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Dear Harriet!

I may just as well ^{begin} this ~~letter~~ ^{day} with a few quotations from the recent utterances of Our Beloved:-

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On Universal Religion.

"Praise be to God that the Sun of Universal Religion hath dawned. From all parts of the world host after host enter under its Radiance. Ere long it will become world-wide."

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On Universal Patriotism.

"Every high-soaring bird does not attack its heart to its low nest and abode. At every morn it sings a new melody in a rose-garden and at every eve it warbles the strains of divine Mysteries in a new meadow. At one time it rises above the summit of the green mountains and again

it flies - spreading its imperial wing²
over deserts and plains. Now it
breaks into ideal harmonies and
again chanting sweetly the secrets
of God. It does ~~not~~ not wish home
and comfort ~~and~~ ^{now} seeks ~~not~~ after
rest and shade. It is intone'ated
with the voice of the Love of
God, singing at all times the
anthems and praises of the Almighty.
This is the custom of the heavenly ^{two} ^{glories}.
This is the manner and conduct of
the nightingales of the Rose-garden
of the Merciful!"

" 3 On the Covenant.

Today firmness in the Covenant is
the means of the promotion of the
word of God and conducive to the
effect of the word of the Master.

" 4 On spreading the Cause.

Today whosoever arises to herald
the Kingdom of Allah, a magnetic
power will be produced which

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shall attract the rays of Confir-
mation; the hosts of the Supreme
Concourse will make him victorious
and the power of the Holy Spirit
will support and assist him.

5 On the Ministers of the Church.

"In this world millions of Ministers have
been ordained but the majority of them
have been useless and atrophied organs.

They left behind neither a fruit nor
a trace except living a few limited
days, walking in the paths of their
own egos and gratification of their
own desires and at last bidding
farewell to this ephemeral world,
leaving behind no ~~trace~~ ^{trace}. But
praise be to God that thou art
confirmed, thou hast hearkened to
the Call of the Kingdom, thou

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art informed with the teachings of
Baha-Ulloh, the doors of the Kingdom
are opened before thy face and Eternal
Life hath become manifest ^{to thee}. Therefore
strive that in this world and in the
world of the Kingdom, thou mayst
deposit a treasury and leave behind
a trace and a result; — so that day
unto day thou mayst become more
favoured in the divine Threshold and
be classed as one of the most
faithful and sincere servants of His
Holiness Baha-o'llah."

6 Spiritual Discovery
"I beg of God that thou mayst
discover the stars of the Kingdom
of Akha, behold the zodiacal towers
on the world on High, unfold the
secrets of God and worship a Sun
which never sets in the horizon
and its rays are the mysteries of
phenomena."

7 This morning the Master called me
very early. As I entered in his holy

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Presence I saw him sitting on the floor praying at the Threshold of the Almighty ~~probably for the flood-stricken people in America~~. He asked me about Mon. Dreyfus' meeting last night. I answered ^{that} a large number of people were present and eagerly inquired about ~~the~~ health of the Master and were disappointed not to ~~meet~~ him. Mon. Dreyfus read paragraphs from the words of Paradise, and elucidating them as he went along. Then Mr Cobb gave a most instructive talk on how he became a Bahai; how he found the position of Ministry untenable for which position he was fitting himself in Harvard Divinity College. "Imagine" he said "a young man without any experience in life ^{but} simply because he ~~is~~ graduated from

a theological seminary, rises in the
pulpit before a large audience in
the church, the majority of the
members of which are much older
and have had more experience in life
and ~~tells~~ ^{tries to} them how to live. ~~The~~ ^{Such a} position
in this enlightened age is to say the
least, not very enviable. Then I
thought I will write to Abdul Bala
and ask his advice. He wrote me
back 'it is much better if you
can gain your livelihood through
another source.'

