأحوال ولا تكوننّ من الغافلين *
146	It hath been enjoined upon you to purify your	قد كتب عليكم تزكية الأقوات وما دونها
	means of sustenance and other such things through payment of Zakát. Thus hath it been	بالزّكوة هذا ما حكم به منزل الآيات في هذا
	prescribed in this exalted Tablet by Him Who is	
	the Revealer of verses. We shall, if it be God's	الرّق المنيع شوف نفصل لكم نصابها إذا
	will and purpose, set forth erelong the measure of	شاء الله وأراد إنه يفصل ما يشاء بعلم من
	its assessment. He, verily, expoundeth whatsoever He desireth by virtue of His own knowledge, and	عنده إنه لهو العلام الحكيم
	He, of a truth, is Omniscient and All-Wise.	
147	It is unlawful to beg, and it is forbidden to give to	لا يحل السؤال ومن سئل حرّم عليه
	him who beggeth. All have been enjoined to earn	العطاء قد كتب على الكل أن يكسب
	a living, and as for those who are incapable of doing so, it is incumbent on the Deputies of God	والذي عجز فللوكلاء والأغنياء أن يعيّنوا
	and on the wealthy to make adequate provision	*
	for them. Keep ye the statutes and commandments	له ما يكفيه اعملوا حدود الله وسننه ثم
	of God; nay, guard them as ye would your very	احفظوها كما تحفظون أعينكم ولا تكونن
	eyes, and be not of those who suffer grievous loss.	من الخاسرين *
148	Ye have been forbidden in the Book of God to	قد منعتم في الكتاب عن الجدال والنّزاع
	engage in contention and conflict, to strike another,	والضرب وأمثالها عما تحزن به الأفئدة
	or to commit similar acts whereby hearts and souls may be saddened. A fine of nineteen mithqals of	والقلوب الله من يُحزن أحداً فله أن ينفق
	gold had formerly been prescribed by Him Who is	, and the second
	the Lord of all mankind for anyone who was the	تسعة عشر مثقالا من الذهب هذا ما حكم
	cause of sadness to another; in this Dispensation,	به مولى العالمين الله إنه قد عفا ذلك عنكم
	however, He hath absolved you thereof and exhorteth you to show forth righteousness and	في هذا الظهور ويوصيكم بالبِر والتقوى
	piety. Such is the commandment which He hath	أمراً من عنده في هذا اللوح المنير ۞ لا

enjoined upon you in this resplendent Tablet. Wish not for others what ye wish not for yourselves; fear God, and be not of the prideful. Ye are all created out of water, and unto dust shall ye return. Reflect upon the end that awaiteth you, and walk not in the ways of the oppressor. Give ear unto the verses of God which He Who is the sacred Lote-Tree reciteth unto you. They are assuredly the infallible balance, established by God, the Lord of this world and the next. Through them the soul of man is caused to wing its flight towards the Dayspring of Revelation, and the heart of every true believer is suffused with light. Such are the laws which God hath enjoined upon you, such His commandments prescribed unto you in His Holy Tablet; obey them with joy and gladness, for this is best for you, did ye but know.

ترضَوْا لأحد ما لا ترضونه لأنفسكم اتقوا الله ولا تكونن من المتكبّرين الكي كلّكم خلقتم من الماء وترجعون إلى التراب تفكّروا في عواقبكم ولا تكونن من الظالمين الله اسمعوا ما تتلو السدرة عليكم من آيات الله إنها لقسطاس الهدى من الله رب الآخرة والأولى وبها تطير النفوس إلى مطلع الوحي وتستضيء أفئدة المقبلين الله تلك حدود الله قد فرضت عليكم وتلك أوامر الله قد أمرتم بها في اللوح اعملوا بالرَّوْح والرّيحان هذا خير لكم إن أنتم من العارفين العارفين خير لكم إن أنتم من العارفين الله قد أمرتم خير لكم إن أنتم من العارفين

149 Recite ye the verses of God every morn and eventide. Whoso faileth to recite them hath not been faithful to the Covenant of God and His Testament, and whoso turneth away from these holy verses in this Day is of those who throughout eternity have turned away from God. Fear ye God, O My servants, one and all. Pride not yourselves on much reading of the verses or on a multitude of pious acts by night and day; for were a man to read a single verse with joy and radiance it would be better for him than to read with lassitude all the Holy Books of God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Read ye the sacred verses in such measure that ye be not overcome by languor and despondency. Lay not upon your souls that which will weary them and weigh them down, but rather what will lighten and uplift them, so that they may soar on the wings of the Divine verses towards the Dawning-place of His manifest signs; this will draw you nearer to God, did ye but comprehend. 150

اتلوا آیات الله فی کل صباح ومساء إنّ الذي لم یتل لم یُوفِ بعهد الله ومیثاقه والذي أعرض عنها الیوم إنه ممّن أعرض عن الله فی أزل الآزال اتّقُنَّ الله یا عبادی کلّکم أجمعون لله لا تغرّنکم کثرة القرائة والأعمال فی اللیل والنهار لو یقرء أحد آیة من الآیات بالرَّوْح والرّیحان خیر له من أن یتلو بالکسالة صحف الله المهیمن القیوم لله اتلوا آیات الله علی قدر لا تأخذکم الکسالة والأحزان لا تحملوا علی الأرواح ما لکسالة والأحزان لا تحملوا علی الأرواح ما یخفّها نتطیر بأجنحة الآیات إلی مطلع البیّنات هذا أقرب إلی الله لو أنتم تعقلون لله

