

Bahai Nest

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Dear friends!

The translation of a Tablet to the members of the Washington Bahai assembly regarding ^{the life of} that great teacher Mirza Abul Fazel will be of interest to our friends far and near:—

"O ye believers of God and the maid servants of the Merciful, The letter of condolence and sympathy expressing grief and affliction at the death of His Holiness Abul-Fazael was perused. It conferred consolation to the heart. Praise be to God that the believers of Washington are informed with the majesty of the station of that noble personage. With weeping eyes, and burning hearts they moaned and lamented at the Memorial meetings commemorating his departure. This glorious personage was a brilliant orb, a luminous lamp, a blessed, fruitful tree, a waving sea of knowledge, a fountain of the Water of Life and established

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in the Ark of Salvation. From the beginning of his childhood he had the utmost faith and was imbued with a religious spirit. All his life was either spent in the acquirement of knowledges or — was engaged in the worship of the True One, or occupied in the pursuit of sciences and philosophies; — until he heard the call of God, hastened toward the Kingdom of God, listened to the melody of the Supreme Concourse, turned his face toward the Beauty of Abha and became so attracted and enraptured that the believers and acquaintances became astonished, exclaiming: What a dazzling light which is ignited in this transparent lamp! What a glorious bestowal which has become refulgent in this Cycle!

In short, he severed his heart entirely from this ephemeral world and turned his gaze completely toward the Realm on High! He closed his eyes wholly to the rest, comfort and honor of this material earth, and attached himself to the spiritual glad-tidings, merciful fragrances and divine outpourings! I,

whosoever found himself in his presence and propounded
 the most abstruse questions of divine Philosophy,
 he listened to most rational and satisfactory answers.
 His blessed Heart was the spring of realities and significances,
 allaying the Thirst of every thirsty one. In the demon-
 stration of the Cause of the Beauty of Aliba he wrote books
 and innumerable pamphlets a number of which are
 published and circulated. In the path of God he
 forsook his native land and travelled in many parts
 of the world. In every city he summoned the
 inhabitants to the Kingdom of God and imparted to
 mankind the glad-tiding of the dawn of the Sun
 of Reality. In his lectures he brought forth the most
 irrefutable evidences and incontrovertible proofs-
 intellectual and scriptural. He was endowed with
 an eloquent tongue and a fluent utterance. He had a
 luminous heart and an extraordinary intelligence;
 a marvellous memory and a miraculous capability.
 Having visited many countries and blessed with a
 last pilgrimage to the Holy Land he domiciled in

Alexandria. For a few months, day and night, he was associating with Abdul Baha and was busy writing his last work. Then for a change of air he went to Cairo from Alexandria. While living in the former city he ascended to the supreme Concourse. Like unto the yearning nightingale he winged his way to the rose-garden of the Luminary of the regions and similar to a thirsty fish he hastened toward the fathomless sea. Although the hearts were ^{scorched} with the fire of separation, the souls of the Bahais were burned like unto the candles ^{and} from all the cities the cries of lamentations and moanings were raised, the eyes wept and the spirits consumed - yet that leader of the lordly ones was released from the narrowness of this world and soared toward the infinite open. The drop was ~~joined~~ to the ocean and the ray returned to the Sun. He was liberated from the wilderness of separation and ascended to the Court of the Transfiguration of the Lord of the Covenant. Now he is submerged in the Sea

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of Lights and enthroned in the Kingdom of Abha!
Upon you be Baha El Abha!

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

Only a few minutes in the Presence of the Beloved this morning sufficed to fill my heart with the songs of gladness and when I came out of the reception of room Doctor Mohamad Saleh and Mohamad Faki Esphahani of Cairo found their way into the Holy Presence of the King of Kings. They received their final instructions because they were going to leave tonight. They are two splendid, whole-souled Bahais - active, alert and sincere. The rest of the morning was spent with private interviews and personal talks with different individuals. In the afternoon our Indian scholar had a two hours conversation with the Master, asking more questions on most subtle theological problems and received answers which satisfied his heart and soul. Little by little he is melted before the heat of the Sun of Reality and more and more is he convinced of the validity of this great revelation.

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In the evening the Editors of two powerful newspapers in Syria spoke with the Beloved on the principles and history of this movement and received many jewels of wisdom for the spiritual enlightenment of their people. Thus daily the power of the Cause of Baha-Allah is being more felt by the outsiders. Recently a scientific and literary monthly called "Bayan,"^{and} published in Cairo has written three serial articles on the teachings of this movement which have aroused the whole Islamic world to the supreme importance of the revelation. Prof. Vambrey's letter to Abdul Baha was likewise translated into Arabic and published therein. Many of us are fast asleep and are not aware of the spiritual activities of the Beloved and how he unites together the most antagonistic forces in the service and spread of the Cause. The result of this silent, noiseless work will become manifest in the not distant future