

HIDDEN WORDS of BAHÁ-U-LLAH

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I. Introduction:

1. Baha-u-llah's purpose in revealing the Hidden Words.
2. The importance of the symbolism He uses.

II. WHAT GOD and HIS MANIFESTATIONS PROVIDE FOR MAN.

1. Placed in man a breath of His own Spirit:
A. 4, 7, 19; P. 32.
2. His love for man:
A. 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 20, 65; P. 30, 32, 34, 52.
3. Revealed to man His Glory, Majesty, and Beauty:
A. 65; P. 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 46, 61.
4. Created man and provided for his training and development:
A. 68; P. 29.
5. Gives man peace, safety and security:
A. 8, 9, 10, 33; P. 1.
6. Created man rich, noble:
A. 13, 22.
7. Gives Man wisdom, knowledge; enlightens him:
A. 12, 13, 20, 34, 63, 69; P. 16, 62.
8. Promises man reunion with Him:
A. 6, 34.
9. His gifts are freely given:
P. 22.
10. His "calamity" is light and mercy; He heals all man's ills:
A. 51; P. 32, 52.
11. Gives man the Light of eternity:
A. 41; P. 29.
12. Conceals the shame of the unfaithful:
P. 27, 28, 59, 60, 72.
13. Promises retribution for those who turn away and for the unjust:
P. 63, 64, 65, 67.
14. God will purge man of all "colors" except His color:
P. 74.
15. His revelation is in accord with man's capacity:
A. 67, 70.
16. Counsels man to listen to the words of His chosen ones:
P. 56.
17. Bears witness to the high station of those who testify for His Cause
A. 44.
18. His pleasure is in the pleasure of His creatures:
P. 43.
19. "Thou art the day-star of the heaven of My holiness----"
P. 73.
20. "Seize thy chance, for it will come to thee no more."
P. 15, 40.

III. MAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD GOD

1. "Do thou love me..."
A. 4, 5, 6, 7; P. 32.
2. Love Him alone:
A. 8, 11, 14, 15, 16; P. 31.
3. Be content with what God has provided:
A. 12, 17, 18, 21, 45, 70.
4. Rejoice in drawing near to God:
A. 33, 35, 36.
5. Do not veil oneself from the Light:
A. 32, 34, 50.
6. Do not doubt; rise to heights of certainty:
A. 8, 12. P. 9, 33.
7. Seek the beauty and glory of God:
A. 8, 14, 36, 37; P. 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 46.

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A. 8, 14, 36, 37; P. 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 46.
 8. "Cast out the stranger that the Friend may enter".
P. 26, 27, 28.
 9. Desire only what God has desired for you:
A. 22, 23, 38, 44; P. 19, 43.
 10. Obey His divine wisdom:
A. 38, 39, 40, 46, 51, 68, 71.
 11. Hearken to His divine wisdom:
P. 11, 18, 33, 35, 36, 52, 73.
 12. Commune with God: "Hasten to the court of the Most High":
A. 16, P. 8, 11, 21, 68.
 13. Man's heart must be pure, in order to commune:
A. 58, 59; P. 17, 19, 20.
 14. Be humble before God:
A. 24, 30, 40, 42.
 15. Seek the Tree of wealth; be poor in all save God:
A. 57, 60. P. 49, 51.
 16. In God's path ignore both prosperity and abasement:
A. 51, 52.
 17. Free thyself from idle fancies:
A. 62, 63, P. 29, 45.
 18. Arise for the triumph of His Cause:
A. 41, 42, 43, 46.
 19. Seek a martyr's death; yearn for tribulation in His path:
A. 45, 46, 47, 49, 50, 71.
 20. Seek the "wine of unity" with God:
A. 61, 64, P. 61, 62, 64.
 21. None can understand "that which beseemeth Me".:
A. 65, 66.
- IV. ATTITUDES AND CONDUCT WHICH SHOULD CHARACTERIZE MAN:
1. Man's deeds must be in accord with his words:
A. 28, 29.
 2. Deeds must be of "Stainless purity"--of "Stainless holiness":
P. 35, 38, 69, 76.
 3. Turn away from self:
A. 7, 8, 68. P. 22, 32, 38, 40, 45, 55, 65, 68, 69, 72, 79.
 4. No one should exalt himself over the other:
A. 68. P. 5, 43, 44.
 5. Avoid haughtiness, self-satisfaction:
A. 20, 47, 48, 71.
 6. Be patient, forbearing:
A. 48. P. 48.
 7. Treasure the companionship of the righteous:
A. 56, 57 P. 3, 10.
 8. Avoid fellowship with the ungodly:
A. 69, P. 3, 30, 56, 57.
 9. Show the signs of oneness:
A. 68.
 10. "See with thine own eyes, and not through the eyes of others."
A. 2.
 11. "Ascribe not to any soul that which thou wouldst not have ascribed to thee."
A. 29.
 12. Do not busy thyself with the faults of others:
A. 26, 27, 44. P. 44, 66.
 13. Be kindly, radiant; do not sigh or weep:
A. 1. P. 44.
 14. Be merciful; avoid tyranny:
P. 38, 64.
 15. Avoid malice, hypocrisy, heedlessness:
P. 42, 69, 73, 75.
 16. "Be not troubled in poverty nor confident in riches:
A. 53, P. 51.
 17. Avoid envy and covetousness:
P. 6, 42, 50.
 18. Gold and riches must not hinder man in his search for God:
A. 55, 56, P. 53, 55.

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A. 55, 56, P. 53, 55.
19. "Bestow My wealth upon My poor":
A. 57. P. 49, 54.
20. Do not speak until you find one who is seeking:
P. 36.
21. Do not dispute idly:
P. 5, 46.
22. Do not deny the requests of others:
A. 30.
23. Engage in crafts and professions "for the love of God":
P. 80, 81, 82.
24. "Bring yourself to account each day.....":
A. 31.
25. Be free and content:
P. 44, 50.
26. "Array all things with the apparel of life":
P. 73.

V. HIS PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE:

1. God gives to man the "chalice of immortal life":
A. 1, 14, 41, 54, 64. P. 2, 7, 37, 39, 44, 62, 70.
2. Man must become fit for everlasting life:
A. 63. P. 10, 75.
3. Death is a "messenger of joy":
A. 32, P. 41.

VI. PERSECUTION BY THE UNFAITHFUL:

1. Of the "celestial Youth":
P. 23.
2. By "wolves" who prey on the flock.
P. 24.
3. "Clear but bitter water...." not accepted:
P. 25.
4. Attack on the "doves of holiness" and on Baha-u-llah:
P. 77.

"Let it now be seen what your endeavors in the path of detachment will reveal."

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