Teach your children the verses revealed from the heaven of majesty and power, so that, in most melodious tones, they may recite the Tablets of the All-Merciful in the alcoves within the Mashriqu'l-Adhkárs. Whoever hath been transported by the rapture born of adoration for My Name, the Most Compassionate, will recite the verses of God in such wise as to captivate the hearts of those yet wrapped in slumber. Well is it with him who hath quaffed the Mystic Wine of everlasting life from the utterance of his merciful Lord in My Name--a Name through which every lofty and majestic

علّموا ذرياتكم ما نزّل من سماء العظمة والاقتدار ليقرئوا ألواح الرحمن بأحسن الألحان في الغرف المبنيّة في مشارق الأذكار ﴿ إِن الذي أخذه جذب محبة اسمي الرحمن إنه يقرء آيات الله على شأن تتجذب به أفئدة الرّاقدين ﴿ هنيئاً لمن شرب رحيق الحيوان من بيان ربه الرحمن بهذا الاسم

	mountain hath been reduced to dust.	الذي به نسف كل جبل باذخ رفيع *
151	Ye have been enjoined to renew the furnishings of your homes after the passing of each nineteen years; thus hath it been ordained by One Who is Omniscient and All-Perceiving. He, verily, is desirous of refinement, both for you yourselves and for all that ye possess; lay not aside the fear of God and be not of the negligent. Whoso findeth that his means are insufficient to this purpose hath been excused by God, the Ever-Forgiving, the Most Bounteous.	كتب عليكم تجديد أسباب البيت بعد انقضاء تسع عشرة سنة كذلك قضي الأمر من لدن عليم خبير الله أراد تلطيفكم وما عندكم اتقوا الله ولا تكونن من الغافلين والذي لم يستطع عفا الله عنه إنه لهو الغفور الكريم الله الله عنه الله عله الله عله الله عله الله عله الله عله الله ال
152	Wash your feet once every day in summer, and once every three days during winter.	اغسلوا أرجلكم كل يوم في الصيف وفي الشتاء كل ثلاثة أيام مرة واحدة
153	Should anyone wax angry with you, respond to him with gentleness; and should anyone upbraid you, forbear to upbraid him in return, but leave him to himself and put your trust in God, the omnipotent Avenger, the Lord of might and justice.	ومن اغتاظ عليكم قابلوه بالرّفق والذي زجركم لا تزجروه دعوه بنفسه وتوكّلوا على الله المنتقم العادل القدير *
154	Ye have been prohibited from making use of pulpits. Whoso wisheth to recite unto you the verses of his Lord, let him sit on a chair placed upon a dais, that he may make mention of God, his Lord, and the Lord of all mankind. It is pleasing to God that ye should seat yourselves on chairs and benches as a mark of honour for the love ye bear for Him and for the Manifestation of His glorious and resplendent Cause.	قد منعتم عن الارتقاء إلى المنابر من أراد أن يتلو عليكم آيات ربه فليقعد على الكرسي الموضوع على السرير ويذكر الله ربه ورب العالمين * قد أحب الله جلوسكم على السرر والكراسيّ لعزّ ما عندكم من حب الله ومطلع أمره المشرق المنير *
155	Gambling and the use of opium have been forbidden unto you. Eschew them both, O people, and be not of those who transgress. Beware of using any substance that induceth sluggishness and torpor in the human temple and inflicteth harm upon the body. We, verily, desire for you naught save what shall profit you, and to this bear witness all created things, had ye but ears to hear.	حرّم عليكم الميسر والأفيون اجتنبوا يا معشر الخلق ولا تكونن من المتجاوزين الياكم أن تستعملوا ما تكسل به هياكلكم ويضر أبدانكم إنّا ما أردنا لكم إلا ما ينفعكم يشهد بذلك كل الأشياء لو أنتم تسمعون الله الله الله الما الشياء لو أنتم تسمعون الله الله الله الما الله الله الله الله
156	Whensoever ye be invited to a banquet or festive occasion, respond with joy and gladness, and whoever fulfilleth his promise will be safe from reproof. This is a Day on which each of God's wise decrees hath been expounded.	إذا دعيتم إلى الولائم والعزائم أجيبوا بالفرح والانبساط والذي وَفَى بالوعد إنه أمن من الوعيد الله هذا يوم فيه فصل كل أمر حكيم الله المسلم المسلم المسلم المسلم المسلم المسلم المسلم المسلم الله الله الله الله الله الله الله ال
157	Behold, the "mystery of the Great Reversal in the Sign of the Sovereign" hath now been made manifest. Well is it with him whom God hath	قد ظهر سرّ التّنكيس لرمز الرئيس طوبي لمن أيده الله على الإقرار بالسّتة التي

