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— Immortality —

Concerning the condition of the human soul after its ascension: The essences of the human soul are clarified from material substances and purified from the embodiment of substantial things. It is exclusively luminous; it has no body; it is a dazzling point of light; it is a celestial orb of brightness.

Those souls who are not vivified and attracted by the Holy Spirit are accounted among the dead, because their souls are deprived of the breath of the Holy Spirit, and are, after physical death, in a certain condition, having feeling and discernment in their environment, but in comparison with the pure souls who have been vivified by the Holy Spirit, they are as dead, and deprived of life.

Extracts from Conversation with Abdul Baha

"Those who have passed through death, have a sphere of their own. It is not removed from ours. Their work is ours - the work of the Kingdom, but it is sanctified from what we call time and place. In prayer there is a mingling of station, - a mingling of condition. Pray for them, as they pray for you. When you do not know it they are able to make suggestions to you when you are in difficulty and in a receptive attitude. But there is no phenomenal intercourse that which seems like phenomenal intercourse has a much deeper and more subtle explanation.

It is not possible to put into human words the explanation of these great matters. The language of man is the language of children; Man's language often leads astray."

"Concerning the question as to whether all souls enjoy Eternal Life: Know thou that those souls ~~who~~ partake of the Eternal Life in whom the Spirit of Life is breathed from the Presence of God, and all beside them are dead, - without life. As Christ has explained in the text of the Gospel.

Any person whose insight is opened by God sees the souls in their stations after the disintegration of the bodies. Verily, they are living before their Lord! And He sees also the dead souls submerged in the gulf of mortality. Then know thou, verily, all the souls are created according to the Nature of God, and all are in the state of (unconscious) purity at the time of their births. But, after birth they differ from one another in so far as they acquire excellencies or defects. Nevertheless, the creatures have different degrees in existence, in so far as the creation goes, for capacities are different; but all of them are good and pure (in their essence) then afterward they are polluted and defiled, altho' they are in different states of creation, yet all of them are beneficial."

Some additional explanatory ideas on Extracts.

"After Death States", communicated by Abdul Baha.

Ramleh.

May, 1911.

Q. What is meant by the Mirror for Divine reflection?

A. 'Mirror' is the whole body, though the brain in particular. Body has many elements in its composition and these are continually changed during life time. At dissolution each element is resolved back to its original source. The physical body temple of man is like the animal, the only

difference being on the plane of consciousness - it follows therefore that only the consciousness or mind is left after death. Electricity is known by its attributes and effects. The power of consciousness is also thus recognised. After death the condition is one which cannot be clearly explained in words, it is one of "comprehension" "understanding" which involves all other things, feeling, etc. In the beings there are degrees. All are not in the same station. See the various characters to be observed and compared, say, among 10 Children who have received the identically same

treatment, training and food. 3 degrees will be found, which might be classed as rapid development, less rapid, and almost stagnant. (Excellent, middle and lower).

- Q. Is there any predominant quality man should develop in order to obtain special excellence or power after death?
- A. No, man should develop all his qualities, for each quality has its own use and function. (Q. object of evolution of soul is to obtain equilibrium - perfection).
- Q. Is individuality retained by the various individual consciousnesses?

A. Complete Individuality belongs only to the station of the prophet. Those who follow him are under the "shadow" of his station and are the purified souls.

(Remark) Happiness can never be attained in this life owing to the law of effort which deprives us of the power for perfect happiness.

The Reality of man is always searching and pushing to the Light. There are continuous stages of development. (Inference).

A. After death man does not develop through "conscious effort" but through the power of Divine Bounty or unfoldment.

It is not possible to put into human words these great matters. The language of man is the language of children; Man's language often leads astray.