8 ~~The~~ The Beloved called other
Persians and after drinking tea
he spoke to us ~~a great deal~~ with
much animation against ^{habitual}
gambling ~~and drinking~~ reciting
the stories of men who have
wrecked their lives through
such evil practices. ^{He said that} Praise be to
God ~~he said~~ we have no such
things in this Cause. It is pure
and entirely free from these blenishes

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Afterwards a few people came to see him. ~~Some~~ One asked about his health. ^{He said:} "I am under the protection and preservation of God. ^{God} He looks after me. He guards me against any danger. Sometimes He comes and caresses me. He kisses my lips and touches my back. He talks with me in midnight, And wakes me in the morning. Throughout the cities and over the seas, in the mountains and valleys ^{God} He has been my ^{close} companion and intimate ^{friend}. In the time of loneliness he consoles me. When I am sad He cheers me ~~up~~. When I am alone He calls ^{my name} me. He has never forgotten me and will never forget me. He is my faithful friend. His friendship

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sustains me. His love inspires me,
and His tenderness watches over me
and His affection hovers like ^{unto} a white
dove around me.

10 ~~Later~~ This Fraser going into his
divine Presence asked whether the
Manifestation of God ~~is~~ ^{was} ever sad? The
Master said: - yes! But ~~that~~ ^{his} sadness
~~did~~ not come from anything belonging
to ~~himself~~ himself. He desired to
make a ~~soul~~ ^{many} illumined, ~~but~~ ^{but} preferred
darkness; this ~~made~~ ^{made} the Manifestation
sad. He wished to change the ^{ignorance}
of the people into Knowledge; their
error into guidance; their ^{insincerity}
into sincerity; their ~~faithfulness~~ ^{hesitancy}
into faithfulness, but people
preferred the latter qualities ~~to~~
~~the former~~ and so the Manifestation
of God ~~was~~ ^{was made} sad
and unhappy over the heedlessness
and negligence of those "sleepy"
souls. ~~Then~~ She asked: - "Will
the Master visit again America?"

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He said that if

if much results ~~are~~ ^{were} witnessed
as the outcome of ~~the~~ ^{his} first trip;
if many harvests ~~are~~ ^{were} gathered
after the first sowing of the seeds,
then, God willing ~~he~~ ^{she} will go.

12 Madame Sacy and her three daughters came to see the Beloved. ^{He said that he} ~~was~~ ^{loved} most kind to them. ^{by} ~~he~~ ^{he} said "I love all his family. They are considered as ^{his} own family. In the future ^{then} ~~from~~ grand-children will glorify because they belong to a family, the first one of which harbored the Love of Baha-Allah in his heart. Addressing the eldest girl he said: I ^{her} ~~saw~~ ^{she} already ~~the~~ ^{she} children glorifying in this. ~~They~~ ^{she} cannot see now, but ^{he} ~~he~~ ^{he} saw ~~do~~ see them. ~~Then~~ ^{For} each, he gave a gold piece as souvenir."

They left his heavenly Presence with
 their hearts overflowing with love.
~~You will be surprised to see me~~
~~translating in French but I have~~
~~tried lately and find myself quite~~
~~at home.~~

3 Four other ladies arrived. They have
 lived in London for many years and
 know Lady Blomfield well. The Beloved
 received them with his heavenly
 courtesy and opened his remarks by
 saying: ~~See~~ ^{They were the} ~~you are~~ friends of Lady
 Blomfield. ^{He} She had informed ^{them} ~~you~~
^{with} these teachings. ^{He} I loved Lady Blomfield
 very much because all her efforts
^{were} ~~are~~ directed toward spreading the
 glad tidings of the Kingdom. She
 had no other thought outside the
 Kingdom of God and she will
 be very much blessed. I hoped
^{they} ~~you~~ will become informed of
 the Mysteries of the Love of
 God. These heavenly possibilities
 I desired for ~~you~~ ^{them}.

