

Selections from the Writings

Baha'u'llah Meditations of the Blessed Beauty 52

Whensoever a company of people shall gather together in a meeting place, shall engage in gloryfying God, and shall speak with one another of the mysteries of God, beyond any doubt the breathings of the Holy Spirit will blow gently over them, and all shall recieve a share thereof.

Abdul Baha Writings Locate.

Let thy face be bright with the fire of God's love.
WAB 27

Gleanings 254

In the utmost unity and harmony they must worship God.

Abdul Baha BNE 115

Under no circumstances what so ever should we assume any attitude except that of gentleness and humility.
Abdul Baha PUP 128

The meaning of this is that ye must show forth tenderness and love to every human being, even to your enemies, and welcome them all with unalloyed friendship, good-cheer, and loving kindness.

WAB 21

The recognition of Him Who is the bearer of divine truth is none other than the recognition of God, and loving Him is none other than loving God.
Gleanings 121

They that reflect Their glory will, in like manner, continue to exist for evermore, for the grace of God can never cease from flowing. This is a truth that none can disprove.
Gleanings xxx

Nothing save that which profiteth them can befall my loved ones.

Baha'u'llah ADJ 69

Love is light, no matter in what abode it dwelleth; and hate is darkness no matter where it may make its nest.

WAB 3

Worship thou God...shouldst thou worship Him because of fear, this would be unseemly in the sanctified court of His presence.

The Bab

Human knowledge is of two kinds. One is the knowledge of things perceptible to the senses...The other kind of human knowledge is intellectual - that is to say, it is a reality of the intellect; it has no outward form and no place and is not perceptible to the senses...none of the inner qualities of man is a sensible thing; on the contrary they are intellectual realities; so love is a mental reality and not sensible...even ethereal matter, the forces of which are said to be (in physics) heat, light, electricity and magnet-ism, is an intellectual reality and is not sensible; the human spirit is an intellectual, not sensible reality.

SAQ 77

Thus this light is the vibration of that ethereal matter, and from this vibration we infer the existence of ether.

SAQ 117

Reflect that light is the expression of the vibrations of the etheric matter: the nerves of the eye are affected by these vibrations, and sight is produced...

In the world of existence there is indeed no greater power than the power of love.

Paris Talks 179 4 Kinds of Love

Love is the most great law that ruleth this mighty and heavenly cycle, the unique power that bindeth together the divers elements of this material world, the supreme magnetic force that directeth the movements of the spheres in the celestial realms.

WAB 19

A new life is, in this age, stirring within all the peoples of the earth...

Gleanings 196

Therefore it is clear that although the mineral exists, in relation to man it is non-existent. In the same way the souls who are veiled from God, although they exist in this world and

in the world after death, are in comparisson with the holy existence of the children of the Kingdom of God, non existing and seperated from God.

SAQ 226

Know that immortality belongs to such souls as have been imbued with the spirit of life. Beside them all the others are lifeless - they are dead, as Christ explained in the Gospel.

WAB 189

Every good thing is of God, and every evil thing is from yourselves.

Gleanings LXXVII

Gleanings 278

The Day of Ressurrection. Which is the Day of Him Whom God shall make manifest.

The Bab 102

It is better to guide one soul than to possess all that is on earth...

Thy progress in the knowledge of God shall never come to an end, even as it can have no beginning.

The Bab 91

He who's eyes the Lord hath opened will see the souls of men in the stations they will occupy after their release from the body. He will find the living ones thriving within the precincts of their Lord, and the dead sunk down in the lowest abys of perdition.

Thus should the mirrored sun proclaim, "I am the sun!" this is but truth; and should it cry, "I am not the sun!" this is the truth as well.

WAB 53

Should any of the all-embracing Manifestations of God to declare: "Iam God!" He verily speaketh the truth, and no doubt attaineth thereto.

KI 178

Certain ones among you have said: "He it is Who hath laid claim to be God." By God this is a gross calumny. I am but a servant of God Who hath velieved in Him and His signs...

Gleanings 228

Be not grieved if thou performest it alone. Let God be all sufficient for thee.