Concerning thy question whether all the souls enjoy Eternal Life. Know thou those souls partake of the Eternal Life in whom the Spirit of Life is breathed from the Presence of God; and all beside them are dead - without Life. As Christ has explained (this matter) in the texts of the Gospel. Any person whose insight is opened by God sees the souls in their stations after the disintegration of the bodies. Verily they are living and are subsisting before their Lord, and He sees also the dead souls submerged in the gulfs of mortality. Then know thou verily all the souls are created according to the NATURE of God, and all are in the state of (unconscious) purity at the time of their

births. But afterward they differ from one another in so far as they acquire excellencies or defects. Nevertheless, the creatures have different degrees in existence in so far as the creation goes, for capacities are different, but all of them are good and pure (in their essence) then afterward they are polluted and defiled. Although there are different states of creation, yet all of them are beneficial.

All good works, loving memories, prayers, and help from inferior beings assist the soul to push forward after death. The human soul is a discoverer.

- Q. Do "Prophet souls" enjoy the love and faith of Disciples?
- A. Those Prophets who are Manifestations of God, sent by God, (Avatars) are of the Essence (logos) and quite untouched by the faith of disciples, but lesser prophets, those under the shadow of (Avatars) manifestations can be raised by the faith and love of their believers.

Concerning the condition of the human soul after its ascension from the material world. The essences of the human soul are clarified from material substances and purified from the embodiment of substantial things. It is exclusively luminous. It has no body, it is a dazzling pencil of light, it is a celestial orb of brightness

Those souls who are not vivified and attracted by the Holy Spirit are accounted among the dead because their souls were deprived of breath of the Holy Spirit and these, after physical death, are in a certain condition, having feeling and discernment in their environment, but in comparison with the pure souls who have been vivified by the Holy Spirit they are as dead and deprived of Life.

Q. Concerning planets - can a planet be extinguished?

A. Yes, a planet can lose the bounty of God and be destroyed.

As man depends on his elements and the brain in particular, so the "Sent Prophets or Manifestations" are like the brain of a planet, they cannot live without the help from this highest source or element of their beings.

Q. How can we compare philosophical thoughts with religious thoughts?

A. Know thou that this nether world is the mirror of the Kingdom, and the former is exactly the counterpart of the latter. The sound opinions of the world, which are the results of philosophical right thinking, correspond to the Traces of the Kingdom, and there does not exist any difference whatever between them. For the reality of things is hidden in the Treasuries of the Kingdom and, as soon as it is bodied forth upon this plane of nether world, the emblems (symbols) and realities of the contingent beings become apparent.

The Word was originally with
God in the Essence, so He was with
God in the Person.

Jesus had the power of the universal
veg. & animal Kingdoms, also the
spiritual power; so He was the
Word for He gathered into Himself
all the virtues or powers of the
unwritten book "

There is no other power in the
unwritten book. The power of the
unwritten book is in the
unwritten book.

Concerning the question of death: Know thou that the spirit is abstract and sanctified from all things. For ingress and egress, ascent and descent, union or separation are the properties of material beings and not of the spirit. Consequently, human spirit does not enter in the physical body; nay, rather, it has some "attachment". This "attachment" is like unto the mirror and the sun. The sun does neither enter in nor exit from the surface of the mirror, nor absolutely identify itself with it, but it (the sun) has some "attachment" with the mirror and reflects itself therein. However, when

this "attachment" is interrupted, the mirror is deprived from illumination, beauty and effulgence. Therefore, the interruption of the ^{attachment} egress of the spirit ^{to} ~~from~~ the body is a relative and not an absolute interruption; and this "attachment" (of the spirit to the body) may be broken off either slowly or abruptly.

Extracts from Conversations with Abdul Baha (after death).

Those who have passed through death have a sphere of their own. It is not removed from ours. Their work is ours, the work of the Kingdom, but it is sanctified from what we call time and place. They have different attributes from those who have not yet died. In prayer there is a mingling of station, a mingling of condition. Pray for them as they pray for you. When you do not know it they are able to make suggestions to you, if you are in difficulty and in receptive attitude. But there is no phenomenal intercourse. That which seems like phenomenal intercourse has a much deeper and more subtle explanation.

Words of Abdul Baha quoted by Miss. Annie T. Boylan, in a letter written to Mrs. Corinne Erue, September 5, 1911.

