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Dear friends!

The Beloved having his tea and inquiring about about the health of each of his servants told me to ask our American sisters to come and see him. After two or three minutes they were sitting in his Holy Presence. He was writing a Tablet but he did put it aside and commenced speaking in his rich, divine tone :-

"The other day we touched upon the subject; concerning the object of the appearance of the Prophets. For what purpose did God send Moses? For what object did Christ appear? What was the mission of His Holiness Mohamad? Why did His Holiness the Bab step forth upon the arena of the world? For what cause did His Holiness Baha - allah manifest Himself? The answer is: The appearance of all these divine men is for no other reason save the education of the world of humanity. Thus mankind may become may become the dawning - place of the virtues of the Lord of Hosts, obtain eternal life and be established upon the throne of the Kingdom. Through this education the drop may become a sea, the atom find the importance of the sun, the extinguished lamp become the brilliant star and the wild tree a fruitful one. Consequently, if we observe a person qualified with these characteristics, then he is the first Educator of mankind and the first instructor of the race. Then there remains

no doubt whatsoever that he has come on the part of God.

One of the prophets of God was His Holiness Moses. If we study his life and Teachings and find he has fulfilled these duties we come to the conclusion that he was the first spiritual educator of mankind. We observe that Moses was a Jew. From an outward standpoint he had no power, no dominion and no influence and there were no means at all at his disposal. He himself was in the utmost poverty. A person like unto this appeared on the field at a time when the Israelites were in the lowest stage of humiliation. They were extremely ignorant and wrapped in the dark and gloomy atmosphere of human defects. They were captives and were looked down upon by all mankind as a nation of serfs. His Holiness Moses delivered them from captivity. Out of the darkness of their former conditions he led them into the Holy Land of Promise and imparted them a moral education. As a consequence of this education they attained to the then highest degree of civilization. He conferred upon them ideal virtues. In scientific knowledge they made great progress, such progress that degree by degree they became famous throughout the world, and distinguished from all other neighboring countries. Their knowledge and wisdom reached such a state of perfection that the philosophers and learned men of Greece travelled to the

Holy Land and learned from them the lessons of philosophy. Then the Solomonic Sovereignty was established. Therefore there remains no shadow of a doubt that His Holiness Moses was the first Educator of mankind. Unique, single, with no assistance, no support, no aid and notwithstanding a stammering tongue he caused the rise of such a lowly, degraded nation to the apogee of spiritual attainment and wisdom. This shows that he was unquestionably confirmed by the divine Holy-Spirit, because from every standpoint this is unparalleled. All the great philosophers who have stepped into the world of existence could not give a moral education to the inhabitants of a village. The utmost they could do was to have ten or twenty students to whom they gave lectures and conferences. From these instances we comprehend that His Holiness Moses was inspired by the spiritual power; because mere man would be unable to reform a nation like unto that of Israelites, delivering millions of people from the claws of defects and ignorance and causing them to fly upward toward the realms of light and the effulgence of God! "

In answer to the question of a friend he said: "The health or sickness of the body are the same to me. The spirit of man must enjoy health. I have much work to do and if I am well enough to cope with my duties I am satisfied. I have grown old, very old now. I must not expect to have the powers of youth.

Having given me a number of Tablets for translation he left the hotel and was out for nearly four hours. When he returned he was in deep thought and did not speak with any one. He asked for his launch and Khosro took it to him. He ate very little, because his thought was ^{some} where else, very far away from his modest repast.

It was about 2 o'clock when I went to Alexandria to buy a few things, because I am laboring under the harmless impression that the Master is going to leave Friday for Port Said leaving most everybody in Ramleh and taking with himself only one person. You don't scold me if I tell you that I long to be that one person. Will you? Because, whatever he says and does you will know after awhile through these letters. I am trying to Baksheesh you so that you may come around and look upon the subject from my standpoint.

When we returned from Alexandria I went directly to the hotel and found the Beloved walking in the reception room. He asked me to go in and demanded where I have been. I told him where I was.

Apropos of something he said: - "It is most strange how some people are utterly ungrateful and have not in them a vestige of humanity. There have been some young men who have been educated through my solicitude and recommendation. While they were going through their studies in the college they would write me

most earnest letters that as soon as we finish our terms we will devote all our times in the service of the Cause. But once out of the College they were engaged with their own ideas. My hope in educating these young men was that they will become the spreaders of the Teachings of Baha - allah and the heralds of the Covenant but they forgot the Cause entirely and preferred their own desires to my will. How well it is said by a thinker 'that whatever you train will give you some benefits except the trees of a part of humanity. If you cultivate a piece of land you will gather a crop, if you plant a tree, it will give you fruits, if you train a cow, she will yield milk but the tree of an ungrateful will produce nothing else but bitter fruits.' Then he told us the story of a merchant who was very poor. He wrote to Baha - allah and asked for his blessing in his business. The Blessed Perfection wrote him, 'Wait the blessing of God shall descend upon thee'. After a few months fortune smiled at him and he became the possessor of twenty seven thousand English pounds. One day a Bahai called on him and remarking the change in his attitude told him that it was through the blessing of God that he has become wealthy; wealth must not make him proud. The merchant laughed and pointing to his large safe said: - "Do you that safe. That is my God!" after a few months he lost everything but he became a good Bahai. Fortune "at last the Master said: - make some people forget God, its absence turns their faces toward Him."