

Instructions from Abdu'l Baha--given to some American pilgrims to Acca in 1900 for ~~the~~ first teachings.

Every material thing we see around us represents some spiritual idea. As there is an outward, material reality, so there is also an inward, spiritual reality. Take for example, the sun. There is a material sun, and there is also a spiritual sun. As the physical sun rises and sets, so also does the spiritual sun. When the sun rises ~~and sets~~ ~~and sets~~ ~~and sets~~ ~~and sets~~ ~~and sets~~ the darkness vanishes. So, also, when the Sun of Truth arises, all errors and ignorance disappears. As everything in the world depends entirely upon the material sun for life and growth, and for producing fruit, for without its rays no fruit would be possible, so, also, without the Light of the Spiritual Sun, souls can produce no fruit. But where it shines, fruits follow in due season. Unless we dig and plant a piece of ground, and have a gardener to care for the plants, we can have no garden; we shall have no beautiful flowers or plants, but there will be wild forest instead. So, also, with children, unless they have some one to rear them and care for them and cultivate their minds, they would become like wild animals.

Everything in the world must have something or someone to care for it to enable it to ~~grow~~ live and grow. As the children need a teacher, so also, the souls need a Master. Who are these Masters who train the souls in spiritual knowledge?

They are the Prophets, who teach in the school of GOD, and they are the greatest and highest of all teachers and instructors.

D.W.G.

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**Prayer for the End of the War.**

Extract from a letter written by S. Ruppiani to Capt. Tudor Pole, Cairo, Egypt. Sent to Mrs. Calladia Coles, December, 22, 1918.  
Received at Washington, D.C., January 18, 1919.

"Tomorrow the Master is also invited to address the final word of prayer at a public and immense gathering to celebrate the end of the war.

Later. This is the text of the prayer He revealed.

"O Omnipotent God!" Verily, the pavilion of Justice has been raised in the Holy Land extending from East to West. We thank thee and we praise thee for the establishment of this just and equitable sovereignty, and this mighty government which strives for the comfort of its people and the safety of its subjects.

"O, Almighty God! Confirm the greatest Emperor, George V through the divine confirmations and strengthen him by thy merciful power and perpetuate his protecting shadow upon this noble land. This we ask through thy help and assistance and protection.

"Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent; the Exalted, the Omniscient and the Generous!"

"The Beloved's health is excellent and He reveals these days different Tablets to Persia, Europe and America."

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PROPHECY REGARDING THE NEXT WAR by Abdul Baha

(Extract from a letter of Albert R. Vail to Louis G. Gregory)

"The passage is from a Tablet to Ahmad Khan Yazdani, the Hague, and is as follows:"

O servant of the Threshold of Baha'O'llah!

Your letter dated fourteenth June, 1920, has been received. A letter from some of the members of the Peace Committee has also been received, to which an answer has been written. Deliver it to them. It is evident that this meeting is not what it is reputed to be and is unable to order and arrange affairs in the manner that is befitting and necessary. Be that as it may, nevertheless, the matter in which they are engaged is of great importance. The meeting of the Hague should have such power and influence that its word may have effect upon the governments and nations. To the revered members assembled point out the Hague Conference held before the war had as its president the Emperor of Russia and its members were men of the greatest eminence. Notwithstanding this it did not prevent this terrible war. How now will it be? For in the future a more terrible war will assuredly take place. Verily, of this there is no doubt. What can the Hague meeting do?

(This is the first paragraph of the Tablet. The rest of the Tablet has to do with the printing of the Hague Peace Tablet in England, etc., and the teaching work of Ahmad Yazdani.)

(signed) "Albert"

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..... Extract from a Tablet to Mrs. Dealy. ....

I love you tenderly and I know that you are drinking deep of the cup of afflictions. But that ever Christ, <sup>the</sup> beloved Son of God, had been forced to drink of the cup of afflictions, but by this way *it be-* the cause of His power and glory. You should feel honored to be a worthy companion to the martyrs in God's Cause. Great spiritual blessings were always gained by material trials.

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Think of the poverty of material wealth! The blindness of material sight! The narrowness of only material hopelessness! I pray for you and your family and be sure that I understand your true work. I love you tenderly, very tenderly, and you are always to find comfort in this thought.

(signed) Abdul-Baha Abbas.

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Some words of Abdul Baha, related to Mary Lesch by the Cooper-Frankland party, which she in turn related in her own words to C.M.B.

Regarding Prayer, Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Frankland said Abdul Baha advised that all pray for others more than for themselves, as that will help us to become less selfish, and as we pray for the bounties to be showered upon others, we draw them in this way to ourselves.

Amidst great lamentation and weeping, for we are told that Mrs. Hoagg was in tears all the time Abdul Baha was speaking on the subject, we are told that Abdul Baha upholds capital punishment and said that if a man took a life, he should pay for that life with his own life. When His attention was called to the suffering endured by a person awaiting such a punishment, He said that if such a person was really penitent, by that true penitence he redeemed his soul. In other words, through that real penitence he saved his soul.

The subject of the 19-day Fast was also spoken of: this is the Fast from March 2nd. to March 20th. Mrs. Frankland said it seemed to her as though Abdul Baha laughed down His sleeve at them all the time they talked about this subject, as He thinks so little of fasting, while we make so much of it. Some one asked, should one fast when it was so inconvenient to do so--that is, get up early before probably the rest of the family were around, and Abdul Baha said, "What is a little inconvenience?" He said all should fast. When told that it was said the 45 was the age limit, He smiled at them and said there was no limit and when pushed for an answer said 70 years was the limit. He said nothing should pass the lips from sunrise to sunset.

D.W.G.

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From notes taken at Haifa, November 23, 1919.

Mr. Vail asked the Master for any suggestions as to the meetings in Chicago, and how the Cause might be more rapidly spread.

Abdul Baha said: "Each one of the friends should try to guide one soul--those who are worthy--not the persons who enter the Cause and bring degradation to it; not like Farced. If he had ~~been~~ not been a Bahai, it would have been much better. The people who are pure and sincere will not be the cause of degradation to it. But when a person enters the Cause and sees a gathering and tells lies, he has no faith. He is untrustworthy. Such people bring degradation to the Cause. But there are others, who, when they become believers are deeply attracted to it."

The Master suggested that the believers pick out the right people--pure and sanctified souls--and guide them to the Cause. He said: "Have them come to your home, invite them to dinner; then later, after they have confirmed, bring them to the regular Assembly meetings."

Group meetings, He said, were good. Each one should make at least one Bahai a year.

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D.V.S.

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VISIONS OF TABLETS REVEALED BY ABDUL BAHÁ FOR AMERICAN BELIEVERS

CONCERNING THE CHRIST

"Know that the return of Christ for a second time does not mean what the people believe, but rather signifies the One promised to come after Him. He shall come with the Kingdom of God and His Power, which hath surrounded the world. This Power (or Reign) is in the world of hearts and spirits, and not in that of matter (or bodies). For the material world is not comparable to the single wing of a fly, or rather less in the sight of thy Lord, wert thou of those who know!

"Verily, Christ came with His Kingdom from the beginning, which has no beginning, and will come with His Kingdom to the eternity of Eternities, inasmuch as, in this sense, Christ is an expression of the Divine Reality, the single Essence and Heavenly Entity, which hath no beginning or ending. It has appearance, arising, and manifestation and setting in each one of the cycles.

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"Concerning thy question what Christ arose for a second time; Verily, Christ (Upon Him be greeting and praise!) never dies! God, the Exalted, has said; 'Think not that those who were killed in the Path of God are dead; nay, rather, they are living and fed by their Lord.' Again: 'The believer (in God) is alive in both this and the next world.' If this station be true of the people of faith, how much more true it is of the Prophets (Upon them be glory and peace!).

"As to the ascension of Christ unto the Supreme Apex, the Sublime Heaven and the Mighty Firmament--know, verily, heaven is applied to the visible phenomenon but the Reality thereof is the Supreme Station, the Highest Summit, the Sublime Mansion and the Supreme Kingdom, where Christ ascended.

"He said: 'No one will ascend to heaven save Him who has descended from it.' Thus it is proven that He descended from heaven, while

outwardly He descended from the womb of Mary.

"Christ is eternally in His Heaven, the Highest Station and most Supreme Summit. Glory be unto my Lord, the Supreme!"

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"Then know that for the Reality of Christ there is no beginning and there is no end. Everlastingly that luminous Entity has been sitting on the Throne of Might, and everlastingly It will have a penetrating dominion over the worlds of existence. This Dominion is eternal and everlasting, and has no abrupt end."

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"Likewise the address of the angels to the people of Galilee that 'this Christ will return in the same way and that He will descend from heaven', is a spiritual address. For when Christ appeared He came from heaven, although He was outwardly born from the womb of Mary.

For He said; 'No man hath ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven.' He said; 'I have come from heaven and will likewise go to heaven.' By 'heaven' is not meant the infinite phenomenal space, but 'heaven' signifies the world of the Divine Kingdom, which is the Supreme Station and seat of the Sun of Truth. To be brief: the mysteries of the Holy Books are many, and require explanation and elucidation. I hope thine insight will be so opened that the Divine Mysteries may become manifest and clear." (page 192, Tablets of A.B. Vol. I.)

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Words of Abdul Baha, from Ahmad's Diary

"The Bible and the Gospel are most honored in the estimation of all the Bahais. One of the spiritual utterances of His Holiness Christ, in His Sermon on the Mount, is preferable to me to all the writings of the philosophers. It is the religious duty of every Bahai to read and comprehend the meanings of the Old and New Testaments."

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"O thou who art advancing toward God, Know verily that the reign of Jesus was a spiritual reign, penetrative in the hearts and the spirits and not over the bodies, rocks and earth.

"The fetters which Christ put ~~at~~ Satan's neck meant the breaking of his power, the hindering of his dominion and the dispersing of his assemblage through the power of Inspiration and Revelation.

"But as to those who deprive themselves of the Spiritual Table and of the Fragrance of the Spirit of God, they are dead and devoid of life. There is no immortality for them in this world nor in the Kingdom of God. As to the sincere believers, verily they rejoice in the garden of the mercy of their Lord, are glad, associate with one another and praise God for this bountiful blessing.

"O maid-servant of God, verily the Life of the world is a dream; neither itself nor its happiness is of any important station, but the great happiness is after the departure unto the Supreme Friend, entrance into the Paradise of Immortality and the Supreme Garden at the time of meeting and beholding."

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"It matters not by what name each calls himself,--the great work is one. Christ is ever in the world of existence. He has never departed out of it. Rest assured, Christ is present. The spiritual beauty we see around us today is from the Breathings of Christ."

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"Baha'ollah established Christ in the East. He has praised Christ, honored Christ, exalted Him, called Him the Word of God, the Spirit of God, raised the Name of Christ to supreme Summits of glorification. Throughout the Orient Bahais have illumined the lamp of Christ and spread His mention."

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(Copied from an old compilation)  
D.V.G.

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To beloved Baha'i Friend, Willard Hatch--

Dear, dear Willard;

Your most welcome letter with its enclosure brought joy to our hearts, thank you!

It was good to have a copy of the Thornton Chase Memorial, again thanks,-

You mention the Guardian's instructions concerning the number "9".- At the time you received your notation from the Guardian, as you have quoted, we who labored at the Temple, with teaching, guiding and preparing material to be used as a teacher's guide for those who would prepare themselves as guides at the Temple- were given this same instruction. Later my own activities took me away from my beloved spot, the Temple, and the later instructions concerning the number "9", I seemed not to have been aware of, at the time given.- Later I became aware there was a conflict between our old instructions, and new ones,- and I, too, have never been able to reconcile them- if you have time and the "angels" prompt you- would you mind sharing the Guardian's answer with me.- ?