"If I go (to America), there will be complaints and I should run away. I have made a pact with the Americans that when they are in perfect harmony I shall visit

them." But he expressed clearly that it was a spiritual unity that was desired and not a political unity. He said Bahais have nothing to do with political organization or having constitutions or committees for governing - that no Bahai wants to be on a committee. He works for the spreading of the Cause, for the orphans, the poor and the sick and he does not bother about all the organizations and committees. He said: 'I am a follower of Baha'o'llah and I belong to no assembly. I am on no committee.' And it was good to hear his heart laugh. He said, let those who wish to be on committees, be on them, but Bahais had other work to do. He says we are not working enough for the Mashrak-el-Azkar - that is the most important work - and while all activities in other directions must not cease, that of giving the message, of caring for the orphans, poor and sick, the Mashrak-el-Azkar is our most important work."

"Abdul Baha said we are not to love the believers any more than the others - all are one."

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At sea, four days out.

Sept. 5, 1911.

Dear Mrs. True:

This letter, I hope, will reach you soon enough to give you the news of my beautiful visit with Abdul-Baha at Thonon, where I went the day after he arrived. I happened to be at Lausanne, just across the Lake Geneva, and had a telegram from Mrs. Dreyfus. Of course I went at once. I was the first to arrive, being the nearest. Miss Sanderson came over the following day, as she was at Vevey. For the first days we had Abdul-Baha quite to ourselves; then the friends began to arrive from London and Geneva and other parts. Quite a few Persians were in Switzerland and came to see Abdul-Baha - not the believers but some of the exiled Persian Royalty, the governor who was so active in having the believers persecuted and he abased himself before Abdul-Baha, kissed the hem of his garment and begged for permission to call on him. Then his son, the Prince Ismail, told Abdul-Baha he was ashamed of the actions of his family in reference to the Bahais, and Prince Froze Khan who stayed several days and was very devoted to Abdul-Baha, the grandson of the Shah, Moscarferadeen. It is wonderful to see how the people of the world, who do not know Him, show Him the greatest respect and reverence. He is King in all situations. I thank God I was permitted to have this extraordinary visit, and I hope the blessings of His visit may be extended to all. Let us see what we can do. You know Abdul-Baha goes to London and Paris and He is sad that He cannot go to America on account of the conditions of inharmony. He said: "If I go, there will be complaints and I should run away. I have made a pact with the Americans that when they are in perfect harmony I shall visit them." But He expressed clearly that it was a Spiritual Unity that was desired and not a political unity. He said Bahais have nothing to do with political organization or having constitutions or committees for governing - that no Bahai wants to be on a committee. He works for the spreading of the Cause, for the orphan, the poor and the sick and he does not bother about all the organizations and committees. He said: "I am a follower of BAHÁ'U'LLAH and I belong to no Assembly. I am on no committee." And it was good to hear his hearty laugh. He said, let those who wish to be on committees, be on them, but Bahais had other work to do. He says we are not working enough for the Mashrak-el-Azkar - that is the most important work - and while all activities in other directions must not cease, that of giving the Message, of caring for the orphans, poor and sick, the Mashrak-el-Azkar is our most important work.

Now, I want to come to the important part of my letter and to see what can be done. Abdul-Baha really wants to go to America -

anyone can see that- and Tamadun-ul-Molk, who is with him interpreting, told me he would go if we could establish the conditions. He said: Just think! Abdul-Baha in London and Paris and prevented from going to America by discord!" That is what will go down to history - and what a deprivation for thousands of good souls who would be attracted to the Cause by His presence and what an awful responsibility for us!

I saw Mr. Woodcock in Lausanne. We talked this matter over and concluded you could manage to spread the news in Chicago that harmony was the magnet, and could you have a supplication signed by all the believers you can reach or by any who are not believers and desire His presence? (Abdul-Baha said we are not to love the believers any more than the others - all are one) Make it very insistent and have a place for him. I suppose you would offer your home. He has his cook and several others with him, Mirza Assad Ullah, Tamadun-ul-Molk and others. In England Lady Blomfield offered her home which Abdul-Baha accepted. I am not sure that she is a believer.

At Thonon he was at the Hotel du Parc, a very worldly place, fashionable and elegant and it was a beautiful sight to see the "King in His Glory."

