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Dear friends,

This was another day of divine contentment and happiness and our cup as usual was full and our joy boundless. The neighborhood of the Beloved is all fragrance and sweet-scented garden. In his companionship one is never wearied of life and every thing that happens, whether big or small is of immense interest, not only to those adoring moths who encircle this Celestial Candle but to the whole Bahai world. His most ordinary word or his smallest deed assumes regal and spiritual importance because he is the centre around which revolves the angels of wisdom, and the seraphs of graceful and humane thoughts. He has drunk deeply from the goblet of heavenly Wine and being thus "god-intoxicated" he reveals to us the mysteries of the Kingdom of Abha. He is the channel between the infinite and the finite and the intermediary between God and man. He mirrors forth the qualities of the Almighty and embodies the attributes of Universal Intelligence in all their fullness and perfection. Through him the world of humanity has received abundant life and light and the birds of knowledge are instructed ⁱⁿ new flights towards the apex of grandeur and majesty. All his life he has been an ideal farmer, scattering the seeds of peace and good will in the soil of the hearts. In spite of all the contrary signs, even now they are growing and will grow more and more in the future. Only the workers and servants of this Cause must be infused with his spirit of firmness and steadfastness and push farther and farther the boundaries of this holy Cause. The teachers must present this Movement to mankind with the universality and tolerance of Abdul Baha. They must take him as their example in all their teaching and beg him to inspire their hearts under all circumstances. I am ^{sure} if we beseech him with a pure intention he will assist and confirm them with his love they will become reinforced to subdue all things, to guide the erring ones and illumine the darkened. No matter where they are if they turn their faces toward him they will find him present in their chambers of their ^{dark} shining like unto the sun. Verily he is our Sustainer, our Support, our Comforter and ^{our} source of strength and development.

Morning

In these days the Beloved spends most of the hours with the Holy family and we see him comparatively very little. For example to-day and to-night owing to a slight indisposition we were deprived of the light of his countenance but we hope to see him to-morrow. Therefore I may be permitted to translate for you one of his early Tablets:-

He is God!

'O thou servant of the True One! The mass of humanity expect the appearance of a blood-shedding Promised One, a cruel and tyrannical Lord. They pray for the manifestation of a murderous Meholi who with spears, arrows and sharp-cutting swords may cause a raging flood to roll on and sweep along with the blood of the helpless ones; day and night he may be engaged with decapitating the heads and severing the throats, that he may adorn the lofty turrets of the fortresses with the heads of the innocent ones. They anticipate the arrival of an angel of death and a slayer of souls. They wish him to be a blood-thirsty executioner and a formenter of rebellion, so that he may lay waste the foundation of humanity, destroy towns and villages, make the children orphans and the women widows. They consider these to be the conditions of his truthfulness and validity and are supplicating for the advent of such a Promised One. But the truth of the matter is that the Manifestation of the ideal perfections and the Dawning-place of the Lights of the Merciful must be the Vivifier of the spirits and the quickener of the bodies. He must give life and not take life. He must be the cause of existence and not the means of death. He must be a builder and not a destroyer. He must illumine the East and perfume the West. To the hopeless ones he must be a shelter and an asylum^{and} a source of Knowledge for the ignorant. He must suffer the tyrant to become just and make aware the heedless ones. He must confer lenient disposition and forbearance to the rapacious and change the wolves into the divine sheep. He must transform the wild beasts into the grazing animals and endow the blood-thirsty with the qualities of mercifulness and gentleness. These are the characteristics of the Perfect Man. His disposition and nature must be sweet and melifluous. Kindness becometh him and not anger. Pure honey² befits him¹ to give forth and not poison. But what can be done! the souls are heedless and negligent

therefore they are seeking after a ferocious autocrat; and a ravenous slayer, and look after a cruel tyrant. What an ignorance is this! What blindness is this! What heedlessness is this in the world of humanity! But you who are the believers of God must walk in the footsteps of the True One. Be ye kind towards the inhabitants of the world and associate with each and all the nations. Deal with mankind with consideration and delicacy and show love and affection to all the individual members of humanity. Become ye a remedy to every ailing one and a balm to every suffering wounded. Be ye the comforters of the hearts and the resuscitators of the souls, so that ye may become the manifestors of the most great Bounty.

(cont) Upon thee be Baha El Ahha. (Sig) Abdul Baha Abha

Thus we know that the earmark of the Bahai revelation as interpreted by Abdul Baha is its catholicity and all-inclusiveness. He is not teaching a religion of aristocracy or privileges nor is he claiming to be the founder of a school of philosophy to be supplanted by a more recondite and elaborate system. He is preaching to all mankind, irrespective of caste and color, the gospel of salvation and beatitude. His philosophy is not man-made but divinely instituted. It is simple and plain, direct and not tortuous. It is a message for the heavy-laden and sorrow-stricken. It is the essence of light and the attar of rose. It is the ladder through which man ascends to the heaven of Illumination. It is the spring of God which is not followed by the autumn of materialism. The world may and will change but the innate worth and ulterior beauty of the teachings of our Beloved will remain unaltered throughout all cycles. The influence of our words, if of the highest character and purity is limited and ephemeral but the heavenly sway of his utterances is unlimited and immeasurable. In every age they will build new nests of spirituality and centres of fresh truth-seekers. We who claim to be Bahais and followers of his precepts must keep the light of his faith burning, the torch of his doctrines lighted, the stream of his Cause flowing, the heaven of his movement unclouded, the pathway of his Kingdom unobstructed, the garden of his ideals envisaged by the scorching wind of the hot summer and the stars of his utterances undimmed, shining for ever in the horizon of the heart of men.