Also, I wonder if you remember anything about a Mr. Anderson in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, who received a Tablet from the Master while he lived there? and do you know which Tablet it was?. I was born in this town and was living there when he did,- The Creative Word permeates the very air we breathe,- and I have always wanted to know more about this first believer in the town where I began my journey.

Edwin Kohl sends his dearest love to both you and Mrs. Hatch. He should have a tiny share of that stalwart quality "Steadfastness" as Zia Bahgdadi was his teacher and sponsor- and the Master told Mrs. True that of the orientals in this country she should trust "His son Zia".- and as I remember her instruction she told me that Zia was put on that Committee with two others, herself included to pass on the authenticity of 'Abdu'l-Baha's Tablets, ( in that they were His and not forgeries or make-ups by Ahmad or anyone else)- before they were put into the archives or published in the volumes we now have.

It is indeed interesting to note that the first Baha'is to gather in Missoula have all had their early training at the Temple area! Do you remember Albert Windust? His great ~~faithfulness~~ faithfulness has assisted the deepening of several newer generations of believers. We wrote to him not long ago, just a Baha'i love letter of appreciation. Would that you too could traverse the ends of this continent and share the wealth of your knowledge of the Teachings! Generations, yet unborn would appreciate, so much this great assistance!

Our deepest love and appreciation to you and yours,

Your friend,

Virginia

(Virginia)

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*Prophecy*

The entire world will be one nationality.  
From Talks by Abdul Baha.

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When His Highness the Christ appeared in this world nineteen hundred years ago to establish the ties of unity and the bonds of love between the various nations and different communities, He cemented together the sciences of Rome and the greatness of Greece.

He also brought about and established affiliation between the Assyrian kingdom and the power of Egypt. It had been impossible to establish unity, love and accord and agreement between these nations, but His Highness the Christ, through the Divine Power, established this condition among the children of men.

Now, a much greater difficulty is encountered when we desire to establish this great unity between the Orient and the Occident!

His Highness BAHĀ'U'LLĀH, through the power of Heaven, has established union between the East and the West. Ere long we shall know that the East and the West are cemented together with the power of GOD. That oneness of the kingdom of humanity will supplant the banner of conquest and bring under its shade all communities of earth.

No nation like Persia will be left: America will be known only in name: Germany, also: France, England, Turkey, Arabia - all these various nations will be welded together in unity.

In the future, when people of these various nations are asked: "To which nationality do you belong?" the answer will be "To the nationality of human beings: I am living under the shadow of BAHĀ'U'LLĀH: I am the servant of BAHĀ'U'LLĀH: I belong to the army of the 'Most Great Peace.'" The people in the future will not say: I belong to the nation of England, France or Persia. All of them will become citizens of one nation: These warfares and strifes will

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pass away and all the people will be of one family, belonging to one country.

His Highness BAHĀ'U'LLĀH appeared in a country which was the center of prejudice. In that country were many different communities: There were many religious sects and denominations: The greatest animosity of the past existed among these people: They were ready to kill each other: They considered the killing of others who did not believe as they did, an act of worship.

His Highness BAHĀ'U'LLĀH established such a unity and agreement between these various communities that the greatest love and amity are now witnessed among them. To-day, the Bahais of the East are longing with the greatest desire to see you face to face.

Their highest hope, their greatest aspiration, is that the day may come when they will be gathered together in an assembly with you. Consider well the power that made this great change.

To-day, the human world is sick. To heal this sick body of the world will need the oneness of the kingdom of humanity. Its life is the "Most Great Peace." Its illumination is love. Its happiness consists in the acquirement of the perfections of this world.  
and trust

I hope/that in the bounties and favors of the Blessed Perfection we may find a new life, acquire a new power, attain to a great and wonderful source of energy, so that the foundation of the unity of the world of men may establish the "Most Great Peace." May the Love of GOD from this city, from this meeting, be spread to all the surrounding countries. May, may America become the center of spiritual enlightenment and all the world receive this great heavenly blessing.



For America has developed wonderful capabilities and powers. The capabilities of the people in this country are greater than other nations. It is true that the people have perfected a most wonderful material civilization. I hope that the spiritual forces may likewise animate this great body. May the inhabitants of this country become like angels of heaven, with faces turned towards GOD.

May all of them become the servants of the Great One. May they rise from the perfections of materialism to such a height that heavenly illumination may emanate from this center to all the countries of the world.

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*M. A. Esphahani*

Explanation of "HE IS GOD."  
Cause of Baha'o'llah same as Christ.  
From Tablets by Abdul Baha.

HE IS GOD!

O thou who art firm in the Covenant!

Thou hast asked regarding the phrase "HE IS GOD" written above the Tablets. By this word it is intended that no one has access to the Invisible Essence. The way is barred, and the road is impassable in this world. All men must turn their faces toward "Him whom GOD shall manifest." He is the Dawning-place of Divinity and the Manifestation of Deity. He is the Ultimate Goal, the Adored One of all, and the Worshipped One of all. Otherwise, what flashes through the mind is not that Essence of Essences and Reality of Realities. Nay, rather it is pure imagination woven by man and is surrounded, not the Surrounding. Consequently, it returns finally to the realm of suppositions and conjectures.

Upon the Baha el Abha!

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

Translated by M. A. Esphahani.  
December 17, 1908. 6 p.m.

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The Cause of Baha'o'llah is the same as the Cause of Christ. It is the same Temple and the same Foundation. Both of these are the Spiritual Springs and the seasons of the soul-refreshing awakening and the cause of the renovation of the life of mankind. The spring of this year is the same as the spring of last year. The same origin and ends are the same. The sun of today is the sun of yesterday. In the coming of Christ the Divine Teachings were given in accordance with the infancy of the human race. The Teachings of Baha'o'llah ~~xxxx~~ have the same basic principles, but are according to the stage of the maturity of the world and the requirements of this illumined age.

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

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December 14, 1908.

Questions asked Abdul Baha and His  
Influence  
Communication  
Question of the  
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unseen forces have the power to control one's  
affairs and who is it permissible for the forces  
to influence a person in any direction?  
Abdul Baha. This is but the imagination of  
man kind

Question. About those who pretend to receive  
news and messages from the other side such  
as the Order of the Golden Cross, etc.

Abdul Baha. What the people claim regarding the  
other side and that they receive messages from  
that place is not quite so, they only feel  
something within themselves, but they do not  
perceive, there is a great difference between  
feeling and perception.

Question. Please explain the meaning of  
this verse from the Koran:  
"Verily those who distribute our signs we will  
cause to be boiled in hell fire so often as  
their skins shall be worn turned we will  
give them other skins in exchange that

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that they may taste the Chamberlaine  
Abdul Baha. He'll connect the  
beediness of Seaborn God.  
The removing of skin is doubt, and  
whenever our doubt of their doubts is  
taken away, a new doubt will take place.

Tommy Lewis Alexander

March 17<sup>th</sup>

to me & by Mrs. J. S. S.  
1892.



Prophecy  
Many of our American teachers give only the "seven days" from our own Bible. This is good in itself, but can never become universal in type. Moses left his Book and it contained brief statements of Adam, Abraham, Melchizedek and Noah, handed traditionally down, and all of these with the 100,000 Adams prior to this first recorded Adam (such as Brahma, Lao Tse, Confucius), properly belong to that first obscure Day of Revelation. We find Abdul Baha declaring this great universality on 169 of "Some Answered Questions" in the Great Fact that Buddha left a new (or renewed) Religion. While to Christians the statement at the top of the (and that was stated to a Christian) is accepted, yet it is universal. Thus I have followed the universal teachings of Mirza Asadollah and Mirza Abul Fasl, as follows:

- 1st. Day (Petch Sabian), no records.
- 2nd. Day, Moses and first recorded Book of GOD.
- 3rd. Day, Zoroaster and second Book of GOD.
- 4th. Day, Buddha and fourth Book of GOD.
- 5th. Day, Jesus and fifth Book of GOD.
- 6th. Day, Mohammed and sixth Book of GOD.

Today, 7th, and three Days in one, making 9, for the Bab (Abdul Baha tells us) has His Appearance or Day and left His Book. The Baha 'o'llah fulfilled and opened the Book of the Bab, gave the treasure of His Book to the world, and unsealed all prior prophetic Books and symbols. His was the Second Appearance of GOD'S SPIRIT, and this Day of forty years was His Day. Thus, Abdul Baha was taught. Now Abdul Baha is the "Servant of GOD", thus fulfilling literally and spiritually the ancient prophecies, thus fulfilling the Station of the Lamb in Revelations, the offering of sacrifice to the world "without spot or blemish". Concerning HIS BOOK and HIS ADDRESS, He has Himself said it is at present a Hidden Mystery and a Concealed Fact, of which no one is at present aware (so how can we discuss it), but that in future centuries each of His leaflets would be a wide-spread Book, a glistening gem and a glorious crown, and to hold great their station and to know their value. Also He said that wonderful WORD to a pilgrim last summer: "I am the SUN of the WORLD" (Whether Sun or Son I know not, but that meaning is esoterically GOD.) So, this is the Day of Abdul Baha, the Day when the Christ Spirit (The Great I AM of the Hebrew, the Ohm of the Buddhist, and the Second Coming of the Christ of the Christians, etc.) shining through those three Mysteries of Oneness will shine in perfection; and the world, lifted above the station of miracles, will be educated and trained to understand the Power of the WORD, and through IT the meaning of the ~~known~~ Lost Great Fence on earth. (SEE Luke 7:24-28; 9:26; 13:31 to end; Deut. 18, last two verses, Jer. 28: 7-9; 2 Peter 3: 10-14; 1 John 4: 1 and (for the Christians) Hebrew 9: 28. In that 9th Chapter, and also the 8th., the human and divine cycles (1 Cor. and 2nd., the latter now at its dawn) are full of heavenly symbolic messages. "Jesus" is called "the Spirit" in oriental terminology. The reason is that the Jesu of the Greek language, the Ish of the Hebrews and the Issa or "Jesse" (Iosse) of other orient tongues, meaning Spirit. We alone, as Christians, have made Jesus a personality, instead of a Dawning and Rising Point of the "Christ" Spirit of Oneness and Indivisibility.

Love in His Name and Cause, from your sister,

I.D. Brittingham.



The results of this crime committed against humanity is still worse than whatever I may say and can never be adequately described by pen or by tongue.

O ye governments of the world! Be ye pitiful toward mankind! O ye nations of the earth! Be ye merciful toward the suffering and the oppressed: O ye men of humanity! Be ye sympathetic to the condition of the led to this gigantic, unparalleled outrage: O ye wise leaders of the globe, reflect deeply so that ye may find an antidote for the suppression of this chronic devastating disease: O ye individuals of humanity, find ye means for the stopping of this horrible murder and bloodshed. Now is the opportunity for ye to show the world that ye are not the same as ye were. Put ye forward an extraordinary force, and unfurl ye the flag of Universal Peace and dam the irresistible force of this raging torrent which is wreaking havoc and ruin everywhere.

Although this captive has been in the prison of 'despotism' for forty years, ye he has never been so sad and stricken with regret and grief as in these days of despotism: his eyes are weeping and my soul is on fire. Oh, I am so bowed down and sorrowful.

O people, Weep and cry, lament and bemoan your fate. Then hasten ye, hasten ye, perchance ye may become able to extinguish with the Water of the new-born Ideas of spiritual Democracy and celestial Freedom, this many-planned, world-consuming fire, and through your heaven-inspired words, hasten ye, hasten ye in the golden era of international solidarity and world confederation.