	aided to recognize the "Six" raised up by virtue of	
	this "Upright Alif"; he, verily, is of those whose	ارتفعت بهذا الألف القائمة ألا إنه من
	faith is true. How many the outwardly pious who	المخلصين الله كم من ناسك أعرض وكم
	have turned away, and how many the wayward who have drawn nigh, exclaiming: "All praise be	من تارك أقبل وقال لك الحمد يا مقصود
	to Thee, O Thou the Desire of the worlds!" In	العالمين الله إنّ الأمر بيد الله يعطى من
	truth, it is in the hand of God to give what He willeth to whomsoever He willeth, and to	•
	withhold what He pleaseth from whomsoever He	یشاء ما یشاء ویمنع عمّن یشاء ما أراد
	may wish. He knoweth the inner secrets of the	يعلم خافية القلوب وما يتحرّك به أعين
	hearts and the meaning hidden in a mocker's wink. How many an embodiment of heedlessness who	اللامزين الله كم من غافل أقبل بالخلوص
	came unto Us with purity of heart have We	أقعدناه على سرير القبول وكم من عاقل
	established upon the seat of Our acceptance; and	رجعناه إلى النار عدلا من عندنا إنّا كنا
	how many an exponent of wisdom have We in all justice consigned to the fire. We are, in truth, the	
	One to judge. He it is Who is the manifestation of	حاكمين ﴿ إنه لمظهر يفعل الله ما يشاء
	"God doeth whatsoever He pleaseth", and abideth	والمستقر على عرش يحكم ما يريد *
	upon the throne of "He ordaineth whatsoever He	
158	chooseth". Blessed is the one who discovereth the fragrance	
130	of inner meanings from the traces of this Pen	طوبى لمن وجد عَرْف المعاني من أثر
	through whose movement the breezes of God are	هذا القلم الذي إذا تحرّك فاحت نسمة الله
	wafted over the entire creation, and through	فيما سواه وإذا توقّف ظهرت كينونة
	whose stillness the very essence of tranquillity	الاطمينان في الإمكان تعالى الرحمن
	appeareth in the realm of being. Glorified be the	"
	All-Merciful, the Revealer of so inestimable a bounty. Say: Because He bore injustice, justice	مظهر هذا الفضل العظيم الله على عمل
	hath appeared on earth, and because He accepted	الظلم ظهر العدل فيما سواه وبما قبل الذَّلَّة
	abasement, the majesty of God hath shone forth	لاح عزّ الله بين العالمين *
	amidst mankind.	<u> </u>
159	It hath been forbidden you to carry arms unless	حرم عليكم حمل آلات الحرب إلا حين
	essential, and permitted you to attire yourselves in silk. The Lord hath relieved you, as a bounty on	الضرورة وأحلّ لكم لبس الحرير قد رفع الله
	His part, of the restrictions that formerly applied	عنكم حكم الحدّ في اللباس واللّحي فضلاً
	to clothing and to the trim of the beard. He, verily, is the Ordainer, the Omniscient. Let there be	من عنده إنه لهو الآمر العليم اعملوا ما
	naught in your demeanour of which sound and	لا تنكره العقول المستقيمة ولا تجعلوا
	upright minds would disapprove, and make not yourselves the playthings of the ignorant. Well is	أنفسكم ملعب الجاهلين الهطوبي لمن تزيّن
	it with him who hath adorned himself with the	, ,
	vesture of seemly conduct and a praiseworthy	بطراز الآداب والأخلاق إنه ممّن نصر
	character. He is assuredly reckoned with those	ربه بالعمل الواضح المبين ۞
	who aid their Lord through distinctive and outstanding deeds.	
160	Promote ye the development of the cities of God	- " ایدا الله بایدی شارکی فیدا بیشترات
	and His countries, and glorify Him therein in the	عمروا ديار الله وبلاده ثم اذكروه فيها بترنّمات
	joyous accents of His well-favoured ones. In truth,	المقرّبين النمّا تعمّر القلوب باللسان كما
	the hearts of men are edified through the power of	تعمّر البيوت والديار باليد وأسباب أُخَر قد
	L	ı

		T
	the tongue, even as houses and cities are built up	قدّرنا لكل شيء سبباً من عندنا تمسّكوا به
	by the hand and other means. We have assigned to every end a means for its accomplishment; avail	وتوكّلوا على الحكيم الخبير *
	yourselves thereof, and place your trust and	, , , ,
	confidence in God, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.	
161	Blessed is the man that hath acknowledged his	طوبي لمن أقرّ بالله وآياته واعترف بأنه لا
	belief in God and in His signs, and recognized that "He shall not be asked of His doings". Such a	يُسئل عما يفعل هذه كلمة قد جعلها الله
	recognition hath been made by God the ornament of	
	every belief and its very foundation. Upon it must	طراز العقائد وأصلها وبها يقبل عمل
	depend the acceptance of every goodly deed. Fasten	العاملين اجعلوا هذه الكلمة نصب عيونكم
	your eyes upon it, that haply the whisperings of the rebellious may not cause you to slip.	لئلا تزلَّكم إشارات المعرضين ١
162	Were He to decree as lawful the thing which from	لو يحلّ ما حرّم في أزل الآزال أو بالعكس
	time immemorial had been forbidden, and forbid	•
	that which had, at all times, been regarded as	ليس لأحد أن يعترض عليه والذي توقّف
	lawful, to none is given the right to question His authority. Whoso will hesitate, though it be for	في أقل من آن إنه من المعتدين
	less than a moment, should be regarded as a	
	transgressor.	
163	Whoso hath not recognized this sublime and	والذي ما فاز بهذا الأصل الأسنى والمقام
	fundamental verity, and hath failed to attain this	الأعلى تحرّكه أرياح الشّبهات وتقلّبه
	most exalted station, the winds of doubt will agitate him, and the sayings of the infidels will	<u> </u>
	distract his soul. He that hath acknowledged this	مقالات المشركين ۞ من فاز بهذا الأصل
	principle will be endowed with the most perfect	قد فاز بالاستقامة الكبرى حبّدا هذا المقام
	constancy. All honour to this all-glorious station, the remembrance of which adorneth every exalted	الأبهى الذي بذكره زيّن كل لوح منيع الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الل
	Tablet. Such is the teaching which God bestoweth	كذلك يعلمكم الله ما يخلصكم عن الربب
	on you, a teaching that will deliver you from all	, ,
	manner of doubt and perplexity, and enable you to	والحيرة وينجّبكم في الدنيا والآخرة إنه هو
	attain unto salvation in both this world and in the next. He, verily, is the Ever-Forgiving, the Most	الغفور الكريم الله هو الذي أرسل الرسل
	Bountiful. He it is Who hath sent forth the	وأنزل الكتب على أنه لا إله إلا أنا العزيز
	Messengers, and sent down the Books to proclaim	الحكيم **
	"There is none other God but Me, the Almighty,	\"
164	the All-Wise". O Land of Káf and Rá! [10] We, verily, behold	
104	thee in a state displeasing unto God, and see	يا أرض الكاف والراء إنا نراك على ما لا
	proceeding from thee that which is inscrutable to	يحبه الله ونرى منك ما لا اطّلع به أحد إلا
	anyone save Him, the Omniscient, the All-	الله العليم الخبير ۞ ونجد ما يمر منك في
	Informed; and We perceive that which secretly and stealthily diffuseth from thee. With Us is the	سرّ السّرّ عندنا علم كل شيء في لوح
	knowledge of all things, inscribed in a lucid	
	Tablet. Sorrow not for that which hath befallen	مبين ﴿ لا تحزني بذلك سوف يظهر الله
	thee. Erelong will God raise up within thee men	فيك أولي بأس شديد يذكرونني باستقامة
	endued with mighty valour, who will magnify My Name with such constancy that neither will they	لا تمنعهم إشارات العلماء ولا تحجبهم
	be deterred by the evil suggestions of the divines,	شبهات المرببين الله أولئك ينظرون الله
	nor will they be kept back by the insinuations of	سبهات المريبين الله الوست يسرون الد
_		·

