

Elucidation of the meaning of the Greatest Name by 'Abdu'l-Baha' and  
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The wisdom of repeating the Greatest Name 9 times before each prayer and 95 times daily is as follows: 'Abdu'l-Baha said that there is in man a power of concentration not yet fully developed, which power rightly directed can lead him to great heights of knowledge, understanding and illumination. "Prayer and supplication are the ladder, he said, "by which the souls ascend" and as the power of sustained communion with God develops the capacity to receive, the influx of the Holy Spirit to penetrate the "hidden mystery", unfolds. Prayer and communion is the only direct approach of the soul to God, and Baha'u'llah has likened it unto a "river of milk" which is the perfect nutriment, and the more we partake of this life-giving food the more the soul shall advance in the path of God and the greater will be its progress.

'Abdu'l-Baha' has likened the power of concentration to a cubic crystal. He said: "if you place a ruby, the hardest stone, in a 7 times heated furnace the heat will have no effect, but if you place that ruby in a cubic crystal in the rays of the mid-day sun, it will be dissolved. This He has likened to the power of concentration in man...He said: "Whatsoever man concentrates upon, he will draw to himself. Therefore in prayer and supplication he must close the door to all the outer world and turn his whole being to the Focal Point, the Manifestation of God, in His Day and thus draw into his soul the burning rays of the Sun of Truth, the Infinite Love, Light Beauty and Perfection of God."

Therefore, before each prayer, man should repeat the Greatest Name 9 times and each morning he should repeat it 95 times (successively) seeking the Divine Beloved with all his heart and soul.

YA SHOGHI EFFENDI VALIYI AMRU'LLAH (Jinabi Fad'l)

When in America, Jinabi Faz'l told Mrs Shanaz White that the "straight way" to the united presence of the Bab, Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha' was thru the call of the Guardian of the Faith which is

"YA SHOGHI EFFENDI VALIYI AMRU'LLAH"

meaning Shoghi Effendi Guardian of the Cause. This call we are to give to bring us into communion with him and thru him, to 'Abdu'l-Baha and the Supreme Concourse, of course this call does not take the place of the Greatest Name, but it is a means of contact with our beloved Guardian, and the great Ones who have ascended.

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O God! I ask Thee by Thy supreme Pen and by Thy Name the Most Holy, the Greatest, the Impregnable; the Most High, the Most Glorious, to forgive our debts thru Thy Grace and Bounty, and to overlook and pardon our trespasses by Thy Benevolence and Mercy. Then make us steadfast in Thy Service and an utterer of Thy Name and Praise. Verily, Thou art the Exalted the Forgiver, the Clement!

ALLAH'U'AHHA!

THE GREATEST NAME IS BAHÁ (GLORY, SPLENDOR, LIGHT)

Uses of the grestest Name:

Allah'u'Abha:

"God is the Most Glorious "  
Allah interpreted signifieds God-  
Abha interpreted signifies "The Most Glorious"

Allah'u'Abha is the greeting (or commemoration) to the  
Greatest Name. To be used 95 times every morning.

"Walk above the world by the power of the Greatest Name that thou mayest  
see the secrets of pre-existence and know that which none know of."

This Greatest Name of God is of the Arabic tongue. Its Divine  
expression, none save the soul who truly recieves it can understand.  
The greatest of this name consists not in the giving or in the  
receiving but in the use. That use conferes life. The neglect of it  
destroys life. When its utterance is laid upon the soul, that soul  
has recieved its great gift, and its equal responsibility.  
By its use the Doors ofthe Kingdom of God open, illumination is  
vouchsafed, and Divine Union results.

The use of the Greatest Name, and dependence upon it, causes the soul  
to strip itself of the husks of nortality and to step forth, freed,  
reborn, a new creature, redeemed from the law , and At-One with its  
Creator in the union of that Love which has its orgin in Heaven.

The Greatest Name should be found upon the lips in the first  
awakening moment of the early dawn. It should be fed upon by constant use  
use in daily avocation, in trouble, under opposition, and should be the  
last word breathed when the head rests upon the pillow at night. It  
is the Name of comfort, protection, happiness, illumnation, love,  
and unity.

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YA BAHÁ' EL-ABHA: ") Thou Glory of the Most Glorious "  
This is used in calling upon Baha'u'llah for  
aid or bestowals. It is Arabic in Persian  
writing. It is the symbol placed in a frame.

Abdul'-Baha' said the believers must applaud in the meetings when they  
desire to do so, by saying in unison, "Ya Baha' El-Abha", not otherwise,  
such as hand clapping, etc.