O Kind God! Hearken to the cry of these hapless nations: O Pure Lord! Show Thy pity to these orphaned children: O Incomparable Almighty! Stop this destructive torrent; O Creator of the world and the inhabitants thereof! Cause the extinction of this burning fire: O Listener to our cries, come to the rescue of the oppressed: Take heed, O Lord, consider the condition of the world, and the suffering of the millions of the world of irremediable loss: O Clement and Merciful! Grant the blessing of Thy Grace to the weeping eyes and burning hearts of the fathers. Restore calmness to this surging tempest and change this world-andrifting war into Peace and Conciliation.

Verily, Thou art the Omnipotent and the Powerful and verily, Thou art the Seeing and the Hearing.

(Signed) ABDUL BAHÁ ABRAS.

#### TABLET.

TRANSLATION N

To the Bahá's of God and the maid-servants of the Merciful.

Upon them be Bahá-saláh El Abhá, London.

#### HE IS GOD!

O firm ones in the Covenant!

Your letter was received and its contents became known. A Tablet (lit. letter) was written to Teheran fifteen months ago and it was published and spread in all parts of Persia and now is in the hands of all (the friends). The exact text of that Tablet is this:

"O servant of the Blessed Threshold, thou didst complain of the decline of trade. This year calamities, unfortunate decline and corruption have encompassed the world. Now the proof is apparent to all. About Bahá in churches (lit. synagogues) and meetings in most of the cities of Europe and America loudly proclaimed the Cause of His Holiness, Bahá-saláh and called (people) to the Kingdom of Abhá. And he (Abdul Bahá) brought forth luminous proofs and stated clear conclusions and manifest arguments. There remained no excuse for any soul whatsoever, because most of the talks were published in newspapers and spread in the world. Notwithstanding this, still the people are captives in the sleep negligence and are prisoners of nature and inattentive to Reality. Still the people desire material luxury to such a degree that Sur-Issráil (i.e., the trumpet of Isra'el summoning mankind to resurrection) does not awaken them. Of course this negligence, unthankfulness and untruthfulness are the causes of regret, distress, war and dispute and produce devastation and misfortune. If the people of the world do not turn to the Greatest Name great misery will follow. But for the sake of the believers it is my hope that traces of the favours of God may be apparent and their affairs become exceptional. Upon thee be Bahá El Abhá. Abul Bahá Abbas."

This (above) Tablet was written fifteen months ago and the distressed happenings of to-day were mentioned in it. Notwithstanding this we pray with the utmost supplication and lamentation to the Threshold of God that he may purify and free the horizon of the world of humanity from this dark cloud.

Upon ye be Bahá El Abhá,

(Signed) ABDUL BAHÁ ABRAS.

Translated by LOTFULLAH S. HAKIM, November 25th, 1914 (Kawli 8rd, 70).  
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*Bert K. idall.*

To the Friends of God and the maid-servants of the most Merciful.

British Isles.

Upon them be Baha'u'llah el Abha.

He is God!

O ye sons and daughters of the Kingdom.

Your joint Epistle was received. Its contents made me infinitely glad, for it indicates that Praise be to God, during these days of trial, these blessed souls have withstood every test in the utmost steadfastness and perseverance. Like unto pure and unadulterated gold they shone with infinite brilliancy in the flaming fire of tests.

Verily this is the Bounty of Divine Providence. For the gift of guidance is great, it illumines the soul, converts the court of the heart into a rose-garden, and gladdens the spirit with the good tidings of God. But all this is dependant upon firmness and steadfastness throughout all trials. Not until the tree is rooted and firmly planted can it give forth fruit, no matter how fresh and graceful it may appear, eventually it will wither, fade away and be only fit for the fire.

At present, thanks be to God, these sons and daughters of the Kingdom have like unto blessed trees strengthened their roots, are unaffected by the blowing of violent winds.

This world-war has come to an end, we trust that it will lead to the preliminaries of Universal Peace just as it is plainly foretold in the blessed tablets. The greatest means for its realization is through the entreaty and supplication of the friends of the Kingdom of God. We should all implore and pray, supplicate and beseech, that through the Grace of God, this world-consuming war may be changed into world-illuminating peace.

It is certain that the entreaty and supplication of these servants will be acceptable at the Divine Threshold, for we wish naught save the tranquility of the world of existence, purpose nothing but unity among men and aim at nothing save the eradication of ignorant prejudices so that all religions and races embracing one another may gather under the shade of the pavilion of the oneness of God.

O ye sons and daughters of the Kingdom! The most pressing need to-day is harmony and union among the Friends of God. Strive your utmost for this. Not until this intimate unity is realized can universal harmony be established. Therein lies the meaning of Christ's saying: "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost his savour wherein shall it be salted." Exert a great deal of effort on this momentous subject, Upon ye be Baha'u'llah el Abha.

(signed) ABDUL BAHÁ ABBÁS.

TABLET TO THE PERSIAN BAHAYS (revealed during  
the war)

Commune to be read by the friends of God in Persia.

HE IS GOD.

Thou seest me, O my God, on this lofty mountain; the sublime and supreme threshold; the shelter of every great one and the refuge of all the glorious and noble.

Verily, the youths whose hearts were burning with the fire of the love of God in the past ages have taken shelter therein -- the meeting place of the prophets, the refuge of his holiness Elijah, the shelter of Isaiah. The spirit of God, Jesus, the Christ -- upon Him be greeting and praise! -- passed over it, and in the Supreme Threshold, pressed by the feet of the Lord of Hosts.

O Lord, this is a mountain to which Thou hast given the name Carmel in the Torah. And Thou hast attributed it to Thyself in the innermost heart of the tablets and scriptures.

O Lord, verily, I invoke Thee in this Supreme Threshold, under the wing of the gloomy nights; pray to Thee with threbbing heart and flowing tears, imploring Thee, supplicating between Thy hands and cry, O my Lord, verily, the fire of battles is raging in the valleys, hills and streams, and the fire of war is burning even under the seas and high in the air, in destruction and devastation. The earth is enveloped by its own fires and the seas are encompassed by its storms, thunderbolts and floods.

O Lord, the souls are stifling, the death rattle is in their throats, the earth quakes and has become so small that even the birds are frightened in their nests and the animals terrified in their lairs and caves.

We hear only the sighs of the maidens and the cries of the orphans, the meaning of the mothers, and the tears of the fathers, because of false reports. We see only tears flowing from every bereaved mother and the heart of every father, bereft of sons, burning. Towns are being devastated, people are perishing, the children are made orphans and the women are becoming widows. And this is only because of our heedlessness of Thy commemoration and our deprivation of Thy love. Verily, we have been occupied with ourselves. The intoxication of passion seized us; we have taken the road of heedlessness and blindness; have abandoned the path of guidance and have chosen the path of darkness and forgotten the commandments of the

ancient scriptures. We have forsaken the exhortations in the preserved tablets and parchments -- the great verses.

O my Lord; O my Lord; I confess and acknowledge the sins. Verily, every dark calamity and every hard ordeal has surrounded us by our own hands, in this transient world. O Lord, verily, the minds are astounded, the souls are repelled. And there remain only darkened faces, deaf ears, speechless tongues and hearts heedless of thy commiseration, filled with human passions and desires.

O Lord, Thou hast said in Thy manifest book and in Thy great glad tidings, with explicit statement, "God does not change that which a people have, until they change what is within themselves." "And when they forgot God, He made them forget themselves."

O my Lord, verily, the nations have gone too deep into the fields of battle and struggle. Nothing will check this sweeping torrent and this grinding war but Thy mercy, which has encompassed that which was and is.

O Lord, do not deal with us according to our offenses and forgive our sins and trespasses. Imperfections are the characteristic of everything possible of creation in the arena of Thy world. And to Thy forgiveness and pardon Thou hast accustomed every one in existence.

O my Lord, only favor and mercy to every sinner who has fallen into the pit of degradation and wretchedness, is befitting to divinity and only by the imperfections of servitude will the perfections of divinity become manifest. O Lord, the brilliant rays of the Sun of Reality are the removers of the utter darkness and the pure water cleanses the foulness and the sorrow of the world.

O my Lord, verily, the sins are bubbling foam and a full ocean is Thy mercy. Trespasses are bitter trees and Thy pardon is a fire whose flame is intense.

O my Lord, remove the veil, scatter this dense cloud on the horizon, extinguish these fires, subdue this flood, in order to staunch the bloodshed, as compassion to the widows and mercy to the orphans, that these hurricanes may cease, the thunderbolts be extinguished, the torrents quelled, the land become visible, the souls find composure, and the breasts be dilated. And we will thank Thee for Thy abundant favor, O Thou dear! O Thou Forgiver!

O my Lord, verily, thou hast clearly stated in the tablets and scriptures, that, had the ordinances fallen on solid rock, rivers would have gushed forth and it had crumbled to pieces from fear of the Dear, the Powerful. But the hearts are harder than the rocks. And the souls are in heedlessness and pride. The people of heedlessness do not profit by the verses and exhortations.

O my Lord, verily, Thy exhortations are celebrated and have been spread broadcast in the east and the west of the earth. Thou hast called all to love and harmony and to forsake discord in all regions, so that the east of the earth may embrace the west; the people of the desert may embrace the people of the city; their scattered members become reunited and the lost ones be gathered together; that the darkness of the earth may pass away and its lights shine forth. But the eyes and the inner sight have become blind, the ears deaf, the hearts hardened and the susceptibilities like rocks and stones. The minds and intellects are being confused. Souls have forgotten the explicit teachings of the Book, wherein Thou hast warned them of punishment. Thus they have merited severe punishment and deserved the sentence of torment.

O Lord, forgive our sins and stumbling. Make us not an example for the possessors of insight. Guide us to the straight path, so that we may awake from the slumber of passion and be saved from heedlessness and blindness. Deliver us, O Lord of Verses, from the abyss of passions and preserve us from errors.

O my Lord, verily, we have forgotten faithfulness and are reveling in unfaithfulness. With the people of oppression and vice we are associating. There is no deliverer for us save Thee. There is no answer save Thee. There is no refuge save Thee. Verily, we have trusted in Thee and we lay our affairs in Thy hands. Deal with us according to Thy favor and pardon and punish us not according to Thy justice and wrath. Verily, Thou art the compassionate. Verily, Thou art the pardoner and, verily, Thou art the forgiver.

O my Lord, verily, the people of righteousness and goodness and the communities of freedom in every country are turning to Thee, at dusk and dawn supplicating between Thy hands during the wing of the night and in the dew of the morn, lamenting as a bereaved mother laments during the grievous nights, burning with the fire of sorrow, yearning and separation. They are longing for Thy meeting even with rending of soul, as they traverse the dunes and the hills and cross the valleys and the heights. But these wars that demelish mountains have interfered so that news has ceased and the doors are closed.

Memorandum to the Persians, page 4.

O Lord, comfort them in their loneliness; deliver them from their terror and guide them in their affairs.

O my Lord, Thou knowest my sighs, my cries and my anguish, the burning pain because of their separation; my great longing for their meeting, my yearning for their love, my desire for their remembrance and my anxiety to see them. Day and night, their remembrance is my treasure and my roses. When night comes my heart loves the memory of their illumined faces. I yearn for them as the nightingale yearns for the beautiful meadows.

O my Lord, O my Lord, open the doors; prepare for us the means; render the path safe and pave the way so that the sincere ones may be reunited in the lofty meetings; the attracted ones gathered together in Thy commemoration in the great assemblies, to speak among the people of Thy bestowals, taste of the honeycomb of Thy meeting. Then the breezes of acceptance will reach them and they will be swayed thereby as if intoxicated by wine.

Verily, Thou art the Powerful, the Dear, the Giver and, verily, Thou art the Generous, the Compassionate, the Chosen One.

(signed) Abdul Baha, Abbas.

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Since Nov-17-1918

(after the war)

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Care Mirza Jalal Irani.  
Haifa Syria. Jan. 29th. 1917.