Gleanings CXXIX

I love I dearly cherish this emblem...

Gleanings 90

The love which exists between the hearts of believers...Each sees in the other the beauty of God reflected in the soul, and, finding this point of similarity, they are attracted to one another in love.

Locate

Become as true brethren in the one and indivisible religion of God, free from distinction, for verily God desireth that your hearts should become mirrors unto your brethren in the Faith, so that ye find yourselves reflected in them, and they in you. This is the true path of God...

The Bab p56

The wise are they that speak not unless they obtain a hear-ing...

HW Persian 36

Should such a man ever succeed in influencing any one, this success should attributed not to him, but rather to the influence of the words of God...

Hear then the sweet wondrous accent of the Voice that cometh from the Throne of thy Lord...

Gleanings 129

The world and its vanities, and its glory, and whatever delights it can offer, are all, in the sight of God, as worthless as, nay, even more contemptible than, dust and ashes...The things of the earth ill beseem you. Cast them away unto such as desire them.

Gleanings 304

If thine aim be to cherish this life, approach not our court; but if sacrifice be thy hearts desire, come and let others come with thee. For such is the way of faith if in thy heart thou seekest reunion with Baha; shouldst thou refuse to tread this path, why bother us? Begone!

Baha'u'llah

Dawnbreakers 138

Know ye that the world and its vanities and its embellish-ments shall pass away. Nothing will endure except God's Kingdom.

Gleanings 125

Gleanings 341

The understanding of His words and the comprehension of the utterances of the Birds of

Heaven are in no wise dependant upon human learning. They depend solely upon purity of heart, chastity of soul, and freedom of spirit.

KI 211

Indeed there existeth in man a faculty which detereth him from and gaurdeth him against, whatever is unworthy and unseemly, and which is known as his sense of shame. This however, is confined to but a few; all have not possessed and do not possess it.

The Great Being wisheth to reveal the prerequisites for peace and tranquility in the world.

Gleanings 249

I hope you may be quickened and vivified by the breaths of the Holy Spirit. Then shall ye indeed become the angels of heaven whom Christ promised would appear in this Day to gather the W:G7 harvest of divine planting. This is my hope. This is my prayer for you.

PUP 7

As to the question that the holy and spiritual souls influ-ence, help and guide the creatures after rhey have cast off this elemental mould - this is an established truth of the Bahai's.

And know thou of a certainty, that in the divine worlds, the spiritual beloved ones...will recognise each other, and will seek union (with each other) but a spiritual union.

Almighty River 39

The mystery of inner meaning may be whispered only from heart to heart, confided only from breast to breast.

Seven Valleys

He Who hath created you from a single soul.

The Bab 65

His creation, likewise, hath had no beginning, and will have no end.

Gleanings LXXXII

Absolute non-existence cannot become existence. If the beings were absolutely non existent, existence would not have come into being.

SAQ 168

The spirit and mind of man have existed from the beginning.

SAQ 185

Dost thou reckon thyself only a puny form when within thee the universe is folded.

Valley of Wonderment

Gleanings 16

The companions of the crimson ark, the ark which God hath prepared for the people of Baha.

Kitab-i-Aqdas

The Bab Kitab-i-Asma

We have indeed enabled thee to truly see in thy dream a measure of Our Cause.

The Bab

Man cannot free himself from the rage of the carnal passions except by the help of the Holy Spirit.

SAQ 85

Gleanings 29

Great is thy blessedness O Yahya (Vahid) inasmuch as thou didst fulfil thy pledge in the Day when the heavens and earth were created...

Baha'u'llah

The Tablet of Patience

(unpublished)

Treasures lie hidden beneath the throne of God; the key to those treasures is the tongue of poets.

A tradition quoted by The Bab

Dawnbreakers 258-9

KI 153

All the sorrow and the grief that exist come from the world of matter - the spiritual world bestows only the joy!