Now, I shall do my best in New York, where the inharmony is thought to be greatest. We shall unite with anyone and all to try to attract Abdul-Baha. It was a heart-rending situation for me when he said to me: "Can you steal me and take me to America with you? Then the friends here will look for me and not find me." Oh! how I wished I could have said, we are ready for you in America. Our hearts are prepared and an apartment is ready. I know he would have said, "I shall go." Now, we must make this true. We need Him. You know how much! Send word to all the centers to send supplications signed by all. I have a cable code arranged with Mr. Woodcock who will be with him all the time, and as soon as I have definite news, I shall cable. I shall write to all the cities that I can find addresses for.

Yours very lovingly,

(Signed) Annie T. Boylan,

459 West 23d St.,

New York City.

P. S. I have many beautiful lessons - you will have later.

Send the signed supplication directly to Mr. Woodcock, c/o Thomas Cook & Son, Paris, and let me know as soon as possible what you can do, as I shall cable as soon as the New York people decide something. The invitation must be pressing, even insistent.

These Notes have been in circulation for several years and have appeared in the Star of the West. When Mrs. E. G. Cooper of San Francisco, Cal., went to the home of Abdul Baha in November, 1920, she took with her a copy as it has been in circulation, for verification and, if correct, the signature of Abdul Baha. Mirza Azizullah S. Badahur translated it into Persian and gave it to Abdul Baha for his verification. Abdul Baha corrected this translation with his own hand and returned it to Azizullah, and the following is a copy made from it retranslated into English.

"Miss Boylan said that while in Thonon last summer (1911) she asked Abdul Baha about the work of the Mashraq'ul Azkar, feeling that it was extremely necessary to push this work and get the Temple built as rapidly as possible, and that he must come to build it, in fulfillment of the prophecy that the Lord would come to rebuild the Temple which had been torn down.

"Miss Boylan said that Abdul Baha replied that he had fulfilled that prophecy by building the Tomb of The Bab. He said, 'The blessed and holy Tomb (of Baha'u'llah, - May my soul be a sacrifice to its dust!) and the Tomb of The Bab on Mount Carmel are the first Mashraq'ul Azkar, and that Temple is already built. The one in Eshkabad is a radiation from that first one. The one in Chicago will be another radiation. In future there will be many all over the world, all radiating from that central Mashraq'ul Azkar: That is, the Holy Tomb (of Baha'u'llah) and the Tomb of The Bab.'"

("The correction of this note was made by the Master himself." (Signed) "Azizullah S. Badahur.")

Notes taken from the Words of Abdul Baha during His Visit to
Paris, France, October 17 - 25, 1911.

October 17,

I wish you to study the works of the Blessed Beauty, and to live according to His teaching. The basis of the teaching of Baha'o'llah is as follows: "Bear in your heart great love to all races on Earth, to the end that unity may be established between them. Take an interest in everyone and find out how you can help them, so that all may see that your love is truly universal. Do the Will of GOD, do not only speak about it, the Elect of GOD do this. People do much speaking to advance their own glory and to make themselves appear superior to their neighbors. But if you do the Will of GOD and do not blazon it abroad then you will change the whole world. They who do must speak least.

Man must ever be thinking of drawing nearer to GOD.

Look at the Italians, they pretended to love humanity, yet they wished to seize Tripoli for their own advancement, not for the good of humanity.

I hope that you will some day be able to hinder such actions and to enable justice to reign everywhere. I hope that you will be able to make all hearts pure and tender, all efforts sincere, so that everyone may work for the good of humanity. This is my prayer and desire,

October 18.

The Relation between Thought and Action.

You must not only think thoughts, but do actions.

The reality of men is their thoughts and their spirits, not their material bodies. Man and animal with regard to matter are partners. The difference is that man has the power of thought.

Thoughts may be divided into two classes: - 1. The world of thought alone. 2. The world of thought which expresses itself in action. For instance, philosophers belong to the first class, for they only think heavenly thoughts and do not do heavenly deeds. Whereas spiritual teachers belong to the second class, for they express their high and noble thoughts in actions as soon as they think them.