the sowers of doubt. With their own eyes will they بأعينهم وبنصرونه بأنفسهم ألا إنهم من behold God, and with their own lives will they render Him victorious. These, truly, are of those الرّاسخين 🏶 who are steadfast. 165 O concourse of divines! When My verses were يا معشر العلماء لمّا نزّلت الآيات وظهرت sent down, and My clear tokens were revealed, البيّنات رأيناكم خلف الحجبات إن هذا إلا We found you behind the veils. This, verily, is a strange thing. Ye glory in My Name, yet ye شيء عجاب اقد افتخرتم باسمي وغفلتم recognized Me not at the time your Lord, the All-نفسي إذ أتى الرحمن بالحجّة Merciful, appeared amongst you with proof and والبرهان ۞ إنّا خرقنا الأحجاب إياكم أن testimony. We have rent the veils asunder. Beware lest ye shut out the people by yet another تحجبوا الناس بحجاب آخر كسروا سلاسل veil. Pluck asunder the chains of vain imaginings, الأوهام باسم مالك الأنام ولا تكونن من in the name of the Lord of all men, and be not of the deceitful. Should ye turn unto God and الخادعين الله إذا أقبلتم إلى الله ودخلتم هذا embrace His Cause, spread not disorder within it, الأمر لا تفسدوا فيه ولا تقيسوا كتاب الله and measure not the Book of God with your selfish desires. This, verily, is the counsel of God بأهوائكم هذا نصح الله من قبل ومن بعد aforetime and hereafter, and to this God's يشهد بذلك شهداء الله وأصفيائه إنّا كل له witnesses and chosen ones, yea, each and every one of Us, do solemnly attest. شاهدون 🏶 166 Call ye to mind the shaykh whose name was اذكروا الشيخ الذي سمّى بمحمد قبل حسن Muhammad-Hasan, who ranked among the most وكان من أعلم العلماء في عصره لمّا learned divines of his day. When the True One was made manifest, this shaykh, along with others ظهر الحقّ أعرض عنه هو وأمثاله وأقبل of his calling, rejected Him, while a sifter of إلى الله من ينقّى القمح والشعير ﴿ وكان wheat and barley accepted Him and turned unto the Lord. Though he was occupied both night and يكتب على زعمه أحكام الله في الليل day in setting down what he conceived to be the laws and ordinances of God, yet when He Who is والنهار ولما أتى المختار ما نفعه حرف the Unconstrained appeared, not one letter thereof منها لو نفعه لم يعرض عن وجه به أنارت availed him, or he would not have turned away from a Countenance that hath illumined the faces وجوه المقرّبين الله لو آمنتم بالله حين ظهوره of the well-favoured of the Lord. Had ye believed ما أعرض عنه الناس وما ورد علينا ما in God when He revealed Himself, the people would not have turned aside from Him, nor would ترونه اليوم اتّقوا الله ولا تكونن من the things ye witness today have befallen Us. Fear الغافلين ﷺ God, and be not of the heedless. Beware lest any name debar you from Him Who 167 إياكم أن تمنعكم الأسماء عن مالكها أو is the Possessor of all names, or any word shut يحجبكم ذكر عن هذا الذكر الحكيم you out from this Remembrance of God, this Source of Wisdom amongst you. Turn unto God استعيذوا بالله يا معشر العلماء ولا تجعلوا and seek His protection, O concourse of divines, أنفسكم حجاباً بيني وبين خلقي كذلك and make not of yourselves a veil between Me and My creatures. Thus doth your Lord admonish يعظكم الله ويأمركم بالعدل لئلا تُحبَط you, and command you to be just, lest your works أعمالكم وأنتم غافلون الذي أعرض should come to naught and ye yourselves be oblivious of your plight. Shall he who denieth this

