



O ye the elected representatives of the people in every land! Take ye counsel together, and let your concern be only for that which profiteth mankind, and bettereth the condition thereof, if ye be of them that scan heedfully.



Regard the world as the human body which, though at its creation whole and perfect, hath been afflicted, through various causes, with grave disorders and maladies.

Sultán \ Sovereignty: 1-ii



Not for one day did it gain ease, nay its sickness waxed more severe, as it fell under the treatment of ignorant physicians, who gave full rein to their personal desires, and have erred grievously.

Sultan \ Sovereignty: 2-i



And if, at one time, through the care of an able physician, a member of that body was healed, the rest remained afflicted as before. Thus informeth you the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.



We behold it, in this day, at the mercy of rulers so drunk with pride that they cannot discern clearly their own best advantage, much less recognize a Revelation so bewildering and challenging as this.

Sulfan \ Sovereignty: 3-i



And whenever any one of them hath striven to improve its condition, his motive hath been his own gain, whether confessedly so or not; and the unworthiness of this motive hath limited his power to heal or cure.



That which the Lord hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith.

Sultán \ Sovereignty: 4-i



This can in no wise be achieved except through the power of a skilled, an all-powerful and inspired Physician. This, verily, is the truth, and all else naught but error.

Sultán \ Sovereignty: 4-ii



The generations that have gone on before you — whither are they fled?



And those round whom in life circled the fairest and the loveliest of the land, where now are they?



Profit by their example, O people, and be not of them that are gone astray.



For every one of you his paramount duty is to choose for himself that on which no other may infringe and none usurp from him. Such a thing — and to this the Almighty is My witness — is the love of God, could ye but perceive it.



Build ye for yourselves such houses as the rain and floods can never destroy, which shall protect you from the changes and chances of this life. This is the instruction of Him Whom the world hath wronged and forsaken.



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. Verily, thy Lord, the All-Merciful, is powerful to do as He willeth, and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth.



Wert thou to consider this world, and realize how fleeting are the things that pertain unto it, thou wouldst choose to tread no path except the path of service to the Cause of thy Lord.

Sullán \ Sovereignty: 8-ii



None would have the power to deter thee from celebrating His praise, though all men should arise to oppose thee.



Go thou straight on and persevere in His service.



Say: O people! The Day, promised unto you in all the Scriptures, is now come.



Fear ye God, and withhold not yourselves from recognizing the One Who is the Object of your creation.

Sulțán \ Sovereignty: 10-ii



Hasten ye unto Him. Better is this for you than the world and all that is therein. Would that ye could perceive it!



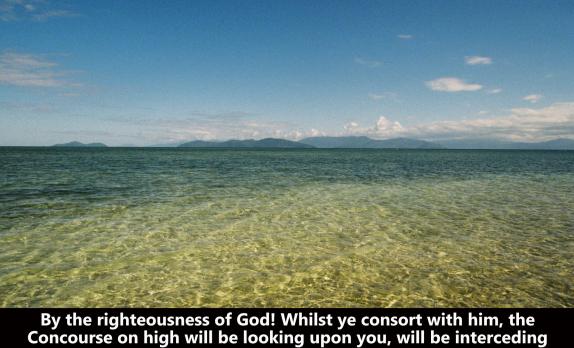
If ye meet the abased or the downtrodden, turn not away disdainfully from them, for the King of Glory ever watcheth over them and surroundeth them with such tenderness as none can fathom except them that have suffered their wishes and desires to be merged in the Will of your Lord, the Gracious, the All-Wise.

Sultán Sovereignty: 11-ii



O ye rich ones of the earth! Flee not from the face of the poor that lieth in the dust, nay rather befriend him and suffer him to recount the tale of the woes with which God's inscrutable Decree hath caused him to be afflicted.

Sulțán \ Sovereignty: 12-i



By the righteousness of God! Whilst ye consort with him, the Concourse on high will be looking upon you, will be interceding for you, will be extolling your names and glorifying your action.



Blessed are the learned that pride not themselves on their attainments ...



... and well is it with the righteous that mock not the sinful, but rather conceal their misdeeds, so that their own shortcomings may remain veiled to men's eyes.

Sulțán \ Sovereignty: 13-ii



Thine eye is My trust, suffer not the dust of vain desires to becloud its luster.



Thine ear is a sign of My bounty, let not the tumult of unseemly motives turn it away from My Word that encompasseth all creation.

Sulţán \ Sovereignty: 14-ii



Thine heart is My treasury, allow not the treacherous hand of self to rob thee of the pearls which I have treasured therein.



Thine hand is a symbol of My loving-kindness, hinder it not from holding fast unto My guarded and hidden Tablets ...

Sulțán \ Sovereignty: 15-ii



Unasked, I have showered upon thee My grace.



Unpetitioned, I have fulfilled thy wish.

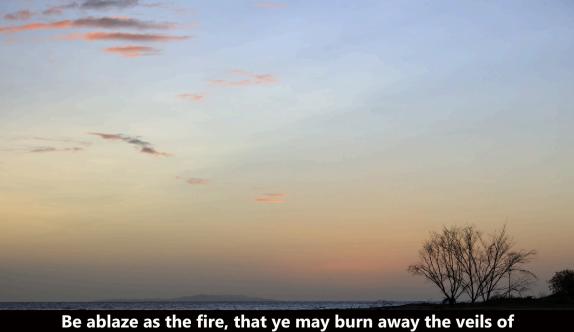


In spite of thy undeserving, I have singled thee out for My richest, My incalculable favors ...



O My servants! Be as resigned and submissive as the earth, that from the soil of your being there may blossom the fragrant, the holy and multicolored hyacinths of My knowledge.

Sultán Sovereignty: 17-ii



Be ablaze as the fire, that ye may burn away the veils of heedlessness and set aglow, through the quickening energies of the love of God, the chilled and wayward heart.

Sultán \ Sovereignty: 18-i



Be light and untrammeled as the breeze, that ye may obtain admittance into the precincts of My court, My inviolable Sanctuary.

Sulțán \ Sovereignty: 18-ii



O my God! I ask Thee, by Thy most glorious Name, to aid me in that which will cause the affairs of Thy servants to prosper, and Thy cities to flourish. Thou, indeed, hast power over all things!



Arts, crafts and sciences uplift the world of being, and are conducive to its exaltation.



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