Question:

If one refuses the Cause of Baha'o'llah during his life time, may he hear of it after death?

Answer:

Yes, he will hear of it in his next life, but through the mercy of GOD, not through his own ability.

Question:

Are we not able, through love and faith, to make those on

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the other side hear of the Cause who had not heard of it while
here.

Answer:

Yes, surely sincere prayer always has its effects; and it has a great influence in the other world. We are never cut off from those who are there. The real and genuine influence is not in this world but in that other.

Question:

In what condition is the soul before entering the body?

Answer:

In a state of potentiality, possessing no consciousness as we understand it.

Travelling.

Travelling is a very good thing. It opens the eyes and broadens the horizon.

In the East one may behold vast and desert places where once lay peopled towns; this shows the Hand of Almighty GOD. History shows us how every nation which was against the Will of GOD has eventually been quite destroyed: and accordingly, each nation which has listened to the Voice of GOD has prospered. When travelling one makes discoveries of strange things, i.e., The Emperors of Rome ruled over many thousands of people and were famous and powerful, but now the Emperors are dead and their power has vanished. Whereas the Christians began by being a small band of eleven disciples following Christ and living after His teaching, now there are many Christians all over the world and Christ's influence shall never die.

October 19.

Healing comes from GOD. If the heavenly benediction be upon us while we are being healed, then only can we be truly healed. All depends upon GOD. Medicine is merely an outward form, or means by which we obtain Heavenly healing; without the Heavenly Benediction it is worth nothing. -If man looks at the nature of the world around him, he will see that all created beings are dependent upon something. i.e., Man is dependent for his life upon the air which he breathes, likewise the animals are which are upon the earth, and each created being is dependent of for its life upon some material circumstances. Man therefore, and all creatures are prisoners of nature. The sun must follow his law; the earth must follow his law of motion, the sea also her's. But, by the spiritual power of GOD, which, through His Bounty, He has bestowed upon man alone, man is enabled to defy the laws of nature in many and wonderful ways. i.e. It is the law of nature that man should walk upon the earth, but he defies this law, for he sojourns upon the water and also flies like the bird, through the air.

Through the wonderful spiritual power which GOD gives to man, man is enabled to reach the kingdom of Heaven, but behold man is not grateful and is careless of the great mercy which GOD has shown him.

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October 29.

The sun shines upon the earth giving light and warmth to all creatures. The Sun of Truth also shines giving light and warmth to the souls of men. All existing creatures need the sun to shine upon them and develop them that they may grow. The souls of men also need the Sun of Truth to shine upon them, to educate and encourage them. Circumstances that benefit the body do not benefit the soul and the soul of man is his reality, not his body. i.e. There are some men who are perfected in material things and very backward in the spiritual. Likewise many, who are at the bottom of the social and material ladder, are very much advanced spiritually.

Galen, a Greek philosopher who died at the time when the Christian Religion was in its youth - and was not himself a Christian - wrote many books about material civilization and development. He states as his belief that Religion, is the basis of all true civilization, that is to say not only must the brain and gifts of a nation be educated, but also the moral character. The Christians he points out are an example to show the truth of this theory, for theirs was the basis upon which the largest and most prosperous civilization of the world had been founded and their morals were very high. They were taught not to fear death, and to love their neighbors as themselves and live only for the good of humanity, and only to think of doing good to mankind. If these principles had been carefully carried out by the followers of Jesus Christ, then there would be no need for the world to be reawakened. But winter fell upon the hearts of men, and GOD sent His prophets to shine upon them with the Spring of the Sun of Righteousness that they may be again awakened and blossom forth and bear fruit. Because mankind has shut its ears to the Voice of GOD and has neglected His teachings, wars and tumults, unrest and misery have fallen upon them. Let us make every effort to reopen the hearts of men to the Will of GOD. I pray GOD to give you power to bring humanity beneath the rays of the Sun of Truth and Peace.

October 23.

When a man has found joy in one place he returns to that same place to find his joy again. When a man has found gold in a mine then will he return again to that mine to find more gold, this is a natural law and shows forth the vital and spiritual powers which GOD has bestowed upon man, and the natural instinct which is born in him. The Great Light of the Spirit has ever arisen in the East, but it has shed forth its radiance into the West. And in the West has it found its greatest force of expansion.