	Cause be able to vindicate the truth of any cause	. 1
	throughout creation? Nay, by Him Who is the	عن هذا الأمر هل يقدر أن يثبت حقاً في
	Fashioner of the universe! Yet the people are	الإبداع لا ومالك الاختراع ولكن الناس في
	wrapped in a palpable veil. Say: Through this Cause the day-star of testimony hath dawned, and	حجاب مبین الله قل به أشرقت شمس
	the luminary of proof hath shed its radiance upon	الحجّة ولاح نيّر البرهان لمن في الإمكان
	all that dwell on earth. Fear God, O men of	اتّقوا الله يا أولمي الأبصار ولا تنكرون الله الله الله على الأبصار والم
	insight, and be not of those who disbelieve in Me.	*
	Take heed lest the word "Prophet" withhold you	إياكم أن يمنعكم ذكر النبيّ عن هذا النبأ
	from this Most Great Announcement, or any reference to "Vicegerency" debar you from the	الأعظم أو الولاية عن ولاية الله المهيمنة
	sovereignty of Him Who is the Vicegerent of	على العالمين الله قد خلق كل اسم بقوله
	God, which overshadoweth all the worlds. Every name hath been created by His Word, and every	وعلّق كل أمر بأمره المبرم العزيز
	cause is dependent on His irresistible, His mighty	البديع الله الله الله الله الله الله الله الل
	and wondrous Cause. Say: This is the Day of God,	
	the Day on which naught shall be mentioned save	نفسه المهيمنة على العالمين الههدا أمر
	His own Self, the omnipotent Protector of all	اضطرب منه ما عندكم من الأوهام
	worlds. This is the Cause that hath made all your superstitions and idols to tremble.	والتماثيل *
168	We, verily, see amongst you him who taketh hold	w 1
	of the Book of God and citeth from it proofs and	قد نرى منكم من يأخذ الكتاب ويستدل به
	arguments wherewith to repudiate his Lord, even	على الله كما استدلّت كل ملّة بكتابها على
	as the followers of every other Faith sought reasons in their Holy Books for refuting Him Who	27 "- 11 4/1 12 ×06 11 - 11 4/1
	is the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: God,	الله المهيمن القيوم الله الحق لا
	the True One, is My witness that neither the	تغنيكم اليوم كتب العالم ولا ما فيه من
	Scriptures of the world, nor all the books and	الصّحف إلا بهذا الكتاب الذي ينطق في
	writings in existence, shall, in this Day, avail you aught without this, the Living Book, Who	
	proclaimeth in the midmost heart of creation:	قطب الإبداع إنه لا إله إلا أنا العليم
	"Verily, there is none other God but Me, the All-	الحكيم *
400	Knowing, the All-Wise."	
169	O concourse of divines! Beware lest ye be the	يا معشر العلماء إياكم أن تكونوا سبب
	cause of strife in the land, even as ye were the cause of the repudiation of the Faith in its early	الاختلاف في الأطراف كما كنتم علّة
	days. Gather the people around this Word that	الإعراض في أول الأمر اجمعوا الناس
	hath made the pebbles to cry out: "The Kingdom	على هذه الكلمة التي بها صاحت الحصاة
	is God's, the Dawning-place of all signs!" Thus doth your Lord admonish you, as a bounty on His	الملك لله مطلع الآيات كذلك يعظكم الله
	part; He, of a truth, is the Ever-Forgiving, the	,
	Most Generous.	فضلاً من عنده إنه لهو الغفور الكريم *
170	Call ye to mind Karím, and how, when We	اذكروا الكريم إذ دعوناه إلى الله إنه
	summoned him unto God, he waxed disdainful, prompted by his own desires; yet We had sent him	
	that which was a solace to the eye of proof in the	استكبر بما اتّبع هواه بعد إذ أرسلنا إليه ما
	world of being and the fulfilment of God's	قرّت به عين البرهان في الإمكان وتمّت
	testimony to all the denizens of earth and heaven.	حجّة الله على من في السّموات
	As a token of the grace of Him Who is the All-	# - -

