



O ye rulers of the earth! Wherefore have ye clouded the radiance of the Sun, and caused it to cease from shining?



Hearken unto the counsel given you by the Pen of the Most High, that haply both ye and the poor may attain unto tranquillity and peace.



We beseech God to assist the kings of the earth to establish peace on earth. He, verily, doth what He willeth.



O kings of the earth! We see you increasing every year your expenditures, and laying the burden thereof on your subjects.

This, verily, is wholly and grossly unjust.



Fear the sighs and tears of this wronged One, and lay not excessive burdens on your peoples.



Do not rob them to rear palaces for yourselves; nay rather choose for them that which ye choose for yourselves.



Thus We unfold to your eyes that which profiteth you, if ye but perceive.



Your people are your treasures.



Beware lest your rule violate the commandments of God, and ye deliver your wards to the hands of the robber.



By them ye rule, by their means ye subsist, by their aid ye conquer. Yet, how disdainfully ye look upon them! How strange, how very strange!



Now that ye have refused the Most Great Peace, hold ye fast unto this, the Lesser Peace, that haply ye may in some degree better your own condition and that of your dependents.



O rulers of the earth! Be reconciled among yourselves, that ye may need no more armaments save in a measure to safeguard your territories and dominions. Beware lest ye disregard the counsel of the All-Knowing, the Faithful.



Be united, O kings of the earth, for thereby will the tempest of discord be stilled amongst you, and your peoples find rest, if ye be of them that comprehend.



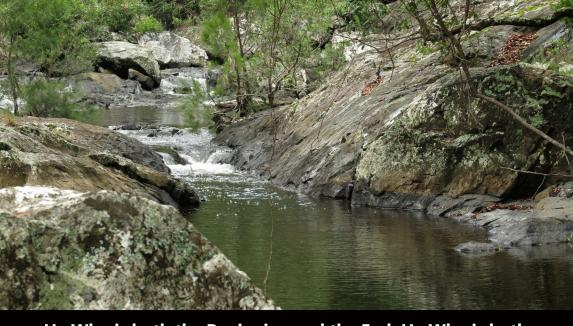
Be united, O kings of the earth... Should anyone among you take up arms against another, rise ye all against him, for this is naught but manifest justice.



Behold, He is now come. Wherefore are ye downcast and dejected?



Why remain despondent when the Pure and Hidden One hath appeared unveiled amongst you?



He Who is both the Beginning and the End, He Who is both Stillness and Motion, is now manifest before your eyes.



Behold how, in this Day, the Beginning is reflected in the End, how out of Stillness Motion hath been engendered.



This motion hath been generated by the potent energies which the words of the Almighty have released throughout the entire creation.



Whoso hath been quickened by its vitalizing power, will find himself impelled to attain the court of the Beloved ...



... and whoso hath deprived himself therefrom, will sink into irretrievable despondency.



He is truly wise whom the world and all that is therein have not deterred from recognizing the light of this Day ...



... who will not allow men's idle talk to cause him to swerve from the way of righteousness.



He is indeed as one dead who, at the wondrous dawn of this Revelation, hath failed to be quickened by its soul-stirring breeze.



He is indeed a captive who hath not recognized the Supreme Redeemer, but hath suffered his soul to be bound, distressed and helpless, in the fetters of his desires.

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O My servants! Whoso hath tasted of this Fountain hath attained unto everlasting Life, and whoso hath refused to drink therefrom is even as the dead.

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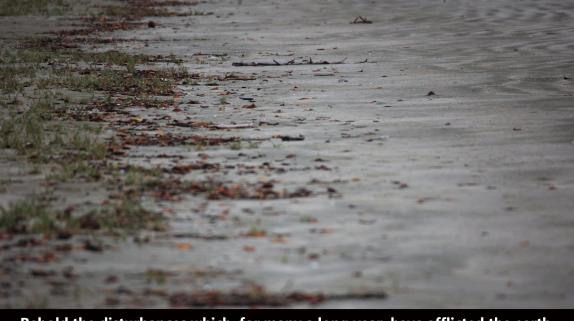
Say: O ye workers of iniquity! Covetousness hath hindered you from giving a hearing ear unto the sweet voice of Him Who is the All-Sufficing.

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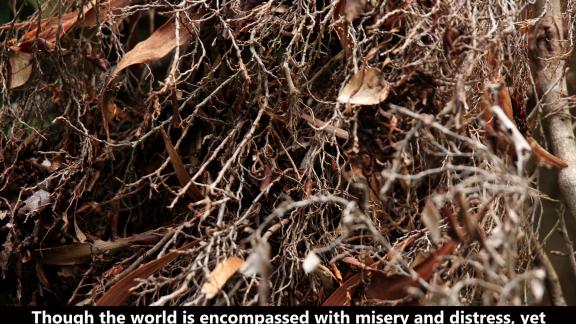


Wash it away from your hearts, that His Divine secret may be made known unto you.





Behold the disturbances which, for many a long year, have afflicted the earth, and the perturbation that hath seized its peoples. It hath either been ravaged by war, or tormented by sudden and unforeseen calamities.



Though the world is encompassed with misery and distress, yet no man hath paused to reflect what the cause or source of that may be.

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Whenever the True Counselor uttered a word in admonishment, lo, they all denounced Him as a mover of mischief and rejected His claim. How bewildering, how confusing is such behavior!



No two men can be found who may be said to be outwardly and inwardly united.



If the rulers and kings of the earth, the symbols of the power of God, exalted be His glory, arise and resolve to dedicate themselves to whatever will promote the highest interests of the whole of humanity ...



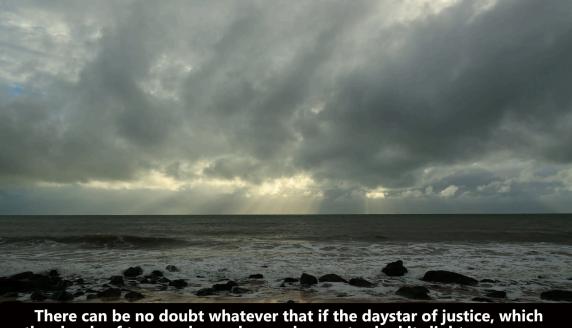
... the reign of justice will assuredly be established amongst the children of men ...



... and the effulgence of its light will envelop the whole earth.



Blessed is the king who marcheth with the ensign of wisdom unfurled before him, and the battalions of justice massed in his rear. He verily is the ornament that adorneth the brow of peace and the countenance of security.



There can be no doubt whatever that if the daystar of justice, which the clouds of tyranny have obscured, were to shed its light upon men, the face of the earth would be completely transformed.

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