

*“O MAN OF TWO VISIONS! Close one eye and open the other. Close one to the world and all that is therein, and open the other to the hallowed beauty of the beloved.”*

*Bahá'u'lláh, The Persian Hidden Words*



*“O Friends! Abandon not the everlasting beauty for a beauty that must die, and set not your affections on this mortal world of dust.”*

*Bahá'u'lláh, Hidden Words, Persian #14*



*“O Son of Utterance! Turn thy face unto Mine and renounce all save Me; for My sovereignty endureth and My dominion perisheth not. If thou seekest another than Me, yea, if thou searchest forevermore, thy quest will be in vain.”*

*Bahá'u'lláh, Arabic Hidden Words #15*



*“O Befriended Stranger! The candle of thine heart is lighted by the hand of My power, quench it not with the contrary winds of self and passion. The healer of all thine ills is remembrance of Me, forget it not. Make My love thy treasure and cherish it even as thy very sight and life.”*

*Bahá'u'lláh, Persian Hidden Words #32*

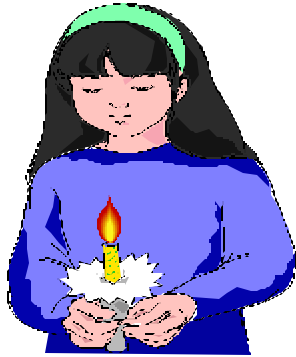


*“O Thou kind Lord! Make these children excellent plants. Let them grow and develop in the Garden of Thy Covenant, and bestow freshness and beauty through the outpourings of the clouds of the Abhá Kingdom.*

*O Thou kind Lord! I am a little child, exalt me by admitting me to the kingdom. I am earthly, make me heavenly; I am of the world below, let me belong to the realm above; gloomy, suffer me to become radiant; material, make me spiritual, and grant that I may manifest Thine infinite bounties.*

*Thou art the Powerful, the All-loving.”*

*‘Abdu’l-Bahá, Bahá’í Prayers, p. 36-7*



*“O God! Refresh and gladden my spirit. Purify my heart. Illumine my powers. I lay all my affairs in Thy hand. Thou art my Guide and my Refuge. I will no longer be sorrowful and grieved; I will be a happy and joyful being. O God! I will no longer be full of anxiety, nor will I let trouble harass me. I will not dwell on the unpleasant things of life.*

*O God! Thou art more friend to me than I am to myself. I dedicate myself to Thee, O Lord.”*

*‘Abdu’l-Bahá, Bahá’í Prayers, p. 152*



*“This is the day in which to speak. It is incumbent upon the people of Bahá to strive, with the utmost patience and forbearance, to guide the peoples of the world to the Most Great Horizon. Every body calleth aloud for a soul. Heavenly souls must needs quicken, with the breath of the Word of God, the dead bodies, with a fresh spirit.”*

*Bahá'u'lláh, Advent of Divine Justice, p.82-83*



*“Say: To assist Me is to teach My Cause. This is a theme with which whole Tablets are laden. This is the changeless commandment of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future.”*

*Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas, p. 196*



*"Be not dismayed, O peoples of the world, when the daystar of My beauty is set, and the heaven of My tabernacle is concealed from your eyes.*

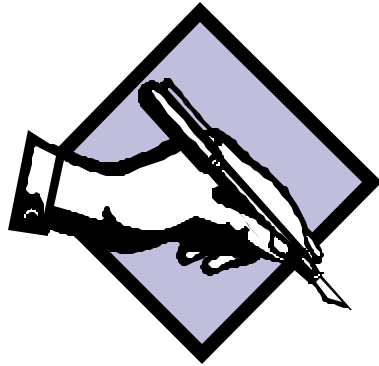
*Arise to further My Cause, and to exalt My Word amongst men. We are with you at all times, and shall strengthen you through the power of truth."*

*Bahá'u'lláh, The Kitáb-i-Aqdas. p. 34*



*“How can, then, such a man succeed in befittingly extolling the One through a motion of Whose finger all the names and their kingdom were called into being, and all the attributes and their dominion were created, and Who through another motion of that same finger, hath united the letter B and E (Be) and knit them together, manifesting thereby what the highest thoughts of Thy chosen ones who enjoy near access to Thee are unable to grasp, and what the profoundest wisdom of those of Thy loved ones that are wholly devoted to Thee are powerless to fathom.”*

*Bahá'u'lláh, Prayers and Meditations, p. 303*



*“The Pen of the Most High hath decreed and imposed upon every one the obligation to teach this Cause....God will, no doubt, inspire whosoever detacheth himself from all else but Him, and will cause the pure waters of wisdom and utterance to gush out and flow copiously from his heart.”*

*Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings, CLXIV, p.314*



*“God hath prescribed unto every one the duty of teaching His Cause. Whoever ariseth to discharge this duty, must needs, ere he proclaimeth His Message, adorn himself with the ornament of an upright character, so that his words may attract the hearts of such as are receptive to his call.”*

*Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings, CLVII, P.335*