171	Possessing, the Most High, We bade him embrace the Truth. But he turned away until, as an act of justice from God, angels of wrath laid hold upon him. Unto this We truly were a witness. Tear the veils asunder in such wise that the inmates of the Kingdom will hear them being rent. This is the command of God, in days gone by and for those to come. Blessed the man that observeth that whereunto he was bidden, and woe betide the negligent.	والأرضين # إنّا أمرناه بالإقبال فضلاً من الغنيّ المتعال إنّه ولّى مدبراً إلى أن أخذته زبانية العذاب عدلاً من الله إنّا كنّا شاهدين # أخرقنّ الأحجاب على شأن يسمع أهل الملكوت صوت خرقها هذا أمر الله من قبل ومن بعد طوبى لمن عمل بما أمر ويل للتّاركين #
172	We, of a certainty, have had no purpose in this earthly realm save to make God manifest and to reveal His sovereignty; sufficient unto Me is God for a witness. We, of a certainty, have had no intent in the celestial Kingdom but to exalt His Cause and glorify His praise; sufficient unto Me is God for a protector. We, of a certainty, have had no desire in the Dominion on high except to extol God and what hath been sent down by Him; sufficient unto Me is God for a helper. Happy are ye, O ye the learned ones in Bahá. By the Lord! Ye are the billows of the Most Mighty Ocean, the stars of the firmament of Glory, the standards of triumph waving betwixt earth and heaven. Ye are the manifestations of steadfastness amidst men and the daysprings of Divine Utterance to all that dwell on earth. Well is it with him that turneth unto you, and woe betide the froward. This day, it behoveth whoso hath quaffed the Mystic Wine of everlasting life from the Hands of the loving-kindness of the Lord his God, the Merciful, to pulsate even as the throbbing artery in the body of mankind, that through him may be quickened the world and every crumbling bone.	إنّا ما أردنا في الملك إلا ظهور الله وسلطانه وكفى بالله عليّ شهيدا الله وثنائه أردنا في الملكوت إلا علو أمر الله وثنائه وكفى بالله عليّ وكيلا إنّا ما أردنا في الجبروت إلا ذكر الله وما نزّل من عنده وكفى بالله معينا الله معينا المعلم المواج البحر الأعظم وأنجم سماء أنتم أمواج البحر الأعظم وأنجم سماء الفضل وألوية النصر بين السموات والأرضين أننتم مطالع الاستقامة بين البريّة ومشارق البيان لمن في الإمكان طوبى لمن أقبل إليكم ويل للمعرضين الطاف ربه الرحمن أن يكون نبّاضاً ينبغي اليوم لمن شرب رحيق الحيوان من يد ألطاف ربه الرحمن أن يكون نبّاضاً كالشريان في جسد الإمكان ليتحرّك به العالم وكل عظم رميم الله العالم وكل عظم رميم الله الله العالم وكل عظم رميم الله المعرفية العالم وكل عظم رميم الله العالم وكل عظم رميم الله العالم وكل عظم رميم الله العالم المعرفية العالم المعرفية العالم وكل عظم رميم الله العالم المعرفية المعرفية العالم المعرفية المعرفية العالم المعرفية العالم المعرفية العالم المعرفية العرفية المعرفية المعرفية المعرفية العرفية المعرفية العرفية المعرفية
174	O people of the world! When the Mystic Dove will have winged its flight from its Sanctuary of Praise and sought its far-off goal, its hidden habitation, refer ye whatsoever ye understand not in the Book to Him Who hath branched from this mighty Stock.	يا أهل الإنشاء إذا طارت الورقاء عن أيك الثّناء وقصدت المقصد الأقصى الأخفى ارجعوا ما لا عرفتموه من الكتاب إلى الفرع المنشعب من هذا الأصل القويم **
175	O Pen of the Most High! Move Thou upon the Tablet at the bidding of Thy Lord, the Creator of the Heavens, and tell of the time when He Who is	يا قلم الأعلى تحرّك على اللوح بإذن ربك فاطر السماء ثم اذكر إذ أراد مطلع التّوحيد

	amongst you invested with a Revelation so great as to encompass all things, whether of the past or of the future. Were We to address Our theme by speaking in the language of the inmates of the	المناف ا
	amongst you invested with a Revelation so great as to encompass all things, whether of the past or	على شأن أحاط ما كان وما يكون الله لو نتكلّم في هذا المقام بلسان أهل الملكوت
	amongst you invested with a Revelation so great	•
1	. A HOLLOW AND BUSINESS OF INCIDENTAL AND	إياكم أن تجادلوا في الله والمرة إنه ظهر
177	Take heed that ye dispute not idly concerning the Almighty and His Cause, for lo! He hath appeared	إياكم أن تجادلوا في الله وأمره إنه ظهر
	veil, ye would be dumbfounded.	تنصىعقون ﷺ
	understand. I swear by God, were We to lift the	تفقهون الله لو نكشف الحجاب أنتم
	comprehend; and to this the tongue of the Almighty doth bear witness, if ye be of those who	تعرفون الله لو أنتم الله لو أنتم
	within His knowledge, if ye be of them that	قدر الله يشهد بذلك ما في علم الله لو أنتم
	unborn. These words are to your measure, not to God's. To this testifieth that which is enshrined	الأصلاب هذا ذكري على قدركم لا على
	perfect knowledge of the Book when ye were yet	غافلون العناب إذ كنتم في
	By the one true God! We read the Tablet ere it was revealed, while ye were unaware, and We had	تالله الحقّ قد قرئناه قبل نزوله وأنتم
	We perused the Tablet while ye were fast asleep.	راقدون اللوح إذ أنتم نائمون اللوح إذ أنتم نائمون الله
176	O people of the Bayán! We, verily, set foot within the School of God when ye lay slumbering; and	يا ملأ البيان إنا دخلنا مكتب الله إذ أنتم
4=-	behold. And We assented to His wish through Our behest, for truly We are potent to command.	
	affirmed in the Tablet. This we assuredly did	
	Self-Subsisting, which He [11] presented unto Us, and hearkened unto that which He had solemnly	بأمر من عندنا إنّا كنّا آمرين ١
	accepted the verses of God, the Help in Peril, the	شهد به في اللوح إنّا كنّا شاهدين ﴿ وأجبناه
	things were unaware. We saw the words sent down by Him Who is the All-Merciful, and We	من آيات الله المهيمن القيوم الله وسمعنا ما
	inner meaning and explanation when all created	وشاهدنا ما أنزله الرحمن وقبلنا ما أهداه لي
	Omniscient, that lie concealed behind the veils. Say: We, indeed, set foot within the School of	المعاني والتّبيان حين غفلة من في الإمكان
	mysteries of Thy Lord, the Almighty, the	ربك العزيز العلام الله قل إنّا دخلنا مكتب
	a glimpse, be it as small as a needle's eye, of the	, ,
	His steps towards the School of Transcendent Oneness; haply the pure in heart may gain thereby	سم الإبرة بما هو خلف الأستار من أسرار
	the Dayspring of Divine Unity purposed to direct	مكتب التجريد لعلّ الأحرار يطّلعُنّ على قدر

