[Recently received letter from Haifa, from our beloved Hand of the Cause Mr Faizi.[[1]](#footnote-1) We think you will agree with us when we say the bounty is much too great for us to keep for our own pleasure—it must be shared! This letter was truly written to all who read it. Most of the personal part we have deleted but wish to share this part with you.]

My very own precious Hugh, Nancy and darling little, wonderful angels.

You are forever in my heart and prayers and rise with the sunshine in the morning prayers and smile with the evening ones. It is beyond words to describe what Bahá’u’lláh has created and in what an ocean of love he has invited all of us. This is so beautiful that we have no words to adequately express and it is so immense in scope that no expression can ever contain it. In the summer schools there were several subjects that I taught. All were dear to my heart, but when I taught the Hidden Words, I saw you with me like the very first night my eyes feasted on your beautiful faces. Therefore I venture to summarize the lesson for you.

To me *The Hidden Words* is a Masterpiece that the artists can copy and imitate, get inspiration and meditate. It is a glorious sun-rise in an ocean. It is a magnificent sunset in the forest which the autumn has made beautiful. All these and many other descriptions may be given to this little book, but above all it is, to me at least, a contract between God and man for a spiritual journey. A journey which will take men towards perfection, toward moments when there are no more physical entities, but celestial ones connected and in conversation with those beyond.

This contract has, if we study *The Hidden Words* carefully, five parts:

1. Why man out of the whole creation is singled out to perform this role.

2. What are the provisions that he should have for the road.

3. The road seems to me in the most perfect order. There are all signs in it. Every indication of danger and advancement is well prepared therefore we say there are **green lights** on the road.

4. There are **red lights** on this path. By green lights we understand that we are allowed to enter, by the red ones, we know that there are dangers, and should we enter our whole journey will be in danger of incompletion.

5. What are the results? What does mankind obtain?

According to the above enumerations I will go on to select the passages from *The Hidden Words* to illustrate my point.

Oh how I long to be there with eyes shedding tears of joy and longing, embrace all of you and talk to you about these things! They are the most precious shares of humanity from the Treasure Houses of God and we must always be with them to purify our souls, to purge our hearts and receive the rays of the love of God.

I do not claim that what I write is an exhaustive study of the subject nor in any way a conclusive one. It is a suggestion so that you may study this great subject. It is not a lesson—it is streams of love pouring out to wash all your sorrows and pain.

Why man out of the whole creation is singled out for this journey?
We read in *The Hidden Words* as such:

1. *I knew My love for thee* …. (Ar. #3)

2. *I loved thy creation* …. (Ar. #4)

3. *Thou art My stronghold* …. (Ar. #10)

4. *Thou art My lamp* …. (Ar. #11)

5. *Thou art My light* …. (Ar. #14)

6. *With the hands of power I made thee* …. (Ar. #12)

7. *… within thee have I placed the essence of My light* …. (Ar. #12)

8. *I created thee rich* …. (Ar. #13)

9. *Out of the essence of knowledge I gave thee being* …. (Ar. #13)

10. *Thou art My dominion and My dominion perisheth not* …. (Ar. #14)

11. *… put thy trust in Me and not in thyself* …. (Ar. #8)

12. *Thy heart is My home* …. (Ar. #59)

13. *Ponder this* [knowledge] *in thy heart; how it behooveth thee to be*. (Ar. #2)

PS. There are of course, other quotations—these are samples. Please compare these with what teachers, professors, psychologists, etc., inculcate in the minds of the youth. They are nothing but a bundle of animal passions and desires, every one of which must find satisfaction.

What provisions are necessary for such a spiritual journey?

1. *My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart* …. (Ar. #1)

2. *The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice* …. (Ar. #2)

3. *Love Me, that I may love thee*. (Ar. #5)

4. *Thy Paradise is My love* …. (Ar. #6)

5. *… thy heavenly home, reunion with Me*. (Ar. #6)

6. *My love is My stronghold* …. (Ar. #9)

7. … *grace of God shall be all-sufficient unto you*. (Pers. #80)

8. *Sorrow not save that thou art far from Us*. (ar. #35)

9. *Rejoice not save that thou art drawing near and returning unto Us*. (Ar. #35)

10. *All that is in heaven and earth I have ordained for thee, except the human heart* …. (Pers. #27)

The red lights

1. … *turn away from thyself* [ego]…. (Ar. #7)

2. *Be not content with the ease of a passing day* …. (Ar. #39)

3. *Transgress not thy limits* …. (Ar. #24)

4. *Vaunt not thyself over the poor* …. (Ar. #25)

5. *Breathe not the sins of others* …. (Ar. #27)

6. *How couldst thou forget thine own faults and busy thyself with the faults of others?* (Ar. #26)

7. *Ascribe not to any soul that which thou wouldst not have ascribed to thee* …. (Ar. #29)

8. *Neglect not My commandments* …. (Ar. #39)

9. *Busy not thyself with this world* …. (Ar. #55)

10. *Thou dost wish for gold and I desire thy freedom from it*. (Ar. #56)

The green lights

1. *Bring thyself to account each day* …. (Ar. #31)

2. *Rejoice in the gladness of thine heart* …. (Ar. #36)

3. *Walk in My statutes for love of Me* …. (Ar. #38)

4. *Magnify My cause* …. (Ar. #41)

5. *Humble thyself before Me, that I may graciously visit thee*. (Ar. #42)

6. *Make mention of Me on My earth* …. (Ar. #43)

7. *The poor in your midst are My trust; guard ye My trust* …. (Ar. #54)

8. *For everything there is a sign. The sign of love is fortitude under My decree and patience under My trials*. (Ar. #48)

9. *My calamity is My providence, outwardly it is fire and vengeance, but inwardly it is light and mercy*. (Ar. #51)

10. *The true lover yearneth for tribulation* …. (Ar. #49)

The result

When man reaches the end of his journey, he will find many of his own kind, then will they never [be] separated. They remain eternally together immersed in oceans of light, love and life beyond any words to describe. They will walk on the same earth, soar in the same heaven and from every atom of their existence, and from every deed and word issued from them, signs of unity will be manifested. Because God has created man as His own treasure house and in him He has entrusted a chance to manifest the luster of all the heavenly qualities embedded in him.

His final note—truly to all who study his understanding of the *Hidden Words:* “I wish every word, every phrase, every prayer take wings and come to all of you and embrace you all for me. Soon I shall reach Haifa and will remember you all in the shrines.

 Yours always and every more …

 (signed) Faizi

We hope you enjoy this as much as we did—let us all say a prayer for our beloved Hands of the Cause who all so lovingly and devotedly work for our Faith and glowing as living example of those who understand, love, and live the Divine Teachings of Bahá’u’lláh.

 Warmest Bahá’í love,

 Hugh and Nancy Linegerger

 Julie, Janice & Jill

1. Abu’l-Qásim Fayḍí (Faizi) (1906–1980). [Transcribed with minor typographical and spelling corrections from scanned photographic images of typewritten copy. The same or representative quotes replace the original paraphrased “quotes”. [M.W.T.] From the Emma Maxie Jones Collection, https://bahai-library.com/emma\_maxwell\_jones\_collection , prepared by E. Jones, M. Thomas, and J. Winters (2021-2022). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)