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Dear Harriet!

Willing service to our fellow men is the highest expression of virtue. Every one is able to render some kind of service. The heart and ~~the~~ mind must become re-vitalized with the dynamic power of service. Service in any given form — so far as it is unselfish — is identical with religious devotion. All those who long to serve God, let them serve man — who is in ^{God's} ~~the~~ image and likeness, for the image and likeness of God consist of divine virtues. One of those divine virtues is service. This makes it clear that when

we are clothed with the garment of service, we have adorned our beings with one of the attributes of Divinity. I may rather go ^{a step} further and, say, that in this radiant century, Divinity, with all Its intrinsic, basic qualities has become vocal in the "Servant". When we reflect over this, just for one moment we will realize how majestic, how lofty, how wonderful is the station of Servitude! This is the age in which not only God is serving humanity with all the beautiful sympathy and tenderness but He has become an example for all those whose watchword is Service. In this instance, one of the ^{most} spiritual men of the East has said more

than one thousand yrs ago: ^{3rd Servitude} ~~of~~ ^(or the core)
is an essence, the quintessence of
which Divinity." This is, therefore,
strictly speaking an age of
Service, — service to all Creation
animate or inanimate beings —
organic or inorganic life.

✓ This morning we had tea in
the Persian Samawar in the reception
rooms. Mirza Mahmud chanted
Baha-ollah's Communion.
There was a woman from
America who came early and
told the Master about ^{her} visions
and dreams. "This is the age of
Reality," he said, "if you live
in accord with the teachings
of Baha-ollah, you will attain
to knowledge of ^{all} ~~every~~ things."
The President of Theosophical

Society called on the Master
 and after ^{an interview} ~~a talk~~ a date ~~was~~
~~fixed for~~ Feb^{ry} 13th ^{was fixed as the} ~~for~~ ~~the~~
 day on which ~~the~~ Beloved to address them.

The relatives of Mon. Nicholas
~~the~~ Secretary of the French
 Legation in Teheran, who has
 written a book on the life
 and has translated his writings
 of the Bab, had an interview
 with Our Beloved. One of
 them spoke a little Persian
 but not enough to understand.
 The Master said:— We are
 striving to improve the
 moral life of Persia. For
 Morality is the foundation
 of all human progress. When
 ever you observe that a
 nation is morally in the
 process of regeneration, rest

22 ~~Then~~ assured that that nation is progressing.

~~Then~~ Several important French people called on ~~our~~ ~~Beloved~~ and each had a short interview.

3' A woman who insisted that the animals had the same intelligence as man had a long interview. She would not like to believe otherwise. The Master says: - Animal ^{are unable} ~~cannot~~ to discover the secret problems, for all that you enjoy today is the result of human mind and not the outcome of the thoughts of animals. The animal is deprived of the

of the spiritual susceptibilities,
and is out of touch with the
idealism of the Kingdom. ~~But~~
A child is born, it does not
know anything about mother's
breast, ~~yet~~ ~~But~~ as soon as its tiny
mouth gets hold of ^{her} ~~the~~ breast,
it sucks.

4 ~~Some~~ More people, men and
women, had interviews, each one
~~of them~~ coming out radiant
and happy. ~~Now~~ It ~~was~~ ^{was} nearly
twelve. The rooms ~~are~~ ^{were} crowded,
~~with men and women~~, many
Americans, some English, a few
French. The Master ~~came~~ in.
All arise from their seats.
He commenced his address by
welcoming them and said he has

been speaking for the last two hours
without interruption. ~~There~~
~~say~~ In the world of genesis
every power or energy has a focal
Center. For example the Center of
intelligence is the brain. The
Center of vision is the eye. The
Center of hearing is the ear, The
Center of speech is the tongue.
For the power of gravitation,
there is a center which is
between the heaven and earth^{and}.
~~All~~ the composite elements
of this globe gravitate around
that center. Where is the Center
of light? It is the Sun. Although
there are many luminous
objects; for instance the fire
is luminous, the lamp is

radiant, ~~some~~ of the insects
 such as fire-flies are light-
 giving; even some of the
 plants are phosphorescent, yet
 the Center of light is the Sun.
 The moon is a light bestowing
 body, the ^{planets} ~~stars~~ in the solar
 system are radiant bodies, &
 they ^{all} receive their lights from
 the sun.

However, the centers of Divine
 Virtues are the Manifestations
 of God. Just as the Sun
 is the center of lights, likewise
 each one of the prophets
 of God is the focal point
 of ideal perfections, the
 dawning-place of the
 Creational virtues and the

daybreak.