	the foolish and faint of heart. By God, this is the arena of insight and detachment, of vision and upliftment, where none may spur on their chargers save the valiant horsemen of the Merciful, who have severed all attachment to the world of being. These, truly, are they that render God victorious on earth, and are the dawning-places of His sovereign might amidst mankind.	هذا مقام يدخل فيه كل جبان موهوم الله هذا مضمار المكاشفة والانقطاع وميدان المشاهدة والارتفاع لا يجول فيه إلا فوارس الرحمن الذين نبذوا الإمكان أولئك أنصار الله في الأرض ومشارق الاقتدار بين العالمين
179	Beware lest aught that hath been revealed in the Bayán should keep you from your Lord, the Most Compassionate. God is My witness that the Bayán was sent down for no other purpose than to celebrate My praise, did ye but know! In it the pure in heart will find only the fragrance of My love, only My Name that overshadoweth all that seeth and is seen. Say: Turn ye, O people, unto that which hath proceeded from My Most Exalted Pen. Should ye inhale therefrom the fragrance of God, set not yourselves against Him, nor deny yourselves a portion of His gracious favour and His manifold bestowals. Thus doth your Lord admonish you; He, verily, is the Counsellor, the Omniscient.	ايّاكم أن يمنعكم ما في البيان عن ربّكم الرحمن تالله إنه قد نزّل لذكري لو أنتم تعرفون لا يجد منه المخلصون إلا عرف حبي واسمي المهيمن على كل شاهد ومشهود في قل يا قوم توجهوا إلى ما نزّل من قلمي الأعلى إن وجدتم منه عرف الله لا تعترضوا عليه ولا تمنعوا أنفسكم عن فضل الله وألطافه كذلك ينصحكم الله إنه لهو النّاصح العليم في
180	Whatsoever ye understand not in the Bayán, ask it of God, your Lord and the Lord of your forefathers. Should He so desire, He will expound for you that which is revealed therein, and disclose to you the pearls of Divine knowledge and wisdom that lie concealed within the ocean of its words. He, verily, is supreme over all names; no God is there but Him, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.	ما لا عرفتموه من البيان فاسئلوا الله ربّكم ورب آبائكم الأولين أبه لو يشاء يبيّن لكم ما نزّل فيه وما ستر في بحر كلماته من لئالئ العلم والحكمة إنه لهو المهيمن على الأسماء لا إله إلا هو المهيمن القيوم ألله
181	The world's equilibrium hath been upset through the vibrating influence of this most great, this new World Order. Mankind's ordered life hath been revolutionized through the agency of this unique, this wondrous Systemthe like of which mortal eyes have never witnessed.	قد اضطرب النّظم من هذا النّظم الأعظم واختلف الترتيب بهذا البديع الذي ما شهدت عين الإبداع شبهه **
182	Immerse yourselves in the ocean of My words, that ye may unravel its secrets, and discover all the pearls of wisdom that lie hid in its depths. Take heed that ye do not vacillate in your determination to embrace the truth of this Cause-a Cause through which the potentialities of the might of God have been revealed, and His sovereignty established. With faces beaming with joy, hasten ye unto Him. This is the changeless Faith of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future. Let him that seeketh, attain it; and as to	اغتمسوا في بحر بياني لعلّ تطّلعون بما فيه من لئالئ الحكمة والأسرار الله إياكم أن توقّفوا في هذا الأمر الذي به ظهرت سلطنة الله واقتداره أسرعوا إليه بوجوه بيضاء هذا دين الله من قبل ومن بعد من أراد فليقبل ومن لم يرد فإنّ الله لغنيّ عن العالمين الله