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One asked how should they come into closer relation with God? The Master answered: — Any soul entering the Kingdom of Baha-Wallah will enjoy an eternal communion with God. It ~~is~~ ^{was his} hope that each one of ~~you~~ ^{them} may enter this Kingdom! May ~~you~~ ^{they} become thirsty for the water of Reality ^{for} ~~you~~ ^{they} become hungry for the Bread of the Kingdom! It was in this instance that His Holiness Christ ~~said~~ ^{saw}: He that drinketh of this water shall never thirst! This means the infinite Possessions of God; the virtues of the Divine world, the perfections of the world of humanity and the ideals of the ~~soon~~ heavenly realm. May ~~you~~ ^{they} receive day unto day these treasures! May ~~you~~ ^{they} draw nearer unto God day unto day! May ~~you~~ ^{they}

be submerged in the sea of these iridescent
lights! May ~~you~~^{they} be characterized with
these praiseworthy virtues! This is the
ultimate result of human life! This
is the fruit of existence! This is the
brilliant pearl of Cosmic consciousness
This is the shining star of spiritual
destiny!

5 To another person he said: ~~you~~^{Did she} say
~~that she was~~
~~you~~^{all} are from England? In reality we are
one nation: England, France, Germany,
Persia America, they are all one country.
However, thus much can be said:
It ~~happened~~^{often} ~~often~~ that the inhabitants
of a given country ~~are~~^{were} more receptive
to truth than other parts. Since
we have arrived in France there has
been much interest ^{in the Bahai Cause} but not as much
as ⁱⁿ England or ⁱⁿ America. While in
London many people were attracted
and large meetings were organized. The
English people ~~are~~^{were} sincere, truth-
loving, determined and seekers of
reality. They ~~are~~^{were} thirsty ^{after} for knowledge

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They explored the furthest ends of the earth in order to throw light upon puzzling problems. They ~~are~~ ^{were} a determined, persevering nation. They ~~were~~ ^{were} enterprising and investigators of reality. In the immediate ^{future} much interest will be aroused in France about the Cause. They will see that there ~~are~~ ^{were} so many Bahá'ís in other parts and they will follow their example.

I ~~am~~ ^{was} most pleased to have met all of ~~you~~ ^{them}. I will pray in ~~your~~ ^{their} behalf that the heavenly powers may descend upon ~~you~~ ^{them} ~~and~~ that each one of ~~you~~ ^{them} may come under the guidance of God.

16 The ~~Master~~ ^{He} took his lunch in the general dining room

dishes were
The food ~~was~~ prepared especially by the ¹⁴
household of one of the Turkish
Pashas residing now in Paris and
sent forth ~~the~~ ~~Rebours~~ ~~§~~ He was sleep
yet when at the kind invitation
of Miss Fraser and with the permission
of the Master, seven of the Persians
with Miss Hodgson and herself sailed
out on the sight-seeing tour with
Cook and Louis Automobile. The
car took us through the principal
streets and avenues, the guide
illustrating pointing out each
historical building or church, telling
us in what century they have been
built etc. We ~~now~~ visited several
buildings and churches and Pantheon,
~~all of them most interesting.~~ ²
admired very much the large
windows of a church ~~which~~
~~was~~ constructed in ^{the} 13th Century.
They were remarkable for their
beauty, combination of colors
~~etc.~~

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It was about half past five when we returned home, our minds becoming a little store-houses of pleasant memories. On our way the car stopped at a famous Caffe and for several minutes and again Miss Grace insisted that we must drink a cup of tea. ~~All~~ The Persians were most grateful to her in giving them such a lovely recreation and right-seeing experience which could ~~never~~ ^{not} be done without her gentle and loving hospitality.

Coming home, ^{we met} the Master ~~was just~~ ^{just} ~~not~~ ^{was} ~~home~~ ^{at} ~~but~~ ^{the} ~~came~~ ^{later} from the "Maison de Sante", after paying a visit

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to Rouba Khansum who is rapidly recovering from the effect of operation on her throat.

17 One of the Lords of England in writing a letter to the Master ^{and} ~~so~~ expressing his pleasure in seeing him while in London ~~makes~~ ~~says~~ the following significant remark:—

"I believe the religion you teach and practice will be the foundation of future universal Faith; for people must come to learn that the Kingdom of God is amongst them."

Love to all

Abraham