Abdul Baha

The Reality of Man 20

Those souls that in this day enter the divine kingdom and attain everlasting life, although materially dwelling on earth, yet in reality soar in the realm of heaven, their bodies may linger on the earth but their spirits travel in the immensity of space. For as thoughts widen and become illumined they acquire the power of flight and transport man to the kingdom of God.

The flame of the fire of love in this world of earth and water, comes through the power of attraction and not by effort and striving. Never the less, by effort and perseverance, knowledge, science and other perfections can be acquired; but only the light of the Divine Beauty can transport and move the spirits through the force of attraction. Therefor it is said "Many are called but few are chosen."

SAQ 129

We have moreover, ordained that its veil of concealment be no other than except its own self.

Gleanings XXXIII

We have chosen Thee to be our most mighty Trumpet, Whose blast is to signalize the resurrection of all mankind.

Gleanings 31

Know verily that the purpose underlying all these symbolic terms and abstruse allusions, which emanate from the Revelers of God's Holy Cause, hath been to test and prove the peoples of the world; that thereby the earth of the pure and illumined hearts may be known from the barren and perishable soil. From time immemorial such hath been the way of God amidst His creatures and to this testify the records of the sacred Books.

Wert thou to cleanse the mirror of thy heart from the dust of malice, thou wouldst apprehend the meaning of the symbolic terms revealed by the all-embracing Word of God made manifest in every dispensation and would discover the mysteries of divine knowledge.

KI 68

The evil spirit, Satan or whatever is interpreted as evil, refers to the lower nature in man. This baser nature is symbolised in various ways...God has never created an evil spirit; all such ideas and nomenclature are symbols expressing the mere human or earthly nature of man.

Abdul Baha Addresses and Tablets

The hearts that yearn after Thee, O my God, are burnt up with the Thee weep sore by reason of their crushing separation from Thy court, and the voice of the lamentation of

such as have set their hopes on Thee hath gone forth throughout Thy dominions.

Thou hast Thyself, O my God, protected them by Thy sover-eign might, from both extremities. But for the burning of their souls and the sighing of their hearts, they would be drowned in the midst of their tears, and but for the flood of their tears they would be burnt up by the fire of their hearts and the heat of their souls. Methinks they are like the angels which Thou hast created of snow and of fire...

Thy glory is my witness! At each daybreak they who love Thee wake to find the cup of woe set before their faces, because they have believed in Thee and acknowledged Thy signs...

Help them through Thy strengthening grace. I beseech Thee, O my God, to suffer patiently in their love for Thee, and unveil to their eyes what Thou hast decreed for them behind the Tabernacle of Thine unfailing protection...

Prayers and Meditations of Baha'u'llah

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Sorrow not if, in these days and on this earthly plane, things contrary to your wishes have been ordained and manifested by God, for days of blissful joy, of heavenly delight, are assuredly in store for you. Worlds, holy and spiritually glorious, will be unveiled to your eyes. You are destined by Him, in this world and hereafter, to partake of their benefits, to share in their joys, and to obtain a portion of their sustaining grace. To each and every one of them you will, no doubt, attain.

Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah P 329

On that Day shall neither man nor spirit be asked of his sin? (Koran) Dost thou not realise that by asking is not meant asking by tongue or speech, even as the verse itself doth indicate and prove it? For afterward it is said: "By their countenance shall the sinners be known and they shall be seized by their forelocks and by their feet." (Koran)

Thus the peoples of the world are judged by their countenance. By it their misbelief, their faith, and their iniquity are all made manifest.

KI 173

Let thy face be bright with the fire of God's love.

WAB 27

When the sinner findeth himself wholly detached and freed from all save God he should

beg forgiveness and pardon from Him. Confession of sins and transgressions before human beings is not permissible, as it hath never been nor will ever be conducive to divine forgiveness. Moreover such confession before people results in one's humiliation and abasement, and God - exalted be His glory - wisheth not the humiliation of His servants.

Tablets of Baha'u'llah 24

The Best-Beloved is come. In His right hand is the sealed wine of His Name.

The world is but a show vain and empty, a mere nothing, bearing the semblance of reality. Set not your affections on it.

