Hidden Words of Bahá’u’lláh [[1]](#footnote-1)

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I. Introduction

1. Bahá’u’lláh’s purpose in revealing the Hidden Words.

2. The importance of the symbolism He uses.

II. What God and His Manifestations provide for man

1. Placed in man a breath of His own Spirit: Arabic 4, 7, 19; Persian 32.

2. His love for man: Arabic 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 20, 65: Persian 30, 32, 34, 52.

3. Revealed to man His Glory, Majesty, and Beauty: Arabic 65: Persian2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 46, 61.

4. Created man and provided for his training and development: Arabic 68: Persian 29.

5. Gives man peace, safety and security: Arabic 8. 9. 10. 33; Persian 1.

6. Created man rich, noble: Arabic 13, 22.

7. Gives man wisdom, knowledge; enlightens him: Arabic 12, 13, 20, 34, 63, 69; Persian 16, 62.

8. Promises man reunion with Him: Arabic 6, 34.

9. His gifts are freely given: Persian 22.

10. His “calamity” is light and mercy; He heals all man’s ills: Arabic 51; Persian 32, 52.

11. Gives man the Light of eternity: Arabic 41: Persian 29.

12. Conceals the shame of the unfaithful: Persian 27, 28, 59, 60, 72.

13. Promises retribution for those who turn away and for the unjust: Persian 63, 64, 65, 67.

14. God will purge man of all “colours” except His colour: Persian 74.

15. His revelation is in accord with man’s capacity: Arabic 67, 70.

16. Counsels man to listen to the words of His chosen ones: Persian 56.

17. Bears witness to the high station of those who testify for His Cause: Arabic 44.

18. His pleasure is in the pleasure of His creatures: Persian 43.

19. “*Thou are the day-star of the heaven of My holiness* …”: Persian 73.

20. “*Seize thy chance, for it will come to thee no more*”: Persian 15, 40.

III. Man’s attitude toward God

1. “*Do thou love me* …”: Arabic 4, 5, 6, 7; Persian 32.

2. Love Him alone: Arabic 8, 11, 14, 15, 16; Persian 31.

3. Be content with what God has provided: Arabic 12, 17, 18, 21, 45, 70.

4. Rejoice in drawing near to God: Arabic 33, 35, 36.

5. Do not veil oneself from the Light: Arabic 32, 34, 50.

6. Do not doubt; rise to heights of certainty: Arabic 8, 12: Persian 9, 33.

7. Seek the beauty and glory of God: Arabic 8, 14, 36, 37; Persian 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 46.

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8. “*Cast out the stranger that the Friend may enter*”. Persian 26, 27, 28.

9. Desire only what God has desired for you: Arabic 22, 23, 38, 44; Persian 19, 43.

10. Obey His divine wisdom: Arabic 38, 39, 40, 46, 51, 68, 71.

11, Hearken to His divine wisdoms: Persian 11, 18, 33, 35, 36, 52, 73.

12. Commune with God: “*Hasten to the court of the Most High*”: Arabic 16; Persian 8, 11, 21, 68.

13. Man’s heart must be pure, in order to commune: Arabic 58, 59; Persian 17, 19, 20.

14. Be humble before God: Arabic 24, 30, 40, 42.

15. Seek the Tree of wealth; be poor in all save God: Arabic 57, 60; Persian 49, 51.

16. In God’s path ignore both prosperity and abasement: Arabic 51, 52.

17. Free thyself from idle fanciest: Arabic 62, 63; Persian 29, 45.

18. Arise for the triumph of His Cause: Arabic 41, 42, 43, 46.

19. Seek a martyr’s death; yearn for tribulation in His path: Arabic 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 71.

20. Seek the “*Nine of unity*” with God: Arabic 61, 64; Persian 61, 62, 64.

21. None can understand “*that which beseemeth Me*”: Arabic 65, 66.

IV. Attitudes and conduct which should characterize man

1. Man’s deeds must be in accord with his words: Arabic 28, 29.

2. Deeds must be of “*Stainless purity*” of “*Stainless holiness*”: Persian 35, 38, 69, 76.

3. Turn away from self: Arabic 7, 8, 68; Persian 22, 32, 38, 40, 45, 55, 65, 68, 69, 72, 79.

4. No one should exalt himself over the other: Arabic 68; Persian 5, 43, 44.

5. Avoid haughtiness, self-satisfaction: Arabic 20, 47, 48, 71.

6. Be patient, forbearing: Arabic 48; Persian 48.

7. Treasure the companionship of the righteous: Arabic 56, 57; Persian 3, 10.

8. Avoid fellowship with the ungodly: Arabic 69; Persian 3, 30, 56, 57.

9. Show the signs of oneness: Arabic 68.

10. “*See with thine own eyes, and not through the eyes of others*”: Arabic 2.

11. “*Ascribe not to any soul that which thou wouldst not have ascribed to thee*”: Arabic 29.

12. Do not busy thyself with the faults of others: Arabic 26, 27, 44; Persian 44, 66.

13. Be kindly, radiant; do not sigh or weep: Arabic 1; Persian44.

14. Be merciful; avoid tyranny: Persian 38. 64.

15. Avoid malice, hypocrisy, heedlessness: Persian 42, 69, 73, 750

16. “*Be not troubled in poverty nor confident in riches*”: Arabic 53; Persian 51.

17. Avoid envy and covetousness: Persian 6, 42, 50.

18. Gold and riches must not hinder man in his search for God: Arabic 55, 56; Persian 53, 55.

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19. “*Bestow My wealth upon My poor*”: Arabic 57; Persian 49, 54.

20. Do not speak until you find one who is seeking: Persian 36.

21. Do not dispute idly: Persian 5, 46.

22. Do not deny the requests of others: Arabic 30.

23. Engage in crafts and professions “*for the love of God*”: Persian 80, 81, 82.

24. “*Bring yourself to account each day* …”: Arabic 31.

25. Be free and contents: Persian 44, 50.

26. “*Array all things with the apparel of life*”: Persian 73.

V. His promise of eternal life

1. God gives to man the “*chalice of immortal life*”: Arabic 1, 14, 41, 54, 64; Persian 2, 7, 37, 39, 44, 62, 70.

2. Man must become fit for everlasting life: Arabic 63; Persian 10, 75.

3. Death is a “*messenger of joy*”: Arabic 32; Persian 41.

VI. Persecution by the unfaithful

1. Of the “*celestial Youth*”: Persian 23.

2. By “*wolves*” who prey on the flock: Persian 24.

3. “*Clear but bitter water …*” not accepted: Persian 25.

4. Attack on the “doves of holiness” and on Bahá’u’lláh: Persian 77.

*Let it now be seen what thy search and endeavours will achieve*.[[4]](#footnote-4)

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