	him that hath refused to seek itverily, God is	
102	Self-Sufficient, above any need of His creatures.	
183	Say: This is the infallible Balance which the Hand of God is holding, in which all who are in the	قل هذا لقسطاس الهدى لمن في
	heavens and all who are on the earth are weighed,	السموات والأرض والبرهان الأعظم لو
	and their fate determined, if ye be of them that	أنتم تعرفون ﴿ قل به ثبت كل حجّة في
	believe and recognize this truth. Say: This is the	•
	Most Great Testimony, by which the validity of	الأعصار لو أنتم توقنون الله قل به
	every proof throughout the ages hath been established, would that ye might be assured	استغنى كل فقير وتعلم كل عالم وعرج
	thereof. Say: Through it the poor have been	من أراد الصعود إلى الله إياكم أن
	enriched, the learned enlightened, and the seekers	·
	enabled to ascend unto the presence of God.	تختلفوا فيه كونوا كالجبال الرّواسخ في
	Beware lest ye make it a cause of dissension	أمر ربّكم العزيز الودود ا
	amongst you. Be ye as firmly settled as the	
	immovable mountain in the Cause of your Lord,	
	the Mighty, the Loving.	
184	Say: O source of perversion! Abandon thy wilful	قل يا مطلع الإعراض دع الإغماض ثم
	blindness, and speak forth the truth amidst the people. I swear by God that I have wept for thee to	انطق بالحقّ بين الخلقّ تالله قد جرت
	see thee following thy selfish passions and	دموعى على خدودي بما أراك مقبلاً إلى
	renouncing Him Who fashioned thee and brought	*
	thee into being. Call to mind the tender mercy of thy	هواك ومعرضاً عمن خلقك وسوّاك اذكر
	Lord, and remember how We nurtured thee by day	فضل مولاك إذ ربّيناك في الليالي والأيام
	and by night for service to the Cause. Fear God, and be thou of the truly repentant. Granted that the	لخدمة الأمر اتّق الله وكن من التائبين ﴿
	people were confused about thy station, is it	
	conceivable that thou thyself art similarly confused?	هبني اشتبه على الناس أمرك هل يشتبه
	Tremble before thy Lord and recall the days when	على نفسك خف عن الله ثم اذكر إذ كنت
	thou didst stand before Our throne, and didst write	قائماً لدى العرش وكتبت ما ألقيناك من
	down the verses that We dictated unto theeverses	آيات الله المهيمن المقتدر القدير # إياك
	sent down by God, the Omnipotent Protector, the Lord of might and power. Beware lest the fire of thy	
	presumptuousness debar thee from attaining to	أن تمنعك الحميّة عن شطر الأحديّة توجّه
	God's Holy Court. Turn unto Him, and fear not	إليه ولا تخف من أعمالك إنه يغفر من
	because of thy deeds. He, in truth, forgiveth	يشاء بفضل من عنده لا إله إلا هو
	whomsoever He desireth as a bounty on His part; no God is there but Him, the Ever-Forgiving, the All-	الغفور الكريم النَّما ننصحك لُوجه الله إن
	Bounteous. We admonish thee solely for the sake of	أقبلت فلنفسك وإن أعرضت إن ربك غني
	God. Shouldst thou accept this counsel, thou wilt	•
	have acted to thine own behoof; and shouldst thou	عنك وعن الذين اتّبعوك بوهم مبين الله قد
	reject it, thy Lord, verily, can well dispense with thee, and with all those who, in manifest delusion,	أخذ الله من أغواك فارجع إليه خاضعاً
	have followed thee. Behold! God hath laid hold on	خاشعاً متذلَّلاً إنه يكفّر عنك سيّئاتك إنّ
	him who led thee astray. Return unto God, humble,	ريك لهو التوّاب العزيز الرحيم *
	submissive and lowly; verily, He will put away from	ریت مهو التواب العریز الرحیم ***
	thee thy sins, for thy Lord, of a certainty, is the	
	Forgiving, the Mighty, the All-Merciful.	
185	This is the Counsel of God; would that thou	هذا نصح الله لو أنت من السامعين ۞ هذا

	T	T
186	mightest heed it! This is the Bounty of God; would that thou mightest receive it! This is the Utterance of God; if only thou wouldst apprehend it! This is the Treasure of God; if only thou couldst understand! This is a Book which hath become the Lamp of the Eternal unto the world, and His straight, undeviating Path amidst the peoples of the earth. Say: This is the Dayspring of Divine knowledge, if ye be of them that understand, and the Dawning-place of God's commandments, if ye be of those who comprehend.	فضل الله لو أنت من المقبلين * هذا ذكر الله لو أنت من الشاعرين * هذا كنز الله لو أنت من العارفين * هذا كتاب أصبح مصباح القدم للعالم وصراطه الأقوم بين العالمين * قل إنه لمطلع علم الله لو أنتم تعلمون * ومشرق أوامر الله لو أنتم تعرفون *
187	Burden not an animal with more than it can bear. We, truly, have prohibited such treatment through a most binding interdiction in the Book. Be ye the embodiments of justice and fairness amidst all creation.	لا تحملوا على الحيوان ما يعجز عن حمله إنا نهيناكم عن ذلك نهياً عظيماً في الكتاب كونوا مظاهر العدل والإنصاف بين السموات والأرضين **
188	Should anyone unintentionally take another's life, it is incumbent upon him to render to the family of the deceased an indemnity of one hundred mithqáls of gold. Observe ye that which hath been enjoined upon you in this Tablet, and be not of those who overstep its limits.	من قتل نفساً خطاً فله دية مسلّمة إلى أهلها وهي مائة مثقال من الذهب اعملوا بما أمرتم به في اللوح ولا تكوننّ من المتجاوزين *
189	O members of parliaments throughout the world! Select ye a single language for the use of all on earth, and adopt ye likewise a common script. God, verily, maketh plain for you that which shall profit you and enable you to be independent of others. He, of a truth, is the Most Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Informed. This will be the cause of unity, could ye but comprehend it, and the greatest instrument for promoting harmony and civilization, would that ye might understand! We have appointed two signs for the coming of age of the human race: the first, which is the most firm foundation, We have set down in other of Our Tablets, while the second hath been revealed in this wondrous Book.	يا أهل المجالس في البلاد اختاروا لغة من اللغات ليتكلّم بها من على الأرض وكذلك من الخطوط إن الله يبيّن لكم ما ينفعكم ويغنيكم عن دونكم إنه لهو الفضّال العليم الخبير شهذا سبب الاتّحاد لو أنتم تعلمون شوالعلّة الكبرى للاتفاق والتمدّن لو أنتم تشعرون أيّا جعلنا الأمرين علامتين لبلوغ العالم الأول وهو الأسّ الأعظم نزّلناه في ألواح أخرى والثاني نزّل في هذا اللوح البديع شهذا اللوح البديع شهدا اللوح البديع شهدا اللوح البديع شهدا اللوح البديع المناس علية المناس ال
190	It hath been forbidden you to smoke opium. We, truly, have prohibited this practice through a most binding interdiction in the Book. Should anyone partake thereof, assuredly he is not of Me. Fear God, O ye endued with understanding!	قد حرّم عليكم شرب الأفيون إنّا نهيناكم عن ذلك نهياً عظيماً في الكتاب والذي شرب إنه ليس منّي اتّقوا الله يا أولي الألباب *