Gleanings 328

Who so ever receives this power is able to influence all with whom he comes into contact...He who is educated by the Divine Spirit can, in his time, lead others to receive the same Spirit.

Paris Talks 165

I hope that thou mayest become informed of the concealed mystery and recondite symbol of the stone of the Most Great Name...The use of the Greatest Name and dependence on it, cause the soul to be strip itself of the husks of mortality and step forth freed, reborn a new creature.

If there is no pain this journey will never end.

The Valley of Love

Men who suffer not attain no perfection.

Paris Talks 51

Know ye of a certainty, that the powers of the Kingdom of Abha are with you...Not for one moment are ye alone, not for a second are ye left to your selves.

Mighty River

Do you think it is the teachers who make converts and change human hearts? No surely not. They are only pure souls who take the first steps and let the spirit of Baha'u'llah move and make use of them. If anyone of them should even for a second think or consider his achievements as due to his own capacities, his work is ended and his fall starts. This is the fact why so many competent souls have, after wonderful services, suddenly found themselves impotent and perhaps thrown aside by the spirit of the Curse as useless souls. The criterion is the extent to which we are ready to have the will of God work through us.

Shoghi Effendi Admin 26

No comfort can be secured by any soul in this world, from monarch down to the most humble commoner. If once this life should offer a man a sweet cup, a hundred bitter ones will follow; such is the condition of this world. The wise man, therefore, doth not attach himself to this mortal life and doth not depend on it; at some moments, even, he eagerly wisheth for death that he may thereby be freed from these sorrows and afflictions.

WAB 200

Know ye that by "the world" is meant your unawareness of Him Who is your Maker, and your absorption in aught else but Him...Whatsoever detereth you, in this Day, from loving God is nothing but the world. Flee it, that ye may be numbered with the blest.

Gleanings 276

Watch over yourselves, for the Evil One is lying in wait, ready to entrap you...The Evil One is he that hindereth the rise and obstructeth the spiritual progress of the children of men.

Gleanings 94

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Mighty River

When God sent forth His Prophet Muhammad, on that day the termination of the prophetic cycle was foreordained in the knowledge of God. Yea that promise hath indeed come true.

The Bab 161

The message of Krishna is the message of love. All god's prophets have brought the message of love.

`Abdu'l-Baha Paris Talks p35

His Holiness Abraham, Moses, Zoroaster, Buddha, Jesus, Muhammad, the Bab and Baha'u'llah are one in spirit and reality.

`Abdu'l-Baha Promulgation of Universal Peace p 192

Likewise we must set aside prejudice in considering other divine educators by investigating reality. For instance His Holiness the Buddha or His Holiness Confucius. Both achieved results greater than Moses. They educated the body-politic, trained mighty nations, and there is no doubt whatever that they were prophets, for the mission of prophethood is education, and these wondrous souls trained and educated mankind...

These blessed souls whether Moses, Buddha, Confucius, or Zoroaster were the cause of the illumination of the world of humanity. How can we deny such irrefutable truth? How can we be blind to such light?

We have investigated reality and found that these Holy Souls mentioned were all sent of God. All of them have sacrificed life, endured ordeals and tribulations in order that they might educate us. How can such love be forgotten?

`Abdu'l-Baha Promulgation of Universal Peace p 339

This is the sealed and mystic scroll, the repository of God's irrevocable Decree..that lay wrapt within the veil of impenetrable mystery, and hath now been sent down as a token of the grace of Him Who is the Almighty...In it have We...written down the knowledge of all things from first to last.

Baha'u'llah G 281

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KI 49

Wert thou to cleanse the mirror of thy heart from the dust of malice, thou wouldst apprehend the meaning of the symbolic terms revealed by the all-embracing Word of God made manifest in every dispensation and would discover the mysteries of divine knowledge.

KI 68

They have even failed to realize, all this time, that in every age, the reading of the scriptures and Holy Books is for no other purpose except to enable the reader to apprehend their meaning and unravel their innermost mysteries. Otherwise reading, without understanding, is of no abiding profit to man.

