

To Be Closely United

Bahá'u'lláh, Abdu'l-Baha

Translated



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*"Beware lest the desires of the flesh and of a corrupt inclination provoke divisions among you. Be ye as the fingers of one hand, the members of one body. Thus counseleth you the Pen of Revelation, if ye be of them that believe."*¹

*"It hath been laid down in the Bayán that marriage is dependent upon the consent of both parties. Desiring to establish love, unity and harmony amidst Our servants, We have conditioned it, once the couple's wish is known, upon the permission of their parents, lest enmity and rancor should arise amongst them. And in this We have yet other purposes. Thus hath Our commandment been ordained."*²

*"With the utmost unity, and in a spirit of perfect fellowship, exert yourselves, that ye may be enabled to achieve that which beseemeth this Day of God. Verily I say, strife and dissension, and whatsoever the mind of man abhorreth are entirely unworthy of his station."*³

*Please God, ye will regard this blessed night as the night of unity, will knit your souls together, and resolve to adorn yourselves with the ornament of a goodly and praiseworthy character."*⁴

*"Cleave unto that which draweth you together and uniteth you. This, verily, is the most exalted Word which the Mother Book hath sent down and revealed unto you."*⁵

*"The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch."*⁶

"We love to see you at all times consorting in amity and concord within the paradise of My good-pleasure, and to inhale from your acts the fragrance of friendliness and unity, of loving-kindness and fellowship. Thus counseleth you the All-Knowing, the Faithful. We shall always be

1. Baha'u'llah, The Most Holy Book, para 58

2. Baha'u'llah, The Most Holy Book, para 65

3. Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, XCVI

4. Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, C

5. Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, CXI

6. Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, CXII



with you; if We inhale the perfume of your fellowship, Our heart will assuredly rejoice, for naught else can satisfy Us.”⁷

“It behoveth man to adhere tenaciously unto that which will promote fellowship, kindness and unity.”⁸

“So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.”⁹

“The utterance of God is a lamp, whose light is these words: Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship. He Who is the Daystar of Truth beareth Me witness! So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth. The One true God, He Who knoweth all things, Himself testifieth to the truth of these words. Exert yourselves that ye may attain this transcendent and most sublime station, the station that can insure the protection and security of all mankind. This goal excelleth every other goal, and this aspiration is the monarch of all aspirations.”¹⁰

“Note ye how easily, where unity existeth in a given family, the affairs of that family are conducted; what progress the members of that family make, how they prosper in the world. Their concerns are in order, they enjoy comfort and tranquility, they are secure, their position is assured, they come to be envied by all.”¹¹

“Unity is the expression of the loving power of God and reflects the reality of Divinity. It is resplendent in this Day through the bestowals of light upon humanity.”¹²



⁷. Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, CXLVI

⁸. Bahá'u'lláh, Lawh-i-Dunya

⁹. Bahá'u'lláh, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf

¹⁰. Bahá'u'lláh, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf

¹¹. Abdu'l-Bahá, Selections from the Writings of Abdu'l-Bahá, no. 221

¹². Abdu'l-Bahá, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, Talk at Union Meeting of Advanced Thought Centers, Carnegie Lyceum