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217-250 NOTE

To his honor Mirza Ahmad Sohrab and his respected wife: Upon  
them be Baha'o'llah el Abha!

HE IS GOD.

O ye son and daughter of the Kingdom:

According to what you have written, spiritual connections are established between you and you are contemplating to enter the world of matrimony and become each other's associate. It is my hope that this union become eternal; both of you harmonized on the physical and spiritual planes and become one in the exoteric and esoteric realms;- so that you may spend your days together with the utmost joy and happiness and be engaged in the glorification of his highness Baha'o'llah, because he has brought into perfect mutual affiliation both the East and the West and has established such a divine communication between Persia and America, that a Persian and an American have become the expression of one soul.

In brief, I supplicate for you confirmation and assistance so that ideal affinity may be unveiled between you, both of you be occupied with the services of the cause of God and be aided and confirmed. You must strive to establish between yourselves such an affinity and love that you may become the object of envy to all mankind and your wedding may serve as an example, so that similar unions may come to pass very frequently.

Upon ye be Baha el Abha.

Recite ye together the following prayer:

O God! O God! We are married for the love of Thy Beauty, longing for the fulfillment of Thy good-pleasure and yearning to devote our lives to Thy service. O Lord! Suffer our bodies to become one body, our spirits the expression of one spirit and assist us with Thy confirmations;- so that we may arise wholly to perform Thy services, be detached from aught else save Thee, be firm in Thy Covenant and Testament and freed from all else save Thy love. O Lord! Assist us with all these Thy favors.

Verily, Thou art the Confirmer, the Powerful, the Mighty and the Omnipresent.

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

Translated by Mirza Ahmad Sohrab,  
May 7th, 1930, New York City.

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Mrs. Stammers letter to L. K. W. . . . D.

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Chicago, Oct. 4, 1918.

Dear Friend and Co-worker:

Mr. William H. Randall, of Boston, received a cablegram from London, England, today, signed by Mrs. Stannard, reading as follows:

“OFFICIAL CABLE: MASTER WELL AND PROTECTED.  
NOTIFY FRIENDS.”

This is indeed good news and we hasten to share it with you.

We take this opportunity to also inform you that we are now publishing in the *STAR OF THE WEST*, words of Baha’o’llah and Abdul-Baha, regarding the education of children, and for which compilation we are indebted to Mrs. Pauline A. Hannen, of Washington, D. C.; also, we are preparing to continue the Diary of the daily events surrounding Abdul-Baha in 1914, recently translated by Dr. Zia M. Bagdadi. Seven issues of Vol. IX have thus far been published and mailed, issues No. 8 and No. 9 are now on the press and No. 10 and No. 11 will follow soon.

When an issue is mailed our mailing list is carefully checked and unless your name has been taken from the list, you may rest assured that the non-receipt of a copy is not due to an oversight or negligence at this end. Therefore, should a copy fail to reach you, at any time, your kind co-operation in promptly notifying us will be deeply appreciated, and we shall, in that event, be glad to send you another copy. We were informed recently that a few of the friends in western states had not received all of their copies; hence this solicitation of your co-operation to complete your files. Names are not taken from our mailing list unless subscriptions have expired and they have not been renewed after notice has been duly sent. Sometimes it is necessary for us to send several notices before a response is received and this necessitates many hours of labor on our part which a little thoughtfulness and co-operation on the part of the friends might obviate.

We do not wish to deprive anyone of the *STAR OF THE WEST* if they desire to have it, and a prompt response, therefore, to notices thus sent will aid us greatly in our effort to serve, and remember, too, friends, that the workers in this department of service to the Cause (which is so dear to them and which is entirely a labor of love—the money received for subscriptions being used only for the actual cost of publication and mailing) do this work mostly in the evening, their time during the day being occupied in following their respective vocations to gain a livelihood; hence, their time for this service is limited, necessitating the frequent “burning of the midnight oil.” Your co-operation, therefore, is earnestly solicited as we anticipate renewed activity in the Cause because of the opening of the door to Abdul-Baha.

With Bahai greetings,

Faithfully yours,

BAHAI NEWS SERVICE.

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Yesterday I received a letter from Haifa dated Oct 10, The Master and all are well. The letter tells about God's victory above the Nazareen - during the war Mohammed Ali was constantly spreading lies and stirring the Turkish and German Governments against the Master. He, the Violator of the Covenant of God, reported to these unjust governments that the Master was favoring the Allies.

Jawad Pasha, a Turkish General, said that he would crucify the Master as they did Jesus. He declared his wicked intention to the people that he would crucify the Master after he had conquered Egypt; but he did not know that the Center of the Covenant is Protected by the Supreme Concurrence. While he neared the land of Egypt with the hope of conquest, two sweet English shells finished all that he hoped for. My hope in God is that the Master will honor us ~~with~~ by a second visit here. But where is our love that is burning in all the hearts of the believers? Where is the Temple of God, the Great Mashrak-el-Azkar of America where are the covered sincere sanctified teachers who are spreading the Cause in the States chosen by the Master in the five Tablets? These are the Tablets that attract the Beloved, Abdul Baka; these are the powers that will draw Him to us.....

Letter from Dr Bagdadi.

BC#221

To the Maidservant of God, "Roseh", London.

Upon her be the glory of the Most Glorious

HE IS GOD:---

O thou beloved maidservant of God:

Two of your letters were received, one after the other; the first dated Oct. 22nd, 1918., and the second November 17-1918. Thanks be to God that both showed thy health and that of the maidservants of the Merciful: I felt very glad and offered my thanks at the Divine Threshold, that, praise be to God, my daughters are in the utmost joy and fragrance and are steadfast and kind. The insinuating intrigue of the heedless ones have not affected them! nay, rather, they become more firm and steadfast. This is that which is said in the Gospel, that God shall certainly test His servants.

Now thanks be to God, ye have been set free from the turmoil of trial in the utmost joy and fragrance. My hope is that ye may cause others to become firm and steadfast.

Convey on my behalf the utmost longing to Mirza Loftullah. I have become very grateful and pleased with him, for with the utmost care and purity of purpose he is hard at work in the hospital serving the wounded soldiers. Verily to the wounded soldiers in London he is true and faithful servant. A thousand times "well done", for he is a true Bahai engaged in such a work, and indeed he is serving God!

Ye were glad because of my health and safty, altho for four years I was exposed to great danger:--no one hoped or expected that I should remain safe, and the hearts of the friends were, for my sake, always troubled; but from day to day, when the just British government came to these regions, all hearts became peaceful.

Convey to the respected Lady, Mrs Whyte, respectful greetings and say-Remember and reflect what has been said during the days of the interview--how sufficient and convincing were the utterances! I hope that the oneness of the world of humanity and the unity of religions and the unity of mankind will be established with the utmost degree of firmness. I eagerly long to go to London, but at present it is not possible to me I am therefore still at Haifa, and have not moved anywhere and will not go anywhere this winter. But my heart is with you and my spirit dwelleth with you; not for a moment do I forget you.

Convey to my honorable daughter 'Sitareh Khanum' the utmost love, and likewise to her two respected daughters 'Fouri' and 'Parvine'. The marriage of 'Nouri' will be blessed. Convey likewise to my respected and beloved daughter 'Mariam' Khanum' the utmost longing of my heart to meet her. I ask God that she may ever be glad and happy. Likewise convey to the respected Lady, the wife of Lord L-- deepest regards on my behalf. I am anxious to meet Lord and Lady L. Convey on my behalf greetings and a message to the respected mother of Lady-- and tell her "altho thou art stricken in years thanks be God thou hast become refreshed and renewed and rejuvenated by the Fragrance of the love of God". Convey to the maidservant of God 'Wardiyah' Khanum', my respectful greetings.

(Signed) ABDUL BAHÁ.

Translated by Shog1 Rabbani, Palestine, Dec.30 1918.  
Rec'd London Feb.17th, 1919.

(C.C.H.)  
(Copied from COPY)

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Mrs. Grace Holly: Visalia, California.

Upon her be Baha'o'llah EL ABHA!

HE IS GOD!

O maid-servant of GOD!

If at every instant thou tenderest thy thanks to Mrs. Brittingham, thou shalt not be able to acquit thyself, for she has been the cause of thy everlasting life, and the means of thy being born again. Christ said in that connection: "The one who is born of flesh is flesh, and the one born from spirit is spirit, ye must be born again."

Thou hast been born of the Spirit and hast entered the Kingdom of GOD. What bestowal is there greater than this? Ever remember it.

Strive thou similarly to become the cause of other people's life so that the splendor of the Oneness of the world of humanity may enlighten the eyes.

Kiss thou the cheeks of thy dear children on my behalf.

Upon thee be Baha'o'llah EL-ABHA!

(signed) Abdul-Baha Abbas.

Translated by Shoghi Rabarni,  
January 28, 1919.

Home of Abdul-Baha, Haifa, Palestine.  
Received April 9th, 1919.

To The Center of The COVENANT of GOD..

His Holiness Abdul Baha..

Our beloved Abdul Baha :-

We members of the Assembly of Los Angeles, California, send Thee our reverent greeting and longing from The Feast of Rizwan commemorating the Great Declaration of His Holiness Baha'O'llah who brought the Paradise of Heaven to earth and who hast continued that Paradise in Thee..

We thank and praise GOD to be on earth this day when Thou The Center of The Covenant of GOD art speaking. Our one aim is to hold the Flag of Bahai light in unity in this city..

Thou hast interpreted firmness in The Covenant for us in America to mean "Love and Obedience to the commands of Abdul Baha".

This we are endeavoring to translate into deeds of reality and with the inner sight to see only the good, and to give these Universal fragrances out to humanity..

Thou hast blessed Los Angeles.. We beg Thy confirmation that we may be strengthened to attain to and live that blessing before the world.. Then we know no veil can intervene between Thee and these Thy humble servants..

With reverent devotion,

To the maid--servant of God,

Geraldine Lumers, Akron, Ohio..

Upon her be Baha'ullah El-Abha!

O thou who has sought illumination from the Light of Guidance!  
*He is God!*

Praise thou God that He hath directed thee to the Light of Truth and hath invited thee to enter the Kingdom of Abha.. Sight has been illumined and heart has been turned into a rose-garden.. I pray for thee that thou mayest ever grow in faith and assurance; shine like unto a torch in the assemblies and bestow thereupon the Light of Guidance..

Whenever an illumined gathering of the friends of God is instituted, Abdul Baha, although bodily absent, is yet present in spirit and <sup>me</sup>soul.. I am always a traveler to America and am assuredly associating with godlike and illumined friends.. Distance is annihilated and prevents not the close and intimate association of two souls that are closely attached in heart even though they may be in two different countries.. I am therefore thy mate in association in songs and melodies

Upon thee be Baha'ullah El-Abha!

((Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas..

Translated by Shogi Rabbani,

January 10th, 1919,

Home of Abdul Baha, Haifa, Palestine..

BC# 225



To the maidservant of GOD, Miss Jessie Revell, unto her be the  
Glory of GOD, the Most Glorious!  
Philadelphia, Pa.

HE IS GOD!

O thou heavenly daughter!

Thy letter was received. I implored and supplicated to  
the Kingdom of GOD for whatever is thy utmost desire, so that  
thou mayest obtain a heart clean as a clear mirror and a tongue  
speaking of the Truths and Meanings, be occupied with the spread  
of the breaths of GOD, give an eloquent talk and become the cause  
of mindfulness to the sleepy; so that the dead may be quickened  
with the heavenly spirit. In winter thou hast permission to come.

Unto thee be the Glory of ABHA!

(signed) abdul Baha abbas.

Haifa, August 3, 1921.

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Translated by Rouhi M. Afnan,  
Haifa, Palestine.

