# Three Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh to Áqá Yahúdá, an early Jewish convert to the Bahá'í Faith from Hamadán

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A photograph of Áqá Yahúdá with the three Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh inscribed

## Tablet 1 (on the left)

#### **Provisional English Translation**

O Yahúdá! Great is thy blessedness in that thou hast turned to God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. Say: O Concourse of the Torah! I swear by the righteousness of God! the ten words (ten commandments, the Decalogue) have been revealed again in the one commandment, and this one commandment (word) speaketh in this Day, and all things speak: "Blessed be the one who is the Lord of all Names, and who hath appeared unto all of His people, in His land. He is the One Who has honoured Moses, the 'Interlocutor' of God, to attain His Presence and to be with Him." Blessed is the city in which the Call of the Beloved is raised, and blessed is the Temple in which His name is made mention of. In truth, Mount Zion is calling aloud, giving glad-tidings unto all things, summoning them to attain the Divine Presence. Jerusalem is astir in its place, and is joyously announcing unto all lands the advent of God, the Lord of the Throne on High. O Yahúdá! Take hold of the Book of God, with strength and power, coming solely from Him; He shall aid thee, and He is the Omnipotent, the Mighty One.

#### Original Arabic Text

یا یهودا طوبی لک بما اقبلت الی الله المهیمن القیوم قل یا ملاء التوراة تالله قد نزلت الکلمات العشر فی کلمة واحدة و ینطق الیوم کل الاشیاء تبارک مولی الاسماء الذی اظهر بین شعبه و دیاره و شرف الکلیم بلقائه و الحضور امام وجهه طوبی لمدینة فیها ارتفع نداء المحبوب و لکنیسته فیها ذکر اسمه المحمود ان صهیون تنادی و تبشر الاشیاء بلقاء الرب اورشلیم اهترت من مکانها و بشرت البلاد بالله ربّها و ربّ الکرسی الرفیع یا یهودا خذ الکتاب بقوّة من عنده انّه یؤیّدک و هو المقتدر القدیر.

(خلاصه از خاطرات جناب عبدالمیثاق میثاقیه، محمّدعلی فیضی، صص ۱۸-۹۱)

## Tablet 2 (in the middle)

## **Provisional English Translation**

He is God!

O Yahúdá! Give praise to the One who is the Desire of all the worlds, in that He aided thee to recognise the Dawning-Place of Revelation and the Day-Spring of His Inspiration, (Unlike) the example of him who was the pole of all the divines of Persia, Shaykh Muhammad-Hasan [Najafí], who slipped from the Straight Path, and who descended unto his station. Gracious God! Every day the truth of the blessed utterance "He shall make the lofty to be lowered, and those who are low to be raised up" is manifest and evident. Praise be to God that thou hast attained unto His recognition, exalted and glorified be He. There is now but one matter which remaineth, and that is steadfastness in the love of God. Unbelievers are many, the foreboders of evil are innumerable, traitors ever-present, and thieves are visible. We beseech God to protect thee and His loved ones from the evil emanating from them, as they have denied the verses of God, His sovereignty, His grandeur, His Omnipotence, and are considered as the lost ones in the Book of God, the Lord of the Worlds.

### Original Persian and Arabic Text

هوالله

یا یهودا حمد کن مقصود عالمیان را تو را تائید فرمود بر عرفان مشرق وحی و مطلع الهامش و مثل قطب علمای ایران یعنی شیخ محمد حسن از صراط لغزید و بمقام خود راجع گشت. سبحان الله در هر یوم کلمهٔ مبارکهٔ «یجعل اعلاکم اسفلکم و اسفلکم اعلاکم» مشهود و واضح. الحمد لله باقبال فائز شدی و بعرفان حق جل جلاله مزین گشتی. حال یک امر باقی مانده و آن استقامت بر حبّ الهی است. ملحد بسیار ناعق بیشمار خائن موجود سارق مشهود. نسئل الله ان یحفظک و اولیائه من شر هوالاء انهم انکروا آیات الله و سلطانه و عظمته و اقتداره و کانوا من الاخسرین فی کتاب الله ربّ العالمین.

(خلاصه از خاطرات جناب عبدالميثاق ميثاقيه،

محمّدعلی فیضی، ص ۱۸)

# Tablet 3 (on the right)

### **Provisional English Translation**

He is the One Who remembers thee, the All-Knowing.

O Yahúdá! Verily Mount Sinai is today narrating the glad-tidings, but the people hearken not. In truth, the Tree beyond which there is no passing is summoning mankind, but they do not comprehend. Hearken unto the summons of the Lord of Mankind and hold firm unto His Guidance. This is a command from Him, and He is the Commander, the Omnipotent, the Mighty, the Most-Loving. Say: O Concourse of Humanity! Verily, the day of Promise hath come, and the Promised One is here. He is summoning the entire world unto God, the Possessor of all Existence. In truth, the one who hath abandoned all else but Me, and hath taken hold of My outstretched cord, made mention of thee, and so We have mentioned Thee in this Tablet, which is proclaiming: "All sovereignty belongeth to God, the Lord of all that was and all that shall be." Forego what is held by the people and say: "I beseech Thee, O Possessor of all things, O Thou who art Sovereign over the visible and the invisible. I beseech thee by Thy Name, whereby Thou hast conquered hearts and minds, that Thou mayest enable me to be firm in Thy Faith, and strong in Thy love. Verily, Thou art the All-Subduing, the Most Exalted, the Help in Peril, the Selfsubsisting."

#### **Original Arabic Text**

هو الذاكر العليم

یا یهودا ان الطور یحدث والقوم لایسمعون ان السدرة تنادی والناس لایفقهون اسمع نداء مولی الوری و تمسّک بالهدی امراً من لدنه و هو الآمر المقتدر العزیز الودود قل یا ملاء الارض قد ظهر الوعد و اتی الموعود و دعا الکلّ الی الله مالک الوجود قد ذکرک من نبذ دونی و تمسّک بحبلی الممدود ذکرناک بهذ اللّوح الّذی ینادی الملک لله ربّ ما کان و ما یکون ضع الیوم ما عند القوم و قل اسئلک یا مالک الوجود و سلطان الغیب و الشهود باسمک الّذی به سخّرت و سلطان الغیب و الشهود باسمک الّذی به سخّرت الافئدة و القلوب بان تجعلنی ثابتاً علی امرک و مستقیماً علی حبّک انّک انت المقتدر المتعالی المهیمن القیّوم.