KI 172

The purpose of God in creating man hath been, and will ever be, to enable him to know his Creator and attain His presence...Whoso hath failed to recognise Him will have condemned himself to the misery of remoteness which is naught but utter nothingness...His purpose, however, is to enable the pure in spirit and the detached in heart to ascend, by virtue of their own innate powers, unto the shores of the Most Great Ocean, that thereby they who seek the Beauty of the All-Glorious may be distinguished and separated from the wayward and perverse.

Gleanings 71

This Book is the holy Book of God and of sacred inspiration. It is the Bible of salvation, the noble Gospel. It is the mystery of the kingdom and its lights. It is the divine bounty and the sign of the guidance of God.

[Written by `Abdu'l-Baha in the large Bible in the City Temple of London during His visit in 1911.]

In the sayings of Him Who is the Spirit (Jesus) un- numbered significances lie concealed.

Baha'u'llah ESW 148

Thou has written that thou lovest the Bible. Undoubtedly the friends and maidservants of the Merciful should know the value of the Bible, for they are the ones who have disco-vered the real significances and have become cognizant of the hidden mystery of the Holy Book.

TAB Vol1 p218

I beg of God through the confirmations and assistance of the True One thou mayest show the utmost eloquence, fluency, ability and skill in teaching the real significance of the Bible. Turn toward the Kingdom of Abha and seek the bounty of the Holy Spirit. Loosen the tongue and the confirmations of the Spirit shall reach thee.

The companions of the crimson ark, the ark which God hath prepared for the people of Baha.

Kitab-i-Aqdas

Ere long will God sail His Ark upon thee (Carmel) and will manifest the people of Baha who have been mentioned in the Book of Names.

If ye cherish the desire to dwell in the Ark of names, ye will be distinguished as the guides to Him Whom God shall make manifest, did ye but believe in Him

The Bab Kitab-i-Asma

O Holy Mariner!

Bid thine ark of eternity appear before the Celestial Con-course... Launch it upon the ancient sea, in His Name, the Most Wondrous...And let the angelic spirits enter, in the Name of God, the Most High...Unmoor it, then, that it may sail upon the ocean of glory...O Mariner! Teach them that are within the ark that which we have taught thee behind the mystic veil...Perchance they...May know the mysteries hidden in the Seas of

light.

Blessed art thou, O My name, inasmuch as thou hast entered Mine Ark, and art speeding, through the power of My sover-eign and most exalted might, on the oceans of grandeur.

G 302

The people of Baha, who are the inmates of the Ark of God.

G 170

As regards thine assertions about the beginning of creation, this is amatter on which conceptions vary by reason of the divergencies of men's thoughts and opinions. Wert thou to assert that it hath ever existed and shall continue to exist, it would be true; or wert thou to affirm the same concept as is mentioned in the sacred Scriptures, no doubt would there be about it, for it hath been revealed by God, the Lord of the worlds...That which hath been in existence had existed before, but not in the form thou seest today. The world of existence came into being through the heat generated from the interaction between the active force and that which is its recipient. These two are the same, yet they are different...

the irresistable Word of God which is the Cause of the entire creation, while all else besides His Word are but the crea-tures and the effects thereof.

TB 140

We have caused every soul to expire by virtue of Our irre-sistable and all subduing soveriennty. We have then called into being a new creation.

Baha'u'llah

Great is thy blessedness O Yahya (Vahid) inasmuch as thou didst fulfil thy pledge in the Day when the heavens and earth were created...

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see Robe of Light 114

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The Bab 161

The Revelation of the Divine Reality hath everlastingly been identical with its concealment and its concealment identical with its revelation.

The Bab 112

O People of the earth! By the righteousness of the One true God, I am the Maid of Heaven begotten by the Spirit of Baha...At one time I hear His Voice as He acclaimeth Him Who is the Ever- Living, the Ancient of Days, and at another time as He speaketh of the mystery of His most august Name...Methinks I visioned Him moving along a straight middle path wherein every paradise was His Own paradise, every heaven His Own heaven, while the whole earth and all that is therein appeared but as a ring upon the finger of His servants.

The Bab 54