Bc# 226

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(Message to California, 1912)

"Tell them never to be discouraged; to be steadfast; to spread the Message. They have done much; they will suffer much. To them much has been given; from them much will be expected."

1919

Extract from a Tablet to Mrs. Goodall & Mrs. Cooper

"Convey my greeting and my longing to all the friends. I am fully pleased and satisfied with the friends of California and its dependencies, and I ask GOD that He may assist them in a firmness and steadfastness that shall bewilder the minds and the intellects."

(signed)

ABDUL BAHÁ ABBAS.

(Translated by Shoghi Rabbani,  
Haifa, Palestine.  
January 3, 1919.

BC# 227

The Meaning of the Word "ASSEMBLY".

From a Tablet revealed by Abdul Baha to the Bahais of Hamadan, Persia.  
published in The Star of the West, September 8th 1913.

- "ASSEMBLY" means the diffusion of the Fragrances of GOD.
- "ASSEMBLY" means humility and friendliness toward the believers of GOD.
- "ASSEMBLY" means the Promotion of the WORD OF GOD.
- "ASSEMBLY" means to be sanctified and holy from all else save GOD.

Such is the Spiritual ASSEMBLY. Such the Divine Meeting.

Such is the Lordly Congregation . The ultimate desire of Abdul Baha is the ~~union~~ organization (establishment) of such assemblies, and He is their servant.

For this servitude is the Crown of Eternal Sovereignty and this thralldom freedom of both worlds.

Signed: Abdul Baha Abbas.



# JERUSALEM "A SPOTLESS TOWN."

Ancient City for First Time in History has Christian Governor. *L.A. Ganner.*

BY CLAIR PRICE.

(SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.)

JERUSALEM, May 28.—The first Christian Governor of Jerusalem is a clergyman's son, who became an oriental scholar at Cambridge. In order to enter the service of the British Foreign Office in Egypt. The army took him away from political work in the Near East and made him Military Governor of the province of Jerusalem, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He now wears the crossed baton and sword of a brigadier-general, but by inclination he is still "Mr." Ronald Storrs.

He is junior only to Maj.-Gen. Money, chief administrator of the occupied enemy territory administration (south) of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force of the British Army, which under the command of Gen. Sir Edmund H. H. Allenby, wrested Palestine from the German-Turkish forces. Under the laws and usages of war, the O.E.T.A. is charged with the duty of administering Palestine merely in the interim between its military occupation and its permanent disposition by the Peace Conference. It has taken up the task of administration where the enemy left off, and its function is provisional and to enforce the body of Turkish law which the enemy left behind him.

## CLEANS UP CITY.

By the letter of military law, it is quite possible that the O.E.T.A. should have left Jerusalem's filth exactly where it lay until a permanent form of administration was set up to clean out the house and live in it. But nobody need expect an Englishman to move into a house vacated by a Turk without indulging in an orgy of soap and water. The result is that when a permanent administration is finally set up in Palestine, it will find its house scrubbed, swept and fumigated for it.

The headquarters of O.E.T.A. (south) are located on the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem. It divides Palestine into ten provinces, by far the most important of which is the east from the city of Jerusalem to the Dead Sea and north for a distance along the Jordan. It is of this district that Brig.-Gen. Storrs, C.M.G., C.B.E., is Military Governor.

Gen. Storrs was born in London where his father, who is now dean of Rochester in Kent, was vicar of St. Peter's, Eaton Square. He was educated at Charterhouse, one of England's most famous public schools, and at Cambridge took first class honors in the classical tripos. He began the study of Arabic under a scheme of Lord Cromer's, high commissioner for Egypt, for training specially se-

lected men for the Egyptian civil service. This was followed by a year's special study under Prof. Brown, a widely-known oriental authority.

## UNDER LORD CROMER.

In 1904, he came to Egypt to take a position in the Ministry of Finance. Soon afterward, he became oriental secretary at the British agency in Cairo under Lord Cromer, a position which he occupied through the commissionerships of Lord Kitchener, Sir Henry Macmahon and Sir Reginald Wingate. Throughout Lord Kitchener's tenure of the Egyptian commissionership, Mr. Storrs was very closely associated with him.

When the war began, Mr. Storrs participated largely in the political work involved in the setting up of the British protectorate over Egypt. Throughout the war, he rendered exceedingly valuable political services in Arabia and Mesopotamia, the story of which will form one of the most fascinating chapters of the war when the time comes for it to be told.

He was associated with the late Sir Mark Sykes on the Anglo-French commission and visited Bagdad in May and June, 1917. In July of that year, in an attempt to cross the Arabian Desert in the height of the summer, he suffered a heat stroke which, not only compelled him to abandon the attempt, but to return to England on sick leave. En route, he was torpedoed in the S.S. Mooltah, but reached England to spend a month in the secretariat of the War Cabinet. He returned to Egypt late in 1917 to resume political work. Shortly after Gen. Allenby entered Jerusalem, Col. Eerton Pasha, who had been made military governor, was compelled to vacate his post by reason of ill health.

It was then, on December 27, 1917, that the army made Mr. Storrs a lieutenant-colonel and gave him the newly-evacuated city of Jerusalem—foul, starving and utterly chaotic—to clean up. As a result of his work, Jerusalem is now a clean and decent place to live in. Probably it has never been so before, in all its 5000 years of history.

Physically, Brig.-Gen. Storrs is a big man with a crisp moustache and the ruddy face of an Englishman. He wears the ribbons of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, the Order of the British Empire, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the Order of the Savior (Greek) and the Order of the Crown of Italy. He is 37, a bachelor, and speaks Latin, Greek, French, Italian, Arabic and Hebrew.

1919 7/6

The First Tablet received in Egypt after the opening up of Egypt

HE IS GOD!

To the Believers of Egypt;

O true friends!

Separation from the friends causes the burning of the heart and soul. Separation, distance and foreignness are the causes of injury and loss, especially as no fragrant messages, nor a faithful messenger, nor courier, nor post, nor information, nor news from any source has been received and the mind has been deprived of comfort; and life and spirit were in the utmost sadness and grief until the conquering army arrived in the Holy Land seized the reins of government from the cruel ones and overthrew the authority of the tyrants, and quietness and safety were assured. The leaders of the country and the army showed sympathy and kindness, soothing every oppressed one; the black cloud was dispersed and the horizon of the political situation cleared. Believers and unbelievers were at rest, and acquaintances and strangers were playing cheerful melodies. Verily the darkness of injury and error was uncovered by the light of equity and justice, and the government put on the garment of probity. Praise be to GOD! By the bounty and favor of the Blessed Perfection, amid such great confusion and severe whirlwind of calamities and severe oppression these distressed ones were in safety and rest. No distress came upon any one. There was no trouble or suffering nor pain, until the Ark of the Cause of GOD reached the shore of rescue from the whirlpool of danger. Now the ruling government was overcome and all the people of the country of every nationality and tribe were made comfortable on the couch of rest and safety.

His honor, Mr. Storrs came from Egypt and gave tidings of the health and safety of all the Believers. I became very happy and grateful that, praise be to GOD, the friends in Egypt were also preserved and guarded.

Night and day we are remembering you and sincerely praying for you and the hope that we may meet. With heart and soul I am longing for all the friends.

Upon them be the Glory of GOD! XXXX

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

Translated by Dr. S. I. Moody and Mirza Fafajollah Khan,  
Teheran, Persia, February 1919.

BC# 230B

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To his honor.

Mr. Roy Herrick; -France

Upon him be Baha'o'llah El-Abha!

He is GOD.

O, thou son of the Kingdom!

Your letter dated Dec. 14th, 1918 was received. Praise be to GOD it was indicative of zeal and of happiness; that, notwithstanding this severe hardship and these trials of war, ye were trusting in GOD and were in the utmost joy and gladness.

Praise be to GOD that the dawn of peace and reconciliation has broken. We hope that in future the sun of world-peace shall in accordance with heavenly Teachings, rise in full splendour from the horizon of the world. For, all the events of these years of commotion have been set forth fifty years ago by the Supreme Pen and all, one by one, have come to pass. From among them is the prediction about Universal Peace which shall eventually be established. However, at present the morn is beginning to appear; the hope is entertained that here-after the horizons will become illumined.

You had written concerning the kind companion, his honor ~~XXXXXX~~ Me. Victor Harvell who wishes to render possible the pilgrimage to the Holy Land of a group of the friends; this wish is a lofty one and highly praiseworthy. But if he could succeed to select next year some of the devoted friends of America and England would first attain the honor of visiting the Holy Land and thence proceed to Persia, particular Taheran, it would be very appropriate and would be pregnant with splendid results. At present discuss the matter over and report the outcome of your consultation through Mr. Tudor Pole.

Upon thee be Baha'o'llah Abha!

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas!

Translated by Shoghi Rabbani,

January, 30th. 1919.

Home of Abdul Baha, Haifa, Palestine.

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April 9, 1919.

Dear Friend in the Love of the Most Glorious:

The Eleventh Bahai Convention and Congress will be held at the Hotel McAlpin, Broadway and 34th St, New York City. It is probable that the combined sessions will extend over five days, that is from April 26th to April 30th inclusive.

Everyone who has attended the Conventions of the past has received a great divine bestowal. Those who travelled across the continent to the Convention and Congress which were held at the Panama-Pacific Exposition will always remember it with the greatest thankfulness and joy. All the past Conventions have been a preparation for this gathering which is now being made ready in New York, and it is the desire of Abdul Baha that the largest possible number shall attend.

This attendance should not be limited to delegates or alternates, but should everyone who is attracted to the universality of the Divine Teachings. The doors are flung open to the lovers of Truth everywhere. The greatest possible publicity should be given in each city so that the largest number of souls who are attracted may attend.

The world is in a ferment. During the days and the nights it is crying out in pain and agony. Some remedies which are being applied give temporary relief but others increase the suffering of the patient. One physician succeeds another with bewildering rapidity, while the patient steadily grows weaker.

Mirza Ahmad has brought the story of the terrible sufferings of the people in Syria during the war. He tells us that during the days and in the middle of the nights, one could hear the cries of the starving, lifting their voices hopelessly, as they became steadily weaker, crying, "hungry, hungry, hungry". With the spiritual ear do we not hear the same cry being uttered by the hungry, starving souls of men?

During the long weary days of the war while cut off from all outward communication with his friends, Abdul Baha was engaged in providing spiritual sustenance for the world. Now the doors are opened and thru the Protection of Baha o'llah, a messenger has reached the shores of America. Abdul Baha said to Mirza Ahmad that He wished him

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to arrive in time for the Convention and that he should do this at any cost. Every difficulty was removed and Mirza Ahmad has arrived and is in Washington translating the great messages of Abdul Baha. These are to be given out at the Convention and Congress meetings in accordance with the instructions of Abdul Baha.

To a degree never before known these gatherings are being planned and carried forward under the direct guidance of Abdul Baha. In a more wonderful sense than ever before realized it is the Convention of Abdul Baha. The program for the Convention and Congress will revolve around these great messages which will be brought forward in nine presentations.

It is sufficient to suggest that everyone who attends these meetings will be astonished at the import and significance of these messages. No words can describe them for they are the Creative Word, Itself. They are the illumination of the world of humanity, the essence of hope to every despondent one, the full explanation, the radiant, powerful traces of the Brilliant Sun of Truth. Wonderful constructive days are now beginning of which these messages are the pivot.

Come all ye people, all ye worshippers of the Sun of Reality, and here with the outer and inner ear, the melodies of the Heavenly Singer. Can ye discern behind the veil of words that this is the Call of God, in His Manifest Grandeur? Come ye with hearts pure, radiant, thankful, open, and with your beings clear, like a white page upon which will be written the traces of the Godly Instructions.

