

FINAL NOTES FOR READING OF THE PERSIAN BAYAN

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BAHA'U'LLAH SPEAKS OF THE NEXT MANIFESTATION OF GOD

It should also be borne in mind that, great as is the power manifested by this Revelation and however vast the range of the Dispensation its Author has inaugurated, it emphatically repudiates the claim to be regarded as the final revelation of God's will and purpose for mankind. To hold such a conception of its character and functions would be tantamount to a betrayal of its cause and a denial of its truth. It must necessarily conflict with the fundamental principle which constitutes the bedrock of Bahá'í belief, the principle that religious truth is not absolute but relative, that Divine Revelation is orderly, continuous and progressive and not spasmodic or final. Indeed, the categorical rejection by the followers of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh of the claim to finality which any religious system inaugurated by the Prophets of the past may advance is as clear and emphatic as their own refusal to claim that same finality for the Revelation with which they stand identified. "To believe that all revelation is ended, that the portals of Divine mercy are closed, that from the daysprings of eternal holiness no sun shall rise again, that the ocean of everlasting bounty is forever stilled, and that out of the tabernacle of ancient glory the Messengers of God have ceased to be made manifest" must constitute in the eyes of every follower of the Faith a grave, an inexcusable departure from one of its most cherished and fundamental principles.

A reference to some of the already quoted utterances of Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá will surely suffice to establish, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the truth of this cardinal principle. Might not the following passage of the Hidden Words be, likewise, construed as an allegorical allusion to the progressiveness of Divine Revelation and an admission by its Author that the Message with which He has been entrusted is not the final and ultimate expression of the will and guidance of the Almighty? "O Son of Justice! In the night-season the beauty of the immortal Being hath repaired from the emerald height of fidelity unto the Sadratu'l-Muntahá, and wept with such a weeping that the concourse on high and the dwellers of the realms above wailed at His lamenting. Whereupon there was asked, Why the wailing and weeping? He made reply: As bidden I waited expectant upon the hill of faithfulness, yet inhaled not from them that dwell on earth the fragrance of fidelity. Then summoned to return I beheld, and lo! certain doves of holiness were sore tried within the claws of the dogs of earth. Thereupon the Maid of heaven hastened forth unveiled and resplendent from Her mystic mansion, and asked of their names, and all were told but one. And when urged, the first letter thereof was uttered, whereupon the dwellers of the celestial chambers rushed forth out of their habitation of glory. And whilst the

second letter was pronounced they fell down, one and all, upon the dust. At that moment a voice was heard from the inmost shrine: 'Thus far and no farther.' Verily We bear witness to that which they have done and now are doing."

In a more explicit language Bahá'u'lláh testifies to this truth in one of His Tablets revealed in Adrianople: "Know verily that the veil hiding Our countenance hath not been completely lifted. We have revealed Our Self to a degree corresponding