

Ramleh, Egypt
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Dear friends!

Now that the trip to Haifa is given up after all its outward signs we are again at sea where the Master is going this winter. All the members of the Holy Family are gone save Mirza Jalal and he may also leave for Haifa any moment. Of course Ramleh is very lovely, delightful place and it will be very quiet from now on but I don't think the active spirit of the Beloved will be satisfied. He needs rest but when all the means of rest are prepared for him he longs for activity; so if I am ^{not} mistaken the month of November will bring a change in our mode of living, we may have a sea-voyage, where, I do not know. The trouble or it may be the advantage is, the Master never lets us know what he really and actually wants to do. However we are glad and satisfied with what the day brings to us and are supremely happy under the protection and glorious care of our Lord! As there are not many distractions one can to a certain degree concentrate his thought upon the object of his heart. The aim of our lives is to serve the Cause of Baha-Allah and unfurl the Banner of brotherhood amongst all the nations. We love this Cause not because it gives ^{us} joy and spiritual satisfaction but because it confers universal salvation upon all mankind. Abdul Baha today is the Center around whom revolves the forces of unity and concord. He has made possible the gathering of the East and of the West and the adequate foundation upon which the structure of human solidarity shall be built is prepared by him.

This morning I found the Master in his room reading over a package of Tablets for correction and his final signature. He desired to send a cablegram to Ahmad Yazdi to stop the departure of our American sisters from Port Said but it was too late. Later on Mrs. K. L. Lienthal and Mrs. Beede and Hiscock called on the Beloved and received ample answers to their questions. To Miss Hiscock he said: - "Thou art a good Bahai. Thy heart is at rest and I have great love for thee. I hope that wherever thou goest thou wilt be confirmed to serve the Cause."

Later on Khosro brought to him several very small heads of lettuce and he ate these with the juice of pomegranate with great relish. He apparently enjoyed it and then as he could not sleep very well last night he tried to snatch an hour of quiet slumber out of the hand of fatter time. For lunch he ate a little "Aghousht" with bread. His fare is just as simple as his life.

A telegram from Ahmad Yazdi gave us the news that Mrs. Hoagg and Mrs. Wise have left for Ramleh. I went to the station at 3.30 pm but it became apparent they were going to arrive at 7.30 so I returned home disappointed. I heard the Master is in the rose garden and as copies of the Christian Commonwealth containing his article on Universal Peace had just arrived I took a number to him. When I arrived I saw him sitting in front of a large patch of red roses, thousands of them, making the air most fragrant - a symbol of his love for all the people. Mirza Ali Akbar and Mirza Mowann were there also but the Beloved was not speaking, he was looking straight into the faces of the roses.

conversing with them in the language of the spirit. It is only in such surroundings that one would like to see the Beloved - roses, everywhere roses, himself the King of all the roses, unfading, imperishable, fragrant.

When I gave him the article and he glanced over it he said:- "Universal Peace is the best panacea for the diseases of the Islamic world, because it cannot withstand the military aggression of the European nations. But the cause of international Peace is fully established then there will be no war and the world of Islam will find eternal security. At present their social and intellectual lives are in a chaotic condition and on the verge of disintegration. They can save what is left to them through the proclamation of Universal Peace."

Then he came to the hotel where two Russian Princesses and two noble men from Russia who have already known something about the Cause were waiting his arrival. One of the women is elderly, knows 14 languages amongst which are Persian, Turkish and Arabic and lives during the winters in Egypt. She is a talented artist both with ~~brush~~ and with musical instruments. The Master at first spoke to them about his journey through Europe and America and sent her to bring some copies of the newspapers containing articles on the Cause. As she is a Theosophist she was glad to get ~~copies~~ several copies of the Theosophy in Scotland and other similar magazines.

A part of the Master's talk is as follows:-

"A Bahai is at the same time a Christian, a Jew, a
 Zoroastrian and a Mohammedan. The Bahai Cause
 is like unto a tree on the branches of which
 you will find all manner of fruits; it is
 the ultimate goal to which all the paths
 are converging. The mysteries of the old Testament,
 the subjects of Christianity, the principles of Islam
 and the inner teachings of the Theosophists are
 made to appear in this Cause. You will likewise
 find herein the essentials of divine and material
 philosophy. This Revelation is like unto a
 great banquet ^{on} which there are all
 kinds of dishes to satisfy the peculiar tastes of
 all people. A Cause in this age must be
 Universal and man must embody the uni-
 versality of the Cause, otherwise it will yield
 no fruit. For example a man has head, eyes, ears,
 hands, feet, heart, mind, soul and spirit, then
 he is called a perfect man. The ^{ess}ential part of
 man is, however, his spiritual faculties, (the
 glad-tidings of God,) the powers of perception,
 the comprehension of the divine mysteries.
 The spirit of man must be capable to journey
 throughout all the degrees of the world of creation;
 for instance he is in the East, he may travel
 throughout the West; he is living upon the
 earth he may travel the illimitable distance.
 Man must reach to this station. Otherwise
 he is not man he is an animal. Just now,
 were there no light in this glass it would
 have been dark. The spiritual powers in
 man is like the light in the glass. . . .
 Our hope is to see all humanity united
 unto the ties of one family - to such an extent

that the Spirit may encircle the earth and
wipe away all the differences of race and nation-
alities. One is white, another is black, this is yellow
and that one is red. I am tall and you are
short. All these are imaginations. I am Persian
and you are a Russian! Creations of brain all these!
When the Spirit becomes the ruler, all these
non-essential considerations are wiped away.
Just now, although we are of different nation-
alities we are perfectly united and are
conversing together with great spirituality.
..... Every movement in this world has a
center. For example the power of gravitation has
a center; and although there are many
luminous centers of lights yet there is a
most great center and that is the Sun.
Now in order that you be independent from
all the smaller centers you must turn
your face toward the Great One. For
example this electric bulb is a center of
light but it only illumines the room
but the Sun shines upon all the created
phenomena without any distinction.....
This was a lovely night. Praise be to God
that we associated together with the
utmost of concord. The power of divine
Spirit has brought us together. I hope that
we may be together always spiritually,
that our spirits may talk one to another,
that although we may never see each
other in this physical body we may
commune together on the plain of Reality.
May you ever be assisted in ^{the} investigation
of truth and the search after God!

They left the Beloved with the parting word that we shall never forget this meeting and this conversation.

Then the Master walked for half an hour on the open veranda of the Hotel and at 7 o'clock again I found myself at Sidi Jaber station to welcome our dear sisters. At 7.30 the train entered and I was indeed very joyful to see Mrs Haagg who was working all the time during the Beloved's stay in California and Mrs Wise who was our companion traveller in New York. We exchanged heartfelt greetings and were in the carriage after a few minutes. They have brought with themselves many loving messages from the friends of America and my heart went to them with divine gratitude. Having reached the hotel their rooms were assigned to them right on the same floor of the Beloved and very near to him. As he was rather fatigued he sent his loving greetings to them with the message that they must rest tonight and he will see them tomorrow morning.

I wish all the Western believers were here to see our Master and hear his heart-ennabling words, but when one or two believers come we look upon them as their representatives in every sense. The spirit has so united them that no difference is left. They are the rays of one light, the fruits of one tree, the rivers of one sea and the notes of one music. They have known the truth and the truth has made them free.