This is an epoch-making gathering, not alone to the Bahais, but to the entire world. All are in His Assembly.

A number of the friends called into consultation with Mirza Ahmad, who have been permitted to obtain only a glimpse of Abdul Baha's messages, found themselves submerged in the Sea of Forgiveness, and swept into the realm of His Presence and His All Surrounding Love. Their breasts were dilated and their minds were quickened at the contemplation of the manifest gifts of God, and with our hearts and souls we longed for everyone to share in this Heavenly Table.

In these gatherings the Heavenly Feast will be spread and all who long for this sustenance are invited, from the highways and byways of the world of existence.

In the Name of Abdul Baha, we bid ye welcome, all ye who are thirsty, all ye who are hungry, all ye who are confused, all ye who are longing, all ye who are hopeless, for He has come. The Doors are open, the call is raised, the sacrificing hearts are yearning for servitude, Will ye Come?

In the Love of the Spirit,  
Convention and Congress Committee  
of the Executive Board, by  
Harlan Foster Ober,  
Secretary.

The following letters addressed to all the friends by Mirza Ahmad Shrab are included in this communication.

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To the maid-servant of GOD, Mrs. Mary Nabb,  
c/o Mrs. Ella Cooper,  
Upon her be Baha'o'llah el-Abhal

HE IS GOD!

O thou daughter of the Kingdom:

Your letter dated ;aech 5th, 1919 was received. Its contents were conducive to gladness and they indicated firmness and steadfastness in the glorious Covenant.

To day the pulsating power in the arteries of the body of the world is ~~is~~ the spirit of the Covenant--the spirit which is the cause of life. Whoso-ever is vivified with this spirit the freshness and beauty of life becomes manifest in him, he is baptized with the Holy Spirit, he is born again is freed from oppression and tyranny, from heedlessness and inclemency which deaden the spirit and attains unto everlasting life.

Prise thou GOD that thou art firm in the Covenant and the Testament and art turning thy face to the Luminary of the world, His Holiness Baha'o'llah. Thou hast illumined thy face with the light of guidance and perfumed thy nostrils with the fragrances of the Abha Paradise. Strive there-fore that thou mayest attract the souls and train them through the divine Teachings that they may become the signs of guidance, may turn into blessed trees and may secure a large share from the day of manifestation.

The teacher is like unto a farmer who sows a seed, the cloud of mercy pours out its showers and every seed multiplies a hundred fold, gives forth a luxuriant harvest and becomes the cause of heavenly benediction.

I hope that thou mayest be confirmed to acquire that heavenly benediction and may become my partner in this lucrative enterprise; that thou mayest grow to become a blessed tree, fruitful, green and rich in foliage and laden with sweet and delicious fruits.

Upon thee be Baha el Abhal  
(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

Translated by , Shoghie Rabbani,  
Haifa, Palestine,  
June 3, 1919.

Received in Portland , Ore.,  
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To the members of the spiritual Assembly of Los Angeles, Cal.,  
c/o the maid-servant of God, Mrs. Cooper.  
Upon them be Baha'u'llah ul Abha.

HE IS GOD!

O ye blessed souls!

Although ye are undergoing crucial tests in view of the repeated and assiduous attempts of some people to shake the faith of the friends in Los Angeles, yet ye are under the guarding eye of the Bounty of Baha'u'lla and are assisted by legions of angels.

Walk, therefore, with a sure step, and engage with the utmost assurance and confidence in the promulgation of Divine Fragrances, the glorification of the Word of God and firmness in the Covenant. Rest ye assured that if a soul arises in the utmost perseverance and raise the call of the Kingdom and resolutely promulgates the Covenant - if he be an insignificant ant he shall be enabled to drive away the formidable elephant from the arena and if he be a feeble moth he shall cut to pieces the plumage of the rapacious vulture.

Endeavor, therefore, that ye may scatter and disperse the army of doubt and of error with the Power of the Holy Utterances. This is my will and this is my counsel.

Do not quarrel with any one and shun every form of dispute. Utter the Word of God, if ~~the~~ he accepts it the desired purpose is attained, and if he turns away leave him to himself and trust in God. Such is the attribute of those who are firm in the Covenant.

Upon ye be Baha'ul Abha.

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

Translated by Shoghi Rabbani, Haifa, Palestine.  
June, 2nd, 1919.

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To the Maidservant of God,  
Sophia Engelhorn,  
Santa Rosa, California, U.S.A.  
Upon her be Baha Ullah 'il Abha!

HE IS GOD!

O thou attracted to the Abha Kingdom:--

Thy letter arrived. It indicated that thy nostrils have been perfumed with the musk-scented breeze of the rose-garden of hearts, that thou hast hearkened to the glad tidings of Divine Bounty from the Heavenly Herald and hast illumined thy heart with the Light of Guidance.

Happy art thou to become the object of such bounties and the recipient of such favours.

Thou hast written of the attractive power exhibited by the friends of God and the maidservants of the Merciful. This news made us grateful to God that, Praise be to HIM, the Light of Truth has dawned upon these cities and souls have rent asunder the veils of imagination and imitation and have attained their goal.

Convey on My Behalf respectful greetings to the friends of God and the maidservants of the Merciful,--to Mr. and Mrs. Bosch, to Juanita Storch and her mother, to Dr. and Mrs. Thudichum and the Griffith sisters.

Upon thee be Baha'il Abha!

(Signed, Abdul Baha Abbas.)

Translated by Shogi Rabbani,  
House of Abdul-Baha, Haifa, Palestine.  
April, 11th, 1919

(J.B.)

copied by R.B.T. from original recd. at Sebastopol, July 1st.

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August 19, 1919.

DEAR BAHAI FRIENDS:

Do not these words fire you with a new zeal?

"The Temple is the 'House of the Covenant,' a place where all races and nations may come together in a covenant of permanent fellowship."

Recently cities in Russia a few hours distant from Eskabad have been overrun and devastated by Bolshevist hordes. This "City of Peace" was next on their list but the Power of God and Protection of the Maskrakol-Azkar prevented any harm befalling that city, and the Temple became a haven of refuge for the panic-stricken inhabitants.

The Beloved has said: "From the day of Adam until now, such an event has never been witnessed by man, that, from the farthest country of Asia contributions were forwarded to the farthest country of America."

Many of these came from destitute Persia. Now in Teheran the friends are SOON to lay the foundation of the Divine Edifice.

Are we waiting for more examples of sacrifice?

Abdul Baha says of the Eastern friends: "They displayed wonderful generosity in regard to the contributions for the Maskrakol-Azkar. They displayed Magnanimity at any cost to such an extent that some of them sold portions of their clothing in the street."

All this for *our* Temple. Are we still waiting for impoverished Persia to show us the way? Where are our hearts?

God said in the Koran: "It is those who believed in God and the Last Day shall build the Temple of God."

We desire to exert great effort for this attainment.

Join us in materializing the "House of the Covenant."

Faithfully yours in His Work,

THE PORTLAND BAHAI ASSEMBLY.

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## Extracts from Shoghi Rabbani's Notes

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June 8th, 1919.

The eternal edifice of the Maskrakol-Azkar of Eskabad, its perfection, its importance and its unique role was the sole absorbing theme of our conversation and the subject of our thoughts. This imposing monument is nearing perfection; its dome, large and brilliant, looms from afar; the Greatest Name, carved in gold and on large, conspicuous characters, reflects the rays of the sun, while all of its accessories have been provided and many of its branches, such as school for girls, orphanage, reception rooms and hospital are nearing completion. Its nine attractive gardens are completely encircling the Temple, intercepted by nine spacious alleys and having each at their central portion a magnificent fountain with beautiful jets d'eau that add much to the beauty and charm of the place. Electric lights flash amid the trees that cover with their extensive branches these fountains and in such a cool and lovely place the friends gather and offer to the Almighty God their prayers and their praise. Although the public park in that city is wide and imposing yet comparatively speaking it is forlorn and forsaken, the attraction and charm of the gardens encircling the Temple by far surpassing the beauty of the park. Not a visitor, not a passerby, not a resident comes to the city without visiting this matchless spot, without expressing his admiration and astonishment at such an exceptional set of buildings, so strongly built, so magnificently designed and so richly provided. Many have made the following remark:

"He who erected this edifice and laid the foundation of such a monument is assuredly Divine."

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Then referring to the Maskrakol-Azkar, the Beloved said:

"The Temple of Eskabad is unique in that it is the first Temple of the kind that has been erected. Many such temples shall be constructed in future but this one will ever enjoy this unique privilege and preference. When its accessories are completed and its full machinery starts running, when the melody of vocal and instrumental music arises and rends the air with its joyous trends, when the prayers and supplications addressed at dawn and at sunrise ascend to the throne of the Almighty,—then will the effect of the Mashrakol-Azkar be made evident and manifest.

"The Temple that is going to be erected in the United States will be an important and magnificent one, its influence and reaction upon the Cause will be tremendous and the impetus it shall give to the Movement irresistible.

"Soon shall the city of Teheran witness the laying of the foundation of the Temple of Worship, for restrictions have been removed and hindrances eliminated."

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His honor Mr. and the Maid<sup>er</sup> servant of God, Mrs. A. J. Frankland,  
Berkeley, California, U.S.A.  
UPON YE BE BAHÁ' O'LLAH-EL-ABHÁ.

HE IS GOD!

O ye two blessed souls!

The letter was received. Its text indicated that the days of interview are still in memory and have not been forgotten.

At present it has been known that ye have moved to Berkeley. I pray GOD that it may give forth profitable results and may be the means of the promulgation of divine teachings. Consider not your own capacity but fix your gaze upon divine confirmations. Engage fully in service to the Kingdom and ye will observe that the unseen confirmations shall continuously succeed one another, day unto day its illumination shall increase.

Do not heed the smallness of the meeting ye have organized; it shall expand through rightness of purpose. Exert therefore the utmost effort and endeavor for the rightness of purpose so that like unto a magnet it may attract the confirmations of GOD.

Convey on my behalf greeting to the beloved daughter Helen.

Upon ye be Baha-El-Abha.

(signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

Translated by Shogi Rabani,  
at the Home of Abdul Baha,  
Haifa, Palestine.  
March 31, 1919.

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(Copy)

Haifa, Palestine.

My dear friend and sister:-

Without waiting to hear that my last letter from here has reached you, I hasten to send you the enclosures, which I know you will welcome. One is through a talk I had with the Master, and the rest is through Shoghi. As the others will doubtless get the diary before you, so my letters will supply the want. I do hope also that the winter months will find Ahmad in your midst. How changed I hope is the former condition among the believers. Shall eagerly await your later letters. Shoghi works like "a streak of great lightning" as I believe the Americans have it. He is really quite unusual for an Oriental, and gets through an amazing amount of work unaided. He lets me come in and type odds and ends if I want to in his little sanatorium and I help him over English expressions at times. When I read any special things I will try to send them out to you. At present the Master is always occupied over pilgrims coming and going. The holiday season brings on students and children, and visitors overflow every where, and as some twenty or more pilgrims have arrived from Bombay and Persia, women too with them, one wonders where on earth all are going to sleep and be housed generally. The Bab's Tomb buildings, guest house and all are full, and to add to the crowding there the Master is allowing the English Military Governor of Acca to send his wife, babies and servants up there to camp and sleep in the one big empty room.

The Beloved is tireless, keeps fairly well, and gives his reception talks to the men every evening. Lotfullah of London being here is taking down all he can and hopes to return with many sneaves gleaned from the Master's garden of thought ere he leaves. How much I wish a few good articles could be written on all that is going forward, but such is ~~XXXX~~ private to outsiders.