The Christ rose like a star in the horizon of the East, but the Light of His Influence has taken root more firmly in the West. This shows us how that the people of the West are very faithful in their hearts and they do not easily forget. The West is like a good plant. When the rain falls gently upon it to give it nourishment and the sun shines upon it to give it warmth, then does it blossom forth and bear good fruit.

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It is a long time since the Sun of Righteousness has shed its Radiance upon the West, for the Face of GOD has been hidden by the sin and forgetfulness of man; but now thanks be to GOD, the Sun shines forth in all its glory and the breath of the Holy Spirit is watchful over the nations. Let us pray to GOD that the Light and refreshment may awaken the people and give them new life, that they shall find a second life and there shall be a new creation. Humanity shall put on a new garment and the Mercy of GOD will be showered upon the people. My earnest desire is that you will work for this end, that you may be the cause of it. It is certain that the Flag of Divinity has been raised and the Sun of Righteousness of GOD appears upon the horizon. Be faithful and loving workers that you may be among the Elect of GOD and receive the benefits of the Kingdom of ABHA.

October 25.

I regret that you have been kept so long waiting. Yet, I have waited so many years in prison before I could see you, - surely you do not mind waiting a little to see me. Our hearts are always together and the Bounty of the Kingdom of ABHA binds our spirits in one. For have we not one aim, one desire, and one prayer? Therefore we are always together.

Last night, when I returned home, I did not sleep, I lay awake thinking and I said to myself: "Here am I in Paris. O my GOD, what is Paris, and who am I?" I never thought from the darkness of my prison that I should come here and be among you, for I was condemned to perpetual imprisonment. When I read the document which told me of my sentence, I said to the officials: "It is impossible." And they were astonished. Then I said to them: "If Abdul Hamid were immortal and I myself were immortal, then would it be possible for him to condemn me to be in prison forever, but as we are not immortal, then it is impossible. My spirit is free and that can no man imprison."

Now you see the powers of GOD, that I am no longer in prison, but here in Paris, talking with you. I am thankful to meet the spiritual friends and you must be happy that GOD has allowed me to come among you. For who indeed would have thought it possible that I should be here talking in Paris?

Excerpt from a talk with the friends in Paris:

"I know that your prayers will prevail. Be not fearful.

"Holding a piece of very thin paper before His eyes, that a slight thing will shut off our physical sight, so a slight indiscretion, a cross word, an adverse criticism, shut off the delicate spiritual sight."

Notes taken from the words of Abdul Faha while in Paris, France.

October 25, 1911.

I regret much that I have kept you waiting; I have so much to do in a short time, for the cause of the Love of GOD! You will not mind a little waiting to see me; I have waited years and years in prison that I might come to see you now.

Above all, Inshallah, our hearts are always in unison, and with one aim are drawn to the Love of GOD. By the Bounty of the Kingdom our desires, our hearts, our spirits, are they not united in one bond? Our prayers, are they not for the gathering together of all men in harmony? Therefore are we always together!

Last night when I returned home, I did not sleep, I lay awake thinking. I said: Lo! O GOD! Here am I in Paris! What is Paris? Who am I? And why am I in Paris? - I never thought from the darkness of my prison that I should ever be able to come to you, for Abdul Hamid decreed that I should never receive my freedom, but be perpetually imprisoned. When I read my sentence I said: 'It is not possible! My body imprisoned for a time may be! but he has no power over my Spirit, free it must remain! that can no man imprison!' Released from my prison by the power of GOD, I meet here the friends of GOD and I am thankful unto Him! Let us spread the cause of GOD, for which I suffered persecution.

What a privilege for us to meet here in freedom! How happy for us that GOD has so decided that we may work together for the coming of the Kingdom! Are you pleased to receive such a guest, freed from his prison? He, who never could have thought such a meeting possible, now by the grace of GOD, by His wonderful power, I, who was condemned to perpetual imprisonment, in a far off town of the East, am here talking with you!