~~Shining~~ point of heavenly
 attributes. If this sun trans-
 the earthly bodies; that sun
 educates the spiritual virtues. If
 this sun is the center of ma-
 terial lights; that Sun is the
 Center of ideal lights. This
 is a phenomenal Sun; that is,
 the Sun of Reality. Therefore
 we must ever turn our
 faces to that spiritual
 Sun; so that we may
 acquire ideal perfections;
~~so that~~ the word of hu-
 manity ~~may~~ ~~become~~
 illumined; ~~so that~~ we
 may free ourselves from
 the vices of the world
 of nature, ^{and} be involved

with the excellencies of human
 Kind. Then the earthly soul
 will become heavenly; ~~Material~~
 susceptibilities will become
 divine; eternal life will be
 obtained; celestial happiness
~~will be~~ realized in the reality
 of man. Day unto day man
 will advance, the minds
 will develop, the souls will
 be refined; the world of
 morality will become
 illumined; ~~man~~ ^{humanity} will
 discover the reality of pheno-
 mena, ~~and~~ ^{and} unfathom the
 Mysteries of God. Then
 he will become the Perfect
Man and ~~will be~~ ^{evaluate} into the
 Image and likeness of God.

Thus he ended his wonderful
 address, ^{holding before our eyes the living} ~~portraying before our~~
~~vision~~ the Perfect Man. After
~~the address~~ he shook hands with
 everyone and with Man. Dreijer
 he went out to take his
 customary walk. It was a
 rainy day. On his return
 we had lunch. ^{The Master} ~~He~~ rested
 for a while and when he
 arose Haji Ameen came in
 with two very prominent
 Persians who were leaders ⁱⁿ of
 the ~~late~~ ^{recent} revolution. Naturally
 enough the discussion was ^{turned}
 upon ~~recent~~ events in Persia,
 and the short-sightedness of
 the leaders in making many
 mistakes and ~~the aggression~~
 playing ^{into} the hands

of Foreign Powers. The Master said:
 It is natural in man to oppress.
 When two individuals fight, they
 go before the ^{civil} Court and settle
 their differences but there
 is no law or ~~any~~ Court ^{whereby}
 the nations may resort
 thereto and arbitrate their
 conflicting interests; therefore
 when they arise to usurp
 each other's ^{rights} ~~cautions~~, there
 is no one to say "No." It
 is a ^{tendency} natural that every created
 being desires to gain superiority
 over others. Every plant desires
 to draw unto ^{all} itself the growing
 virtue of the land. Every animal
 desires to gain superiority over
 others. This is the requirement of

of the world of nature. Intelligence
 is of two kinds, Divine Intelligence
 and natural Intelligence. Divine
 Intelligence ^{prompts man} to justice, leads ^{him} ~~man~~
 to equity, teaches him pity and
 long suffering; nay rather, it teaches
 him to ~~prefer~~ prefer others to himself.
 But his natural intelligence
 prompts him to injustice,
 iniquity and the practice of the
 survival of the fittest. ~~Then~~
 Many other points were discussed.
 In one passage he said: - All
 the doors ~~are~~ ^{were} closed except this
 Door of the Kingdom of Akha.
 Again: - We are striving that
 the moral stamina of Persia
 be reinforced, her Commerce
 be increased, her system of

education ~~the~~ ^{and} perfected, her scientific
attainment ~~the~~ improved. It is easy
to destroy, but it is difficult to
build. God loves those souls
who are the means of the up-
building of a country. Man must
become the well-wisher of
the whole world. Again:—
Morals are of two kinds. Civic
morals as enjoyed by the Western
people and divine morals ^{which}
are made possible through
divine Teachings and the
~~fear~~ ^{love} of God. If an average
western ^{man} does ^{not} steal, or does not
commit murder, he is ^{not} afraid
of civic punishment and the
laws. Were it not the fear
of these laws he might have

done worse. But a person who is imbued with divine morals, he will ^{not} act against any human being because he is ^{loves.} ~~a~~ ~~fraid~~ of God. Again:— "If the Bahais live and act for one year in accord with the teachings of Baha-ollah you will see the results."

~~The~~ Princess Guika with ~~a~~ a friend of his came to see Our Beloved. He advised ~~the~~ ^{the Princess} to be always happy, to laugh troubles to scorn, never give any ⁱⁿ ~~any~~ ^{patience} to difficulties. ~~etc.~~ ~~Then~~ The son of Sheik-orraiss, ~~who~~ a well known Bahai arrived. This young man is studying in one of the Paris schools.

By this time the Master tired and
 wearied came into the ~~other~~ ^{drawing} room
 and sitting on the Chair he said:—
 I love to be alone. I love to be in a
 meadow and lie down under the
 tree, beneath ^{to} the green branches of
~~a tree~~. But God has destined ~~it~~
 otherwise. He commands me to
 speak. We have not come here
 to be silent. Otherwise I love
 silence. When in Adrianople I
 used to go out in the country and
 stay there all day.

In the evening many Persians
~~came to visit our Beloved~~ ^{called}. He
 spoke to all of them with the
 greatest of kindness and gentleness.
 Haji Ameen, Murga Aga and many
 others were invited to dine
 with ~~the Master~~ ^{him}. Day by ^{day} grew
 to love him more ^{and more} and he ever
 ready to sacrifice our ~~lives~~
 lives in his Path.

Love to all. Mamas