Every now and then some distinguished Englishman calls and I expect articles will eventually follow. Major M---, in the typed MSA., goes to Teheran to promote transit by Aviation in Persia, ~~XXX~~ where there are no roads or rail. This is an admirable idea. He knows Persia, but was not drawn to interest himself in the "Bahai Movement" till after. He is now looking into the history and has several talks with Abdul Baha and went with Shoghi to see the Holy Tomb at Acca. I fancy he has been somewhat in the hands of Ezols in Teheran for he was such surprised to learn that the Bab's remains were ~~XXXXX~~ here.

Well dear one I am living the life that is a rest and change to me, and although I get sad sometimes when I see the Holy Family so over worked and often ill for want of change, yet I am very happy. It is revitalizing need for me and my health in spite of the hot weather is set er.

Do you know the Master is expecting a motor car from America? The garage is being built of white stone next the house, and in front of it, so a large portion of the lovely garden is sacrificed. But what a blessing ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ it will be to have quick transit between here and Acca, although there is traffic service now. The army have so much motor-truck traction about that the dust every where is fearful and the roads cut up. Property is unprocurable as a Government order prohibits buying and selling till the country is in established order.

There are certain properties, formerly Syrian, I should like to see acquired by the Bahais. An adjacent house is badly needed now as a Guest House, I am suggesting Bombay Bahais should come here and open a restaurant near by and so relieve much cooking pressure that the Household have now to bear. The Bombay people are all in the eating-shop business and could under ~~XXXXX~~ take this job now that the rotten Turkish Government is over. So much on the business side wants to be looked into now for the Cause. In London, I have told the Master, we have absolutely no co-operation with the States. The Americans would be doing a useful work if they could in some way or other ~~XX~~ open a Bahai selling and lending Library agency, so that publications from all over the world could go to a fixed address etc.

Well dear good bye, no more time to continue this chat; I have to write always under interruptions of one kind or another. I hope we meet next year. The Master will send me travelling after this winter.

Yours ever in love and friendship

Maryam Stannard. *W. L. R. W. = 21*

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Portion of Tablet from Abdul Baha to Mrs. Ella G. Cooper  
San Francisco, California.

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Four letters have been received from you, the last dated April 18th, 1919. All of them were indicative of firmness in the great Covenant. Praise be to God, the friends in California are holding fast to the Almighty, and are attracted to the God of Elijah. Their movement is like unto the attraction of steel which is subjected to magnetic power; their aims are confined to the good pleasure of God and their highest wish centers around the Unbounded Blessing. They are engaged in service and are intimately connected with the Holy Spirit.

You have referred to the little assembly of Los Angeles. Although that assembly is small, yet it is kept under the guarding of God. If it proves firm and steadfast it shall resist all that is on earth.

Consider how many souls arose after his holiness Christ and determined to extinguish the Lamp of God. Even the Roman Emperor, who was a most eminent philosopher, exerted the utmost effort in order to resist this sweeping movement; he wrote a refutatory book against his holiness Christ, published it throughout his empire and caused a great many to turn away from his holiness Christ. But, eventually, the Power of the Word of God conquered and broke all imperial resistance.

The resplendent light of the Covenant and Testament of God dissipated the darkness of doubt and suspicion that were entertained by those philosophers and potentates. It is evident, therefore, as to what will result from these latent forces. At most it is this - that some heedless and feeble souls will waver in the Cause of God, but ultimately this fire will be quenched. Refer to the history of the Church and read the details of the activities of Arius, the Patriarch of Alexandria. Notwithstanding the fact that his followers numbered a million and a half and the support of his mighty emperor was extended to him, eventually he was completely destroyed and no trace of him whatever remained, and so on and so forth. \*\*\*\*\*

Wherever a carcass is to be found a number of ravens and contemptible dogs gather around that putrefying body; but ere long they shall be scattered in great distress.

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Read attentively the translation of his honor Mirza Asul Fazel's book. 'The Brilliant Proof'. It is very necessary, and send it then to the Spiritual Assembly of Los Angeles.

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Translated by Shoghi Rabbani, Haifa Palestine, June 2, 1919.

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A Prayer in supplication for forgiveness for! -

The dear maid-servant of God the respected Mrs. H. *sanat*

Upon her be Baha'o'llah El Abha.

HE IS GOD!

O Divine Providence, O Forgiving Lord!  
Mrs. H. ... has hastened, from this dark and dreary world to the realm of light; she has become detached from this nether world and has flown to the realm on high.

O my God: Endowed with a seeing eye, she beheld the rays of the Sun of Truth, and, endowed with a hearing ear, she hearkened to the call of the kingdom; possessing ~~the~~ a keen sense of smell, she inhaled the fragrant scent of the Paradise of Abha and gifted with a pure heart, she overflowed with thy love.

From the far West she journeyed to the Holy Land, attained the privilege of visiting the sacred spot and served Thy Kingdom.

O Thou pardoning God; Ignite her candle, and cause her star to become resplendent in the immortal realm. Let her memory be spread abroad over all regions and her name, like unto that of Mary Magdalene, be ever illustrious among the denizens of the Kingdom. Cause her fame to be world wide and her voice to reach the ears of the Supreme Concourse.

Exalt the members of her family and place upon their heads the diadem of everlasting glory, that they may appreciate the value of that honorable soul and may realize what a magnificent sacrifice she has erected for them, and what a standard of everlasting glory she has hoisted, so that of her, her family and kindred may be eternally proud.

O Compassionate Lord! Although at present thy favor on her behalf is unknown, yet in the future, like unto the sun, it shall be made manifest.

Verily, thou art the Forgiver, the Bestower, and the Compassionate

Translated by Shoghi Raobani Haifa, Palestine, June 2. 1919.

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Through the Maid-servant of GOD, Mrs. Stannard.  
Translated by Eshete Al Kalenter, Paris France. Aug. 21-1919.  
Upon them be Baha'o'llah E! ABHA!

To the beloved of GOD and the maid-servants of the Merciful.  
O ye friends of GOD!

Your letter was received through Mrs. Stannard. Its contents gave the utmost joy, for, Praise be to GOD-the spiritual meeting is organized also in Paris, and assured and believing souls come together and engage in speaking of the Kingdom of GOD. They investigate the reality and promote the teachings which are the spirit of this age. That (spiritual) is the oneness of the world of humanity, the establishing of Universal Peace, the right and justice, the fact that must be conducive to harmony amongst mankind, reconcile reason and science, equality of men and women, the freedom and independence of all men, the universalizing of common knowledge, the fact that a profession and trade and agriculture are the worship of GOD, that a farmer who engages in tilling and cultivating his farm with utmost effort, is like unto a worshipper, who devotes himself to the worship of GOD, with the utmost humility and supplication in a Temple of worship, and that the laborer who works with justice and sincerity is as though engaged in prayer.

In short, such teachings are the spirit of this age and the light of this century; and whoever inhales their fragrance is drawn to them. Especially the teachings strengthen one in the Covenant and Testament, which is the cause of illuminating the world, confers the Spirit of Life and makes ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ souls luminous, spiritual, heavenly and enkindles them like unto a lamp and makes them like unto scintillating stars.

O ye beloved of Paris! Know ye that no soul is quickened except through the Spirit of the Covenant, and no eye is illumined except by the light of the Covenant, and no ~~XXXX~~ ear is cheered except by the melody of the Covenant, and no heart becomes the manifestor of Spiritual sentiments except by the bounty of the Covenant.

The people of Paris are full of enthusiasm and become attracted with the utmost swiftness. Therefore, the fore of the Love of GOD will become great aflame in Paris, and find great diffusion. Some of the regions of Europe are of the utmost enthusiasm and day by day many souls enter (the cause).

Ye have no doubt heard of this, now make an effort, and enkindle the fire of the love of the Covenant, with the utmost power, so that Paris may become ablaze in a becoming and befitting manner, in a short time wonderful truths will become manifest, for in this day, the moving Power in the whole world is the Power of the Covenant, and that is the arterial vein-pulsating in the body of the contingent world. In short, I am greatly pleased with these few souls who are in Paris, and I have much love for you. It is my hope that ye will fill the meeting with enthusiasm, and become the cause of guidance to others.

Convey greeting on my behalf to each one.

Upon ye be greeting and praise!

(Signed) Abdul -Baha Abbas.

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Copied from The World, (New York) Published October, 6th., 1919.

"To the Honorable William Sulzer,  
ex-Governor, New York, Greetings:

"O thou, who art the well-wisher of humanity, felicitations!  
"Your epistle concerning the League of Nations has been received and read  
with great joy.

"I am hopeful that the members of the League of Nations, especially  
President Woodrow Wilson the well-wisher of the world, shall be confirmed in  
this, that in accordance with the teachings of Baha'o'llah there shall soon be  
established a Great Tribunal, the members of which shall be composed of the  
best men and women from all the Governments of the earth. This Great Tribunal  
must be the guarantor of universal peace.

"The present is the beginning of the dawn of universal peace. The hope  
of the world is this--that the sun of universal peace may rise with a supremacy  
that shall entirely dispel the darkness of war and its infamous disgrace.

"The question of universal peace is one of the principles of the teachings  
of Baha'o'llah. These teachings have other principles that make them complete,  
such as: The investigation of truth and reality and the abandonment of old  
superstitions; the oneness of humanity; unity and religious amity; that  
religion must be the cause of concord; that all religions must conform with  
science and reason; that there must be no religious, racial or national prejudices;  
that there must be a oneness of language, that is, the adoption of a  
universal auxiliary language, so that every mind shall know two languages-- one  
the national tongue and the other the universal language; that there must be  
a solution of social problems and economic questions based on justice to all;  
that there must be equality of the rights of women and men; that righteousness  
and justice must prevail, and that there must be education and freedom for all  
the sons and daughters of Mother Earth.

"With the efforts of your President the matter of universal peace has  
come forth as expounded in the League of Nations.

"Through the favor of the True One, and by the Word of God, I pray the  
League of Nations shall soon become a fact: that universal peace shall thence  
forth be established; that then the brotherhood of man shall be recognized,  
and that your honor and the people of your country, may continue a manifestation  
of their confirmation.

"Praise be to God!

"Love and benediction.

"Abdul Baha Abbas".

Revealed June 18, 1919,  
Haifa Syria.

Translated by Dr. Zia M. Nagadi,  
Chicago, Ill.

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To the maidservant of God, Roberta Balfour Thudichum, Cal.  
Upon her be BahaUllah'il Abha.

HE IS GOD.

O thou who art turning thy face to the Kingdom of God!

Thy letter was received. Thou hadst written concerning the discussion thou hadst had with Mr. Naylor. It is proved scientifically that in view of the great number that have been killed and the many explosions that have taken place, the air undergoes a decided change and from this change numerous disease originate and are spread over different countries. The millions of souls that have been killed on the battlefields will decidedly transform the air and from this transformation diseases are caused. Likewise from personal chagrin and depression a state of perturbation results and from this severe agitation undoubtedly many diseases result.

We thought that these innumerable calamities and afflictions would awaken the world of humanity, that the afflicted souls may experience spiritual sensations and the people of the world might turn unto God, so that this turning of the face might be a source of the consolation of hearts and spiritual sentiment might render these tormented souls hopeful. But at present it has been made manifest that these terrific events and horrible incidents will never awaken it.

Pray and we pray also that the people of the world may be detached from the world of nature, may feel the inclinations of worshipping God, may acquire heartfelt susceptibilities, may become enkindled with the fire of the Love of God, and may be vivified by the spirit of Lordly Bounty.

Upon thee be Baha'il Abha.

signed, Abdul Baha Abbas.

Translated by Shogie Rabbani,  
Haifa, Palestine,  
July 16th, 1920.

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To the maidservant of God, Anna Roberta Thudichum, California  
Upon her be Baha'llah'11 Abha.

HE IS GOD.

O thou who art seeking the Kingdom of God!