Henceforward we shall always be together, heart and soul, and spirit, pressing forward in the work till all men are gathered together under the Tent of the Kingdom, singing the Songs of Peace.

October 26.

Are you all well, happy? I hope your hearts are happy. GOD's greatest gift is Knowledge, which man has obtained by scientific research. Levrai savoir le plus grand moyen de progres. It is this science which has given man the knowledge of the constitution of all that exists - knowledge of all that is ephemeral, of much which would otherwise be unknown. That is why science is most precious to man. By science we are able to understand something of all creatures, whether tiny or great. It, Science is the mirror in which realities are reflected. By science man is helped to understand natural laws, by which all created life is controlled. The very tiniest of all animals are under this law of Nature. The immensity of the Sun is studied by scientific men; the stars also, and comets in their courses. They are all

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bound by law. All vegetation is under this law. The Sea and all that therein is; all mountains, valleys, forests, none can escape this Law. All animals also; the swiftest of birds, which fly through the air, the elephant with his great strength, all are subjects to the limitations of this natural law.

GOD has given to man the wonderful gift of scientific knowledge, by which he has discovered that none can escape this law except man himself; he alone can control, can, by his knowledge and power, rise above this law. He, like the elephant, lion, tiger, ~~xxxxxxx~~ moves and has his being upon the surface of the earth. Man alone, all powerful, triumphs over the law which limits him to the surface. He dives down into the sea in submarines, he rushes over the oceans in ships; he flies into the upper air in flying machines; he traverses great continents in fast rushing trains; learning more and more to defy the Law which limits his progress. Enormous distances are brought close together in these days by telegraph and telephone, controlling time and space. The forms of the planets are captured by photographs, which discover much that was invisible. It is clear that man alone is able to control the laws of nature. Look at GOD's great gift of power to man, by which he is able to do so much for the advancement of civilization! Then reflect on the terrible misuse of this Divine Gift. Instead of using it to promote Love, concord and friendship between nations, behold how destruction receives its weapons, hatred and wholesale slaughter of mankind employs the invention of science; instruments for committing injustice are manufactured, swords instead of ploughshares are forged! Oh! the pity of it all!

He should use his power for good, to bring the fruits of civilization into the possible possession of all men, to encourage harmony and kindness, to produce concord amongst men; for this reason GOD gave His Divine Gift.

I hope you will use your power to produce loving kindness, that you may more and more use your endeavors to spread an atmosphere of friendly peace - to acquire scientific knowledge, & for science shows the wonders of life, to use your acquirements for the drawing together of Nations, for the good of all mankind, not only for serving your own country - but for the service of all the countries, of all the universal worlds.

I pray that GOD through you will build an edifice of Peace and Love and Concord! That you may be the cause of producing love in all around you! Then shall War and Hatred cease to defile the face of GOD's beautiful world.

I pray that in this world, and in the Eternal City, your ideals may be realized.

October 27.

The day is fine, pure is the air; the sun shines, no mist, neither cloud obscures its radiance. The sun penetrates into all parts of the city.

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Baha'o'llah said: "When Christ came for the first time, He came upon the clouds." Christ said that He had come from the sky, from Heaven, when He visibly came from the bosom of Mary, His mother. But when He declared that: "I am from the sky," it is clear that He did not mean the blue firmament, but He spoke of the Sky of the Kingdom of GOD and from this Heaven He came down upon clouds. As clouds are obstacles to the shining of the Sun, so the Clouds of the World hid the Divinity of Christ. Men said: "He is of Nazareth, born of Mary; we know Him and His brethren. What can He mean? What is He saying, that He comes from GOD?"

The body of Christ was Nazarene, the Spirit was of GOD. The spirit is infinite, Divine, whilst the Body is finite, limited. Why does He say He is of GOD? If they had realized the Reality of Christ, they would have understood that the Body of His Humanity was as a cloud that hid the Divinity.

Pay not attention to things material, but reach after the Spirit. Fix your eyes on the Sun of Truth, for His Light floods the whole earth. Let the Sun give you of His strength, then ~~will~~ will not clouds of prejudice hide His Light from your eyes, then will the Sun be without clouds for you. Breathe pure air, - May we share in the Divine Bounties of the Kingdom. May the world be for you no obstacle, hiding the Sun of Truth from your sight, as the human body of Christ hid His Divinity from the people of His day.

May you receive the clear vision of the Holy Spirit, so that your hearts may be illumined and see the Sun of Truth shining through all material clouds. Baha'o'llah said: "Even as the clouds hide the sun and the sky from our gaze, even so did the humanity of Christ hide from men His real Divine Character." Let it not be so with us, let not the things of the body obscure the Holy things of the ~~spirit~~ Spirit! So that by the Divine Bounty you may enter with the Children of GOD into His Eternal Kingdom. This is my prayer for you all.

Paris Notes #2.

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Words of Abdul Baha in Paris, brought to the Boston Assembly by
Mrs. Mary Hanaford Ford, 1911.

D E E D S.

The Utterances of Baha'o'llah are to be translated into deeds, not words (only). Deeds are demanded by His teaching, which must thus appear transmuted into the life of this day. Words are nothing. The life of love must be made a practical thing, no longer something to be merely theorized upon, to weave petty phrases about.

For instance, in our intercourse with others, when you come in contact with another human being, make it a point to discover the condition and needs of that person. He may be in difficulty, suffering for lack of assistance; it should be your privilege to become helpful to him. It is thus that unity may be established. You cannot become one with another by merely talking religion to him; you must step upon an intimate basis with him and enter into the atmosphere of his life, so that it may become brighter through you. When such a principle is the guiding instinct of our intercourse with others, selfishness will disappear and the unity of mankind will be established as an irresistible fact.

The Italians are a generous people, but they have become accustomed to the expression of generosity in words only, and therefore they have been guilty, in their aggressions upon the Turk, of conduct which is utterly atrocious and inexcusable, and such as no civilized nation should tolerate for a moment. This conduct would not have been possible if Italy had lived the principles of the religion which has guided her for so many years. But, in her policies, this religion has never gone beyond the theatrical coloring of words.

It is possible to so adjust oneself to the practice of nobility that its atmosphere surrounds us and colors all our acts. When these acts are habitually and conscientiously adjusted to noble standards, with no thought of the words that might herald them, then nobility becomes the accent of life. At such a ~~high~~ degree of evolution one scarcely needs to try to be good any longer; all our deeds are the distinctive expression of nobility.

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Abdul Baha's Words to the loved ones in the Faith at Paris, France.

In regard to the war raging between Italy and Turkey, He says:

"I am very unhappy to see how wicked and uncivilized human beings can be, the motive for fighting is so small and ignoble. They are fighting for the earth, which is the lowest form of matter.

The earth is not the home of the living, it is their tomb. Pray for all the world. Think and pray for peace. Never be discouraged that your prayers will not bear fruit.

These nations are thinking, Hate. You think with all your powers, Love.

They are calling War. Send out a call for Peace.

I know that your prayers will prevail. Be not fearful.

Holding out in His hand a piece of very thin paper before His eyes, Abdul Baha said:- "See what a slight thing will shut off our physical sight, so will a slight indiscretion, a cross word, an adverse criticism shut off the delicate spiritual sight.

The Manifestations are as the roots of a tree, and through them life and light come to the world. The fruit is not picked from the root, but from the branches and both branches and fruits receive their life from the root."

Extract from letter written by Mabel MacCoy Irwin to Mrs. I. D. B giving an account of her visit to Abdul Baha while he was in London, Eng., September 18, 1911.

Message to American friends from same letter as above.

"~~Tell~~ Give to them in America my loving greeting and my wish for their success. Tell them that if they would attain nearness to the Blessed Beauty they must love much, for love is everything. America was the first of the western nations to accept the teachings, and it should be the leader in spreading knowledge of it throughout the world. Tell them they must prepare for my coming with love. I do not know when I shall ~~am~~ go, it may be next year. Tell them I would write more unto them, but I have no time save I write at night between my sleeps. Tell them love, only love and unity take anyone nigher God, and true teaching is of this."

Mabel MacCoy Irwin

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