Thy letters were received. Praise thou God that thou art continually engaged in the commemoration of God and art absorbed in the training of souls. The people of the world have become utterly heedless and are in need of religious training. Whosoever arises in stirring up the heedless souls and awakening the slumbering and in teaching the ignorant, he shall undoubtedly be assisted and confirmed.

Religious training is unachievable save through the promulgation of Divine Teachings for as these Teachings are promulgated souls shall be emancipated from the gloom of nature and shall be illumined with Heavenly Light.

At present, praise be to God, thou art engaged in spreading religious teachings, art thinking of bestowing sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf and life to the dead. Assuredly, thou shalt be assisted by Divine Confirmations and encircled with Heavenly assistance.

These bounties are conditioned upon firmness and steadfastness in the Covenant and the Testament. The firmer a soul is in the Covenant and the Testament, the more he is confirmed.

Upon thee be Baha'11 Abha.

Signed, Abdul Baha Abbas.

Translated by Shogle Rabbani,  
Haifa Syria Palestine,  
July 16th, 1919.

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To the maidservant of God, Arbella Balfour Thudichum, California.  
Upon her be Baha'illah 'il Abha.

HE IS GOD.

O thou maidservant of God!

Thy letter was received. From its contents it became known that thou art seeking nearness to God, art wholly detached from the world of self and passion and from the darkness of nature and art aiming at Divine illumination and Lordly Mercy. Detach thy heart from everything else and fill it with the love of God. Be thou like unto a glowing fire and like unto an ignited candle. Be thou a fruitful tree and a pure soil which through the out-pourings of the vernal rain gives forth flowers and odoriferous herbs. Thou shouldst acquire such a capability and worth, so that through the Bounty of the Kingdon of Abha thy heart may turn into a rose-garden and thy face may become the mirror that reflects the light of the love of God. When thou attainest unto this lofty and exalted station, thou shalt soar on the wings of joy and gladness and be transported to the horizon of everlasting glory.

Upon thee be Baha'ill Abha.

signed, Abdul Baha Abbas.

Translated by Shogle Rabbani,  
Haifa, Palestine;  
July 18th, 1919.

BC #246

Carmel, California.

The maidservant of God, Roberta Balfour Taudichun;

Upon her be the Glory of God the MOST GLORIOUS!

HE IS GOD!

O thou maidservant of God!

Praise be to God that thou together with thy daughter, Miss Engelhorn, Mrs. Rosella Dennis and Mrs. Willis have passed several days in that Carmel occupied in prayer. God willing some day may come when ye may have the attainment of visiting the Carmel of Palestine.

The death of Mr. Hannen has exceedingly affected Abdul Baha because that honored personage was indeed firm in the Covenant and engrossed in service of the Most High God Baha-Ullah. Verily he was a brilliant candle, fruitful tree and carried on his services to the Kingdom as much as he should.

Therefore he hastened from this finite world to the Infinite One, ascended from this dark world to the Apex of Luminosity and from this temporary life passed into the Everlasting One.

Convey my greetings and longing to the friends of Sebastopol and those of other cities. I am supplicating the confirmation of the Kingdom and the Support and Favor of His Most High Baha-Ullah for them.

Upon thee be the Glory of The Most Glorious!

(Signed) Abdul-Baha Abbas.

March 28, 1920.

Haifa, Palestine.

Translated by Azizullah S. Bahadur.

Received at Carmel, California,  
May 9, 1920. Feast of Mashrak-el-Azkar.

R. B. T. and Rosella Dennis.



Dear Friends.-

When our friends George Latimer and W.H.Randall were in Haifa recently Abdul Baha intimated to them that the time had now come to establish the Houses of Spirituality or Spiritual Assemblies throughout the country. The following are extracts from their notes on this subject, also notes of Dr. Esfahani.

Mr. Randall.- On my return to America shall I suggest that the Assemblies or Spiritual Houses be patterned after the Persian Method and their conduct conform to the same proceeding- if this is the Master's wish?

Abdul Baha.- "Yes. Do not forget this- that this is a Universal Temple; ~~xxx~~ advertise it and announce that this is for all and every Religion, and ~~ix~~ that whoever wishes can come and worship."

W.H.R.- Shall the Spiritual House of the Assembly have supervision over and vigilantly guard and protect the Cause and the pure-heartedness of its members?

Abdul Baha.- "Very Good. Like this- first of all the members must choose a committee of certain persons from among themselves and then this committee should choose the Spiritual House."

W.H.R.- Should this House consist of nine? Abdul Baha.- "Yes, nine."

W.H.R.- Not more? Abdul Baha.- "It is not bad but not less than nine."

In Dr. E's notes, Abdul Baha says- "As to the House of Spirituality the first question relates to its election. The election should be carried out with sincerity and goodwill. People should be elected who will when united give the most harmony. Members should be elected who are experienced in the Cause and sufficiently educated. Their character must be good."

The "Persian Method" of conducting the house of Spirituality, referred to by Mr. Randall, is as follows:

General Meetings.- These are held several times a week in a town, non-believers are welcome; they are especially for teaching and guiding the people and strengthening new Bahais; tablets and prayers are chanted, by the most melodious voices; statements and proofs are given, talks about customs, deeds and morals; one or more presidents (chairmen) take charge of the meeting, speakers and subjects are arranged before. Bahais should go to a meeting as to the presence of God; they come in ~~xxx~~ such simplicity and devotion that if any one sees them they will be quickened. (How do they treat hypocrites and those who do not live up to their professions?) They have special meetings for teaching these people. Teachers who are especially firm and well-informed take in hand these people and inform them as to their duties and train them. (What are the duties of the Spiritual Assembly?) Teaching the Cause and spreading the Message; discussing the ways and means of doing the same. There is a collection box or fund for spreading the Cause which is administered by the Spiritual Assembly; the fund is used for any purpose approved by the Spiritual Assembly- helping the poor, teaching, etc.\*\*\* Their are contributions and laws as to the expenditures- a certain percentage for teaching, for helping the poor, etc. No collections are taken at the general meetings; the money is given by those who are real Bahais, the public is not asked to give. Any Bahai in trouble can apply to the Spiritual Assembly, and they will advise with him. The Spiritual Assembly appoints a certain person to sit to the general meetings to expound the laws and exhort the people to their observance.

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The Spiritual Assembly appoints a committee to superintend the feasts; every Bahai group must give a feast once in nineteen days. The Committee has a special book which they bring to a friend and he agrees to give a feast or feasts on certain dates. Any one who wishes to give a feast arranges the dates and time with this committee.\*\*\*\*\* Feasts for all the Bahais (in town) occur only on special days.

"All Bahai activities should be subject to the approval of the Spiritual Assembly. The Spiritual Assembly should be the focus from which the light of the Kingdom radiates. If the Spiritual Assembly is not pure and spiritual, the Cause cannot progress in that town. The friends must realize that they must obey the Spiritual Assembly."

As to the duties of the Spiritual Assembly, Abul Baha says "The first duty is to effect their own unity and harmony in order to obtain good results; when the unity of the Committee is established, their second duty is to read the verses and commentaries, to be in a state of commemoration and thankfulness, that they may see each other as if in the presence of God; the third duty is consultation and meditation regarding the teaching of the Cause of God in all regions and climes; their fourth duty is to meditate and consult for the helping of the poor and the weak and the protection of the sick; their fifth duty is to correct and manage the affairs of the friends and to attend to other matters concerning the Cause." "The members of the Spiritual Assembly must well know and firm Bahais; the greatest requirement is to be firm and steadfast in the Covenant."

The Selective Committee appointed at the Meeting of the friends of Los Angeles and vicinity, addressed by Mr. Latimer, at which these words were first given to us, met according to its instructions and elected by unanimous action the following persons as the House of Spirituality for the Assemblies of Los Angeles, Glendale and Pasadena- Mrs. Rosa V. Winterburn, Mrs. Stuart French, Mrs. W.H. Cline, Mrs. Lora Beckett, Mrs. E.H. Bibby, Mrs. Oral A. Platt, L.R. Alderson, W.H. Cline and Frank B. Beckett. This House of Spirituality was chosen for a period of one year from March 21st, 1920.

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Haifa, Syria.  
December 27 th, 1916.

O thou my heavenly sount

Several letters and cards are received from you, and each indicated thy firmness and steadfastness in the Love of God. Praise be to God that that illumined youth is like unto an endindled candle and hast dedicated thy life in the services of the Kingdom of God, and day by day thou art adding to thy illumination and spirituality.

Thou hast written about the Conferences of Green Acre. I became very happy that a number of sweet singing birds were engaged by day and by night in the praise of His Highness the Almighty. Should in the coming year also a great Conference be held in that meadow a heavenly Festival be organized with the utmost love and affinity and the jubilee of the Oneness of the world of humanity be arranged, there in no doubt that each soul will become like a candle in that gathering and such joy and happiness be unveiled that the Continent of America will be moved and stirred.

Day and night with the utmost supplication and entreaty I beseech and implore at the threshold of Divine Servitude and beg for those friends confirmation and assistance and lead in your behalf this blessed Verse of Koran. He says "The believing souls who are in the utmost sincerity and steadfastness will undoubtedly become confirmed and assisted."

Now praise be to God that you are the manifestors of Divine Aid and help ed to render services to the Kingdom of the Merciful.

You have given the glad news that the foundation of the Mashrak-el-Askar will be laid next year. This is also my hope that this Temple may become fully constructed and the Holy Verse of Koran. "We have given thee a great victory" become realized. For the building of this Temple is a most great triumph.

Convey to all the friends longing greetings. Praise be to God that we are all safe and guarded under the protection and preservation of God.

Upon thee be greetings and praise!  
(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

Copy of Tablet to Roy C Wilhelm . Received November 22nd. 1918.

NAW-RUZ GREETINGS  
"Uncle Ed" Russell  
129 B.E.

O thou who are attracted by the Fragrances of God! Know thou assuredly that

LOVE is the Mystery of Divine Revelation;  
LOVE is the Effulgent Manifestation;  
LOVE is the Spiritual Fulfillment;  
LOVE is the Light of the Kingdom;  
LOVE is the Breath of the Holy Spirit inspired into the human spirit;  
LOVE is the cause of the Manifestation of the Truth (God) in the phenomenal world;  
LOVE is the necessary tie proceeding from the realities of things through Divine creation;  
LOVE is the means of the most great happiness in both the material and spiritual worlds;  
LOVE is a light of guidance in the dark night;  
LOVE is the bond between the Creator and the creature in the inner world;  
LOVE is the cause of development to every enlightened man;  
LOVE is the Greatest Law in this vast universe of God!  
LOVE is the one law which causes and controls order among the existing atoms;  
LOVE is the universal magnetic power between the planets and stars shining in the lofty firmament;  
LOVE is the cause of unfoldment, to a searching mind, of the secrets deposited in the universe of the Infinite;  
LOVE is the spirit of life in the bountiful body of the world;  
LOVE is the cause of the civilization of nations in this mortal world;  
LOVE is the highest honour to every righteous nation;

The people who are confirmed therein are indeed glorified by the Supreme Concourse, the angels of the heaven and the dwellers in the Kingdom of El-Abhá. But, if the hearts of the people become void of the Divine Grace, the love of God - they wander in the desert of ignorance, descend to the depths of ruin, and fall to the abyss of despair where there is no refuge. They are like insects living on the lowest plane.

This is the Path of El-Abhá.  
This is the Religion of El-Abhá.  
This is the Law of El-Abhá.  
He who has not this has no portion with El-Abhá.  
Greetings and praise be upon thee!

(Signed) Abdúl-Bahá Abbas

Portion of LETTER OF LOVE from the Master, Abdúl-Bahá Abbas, to one of the Beloved in America -- from the files of Ted Anderson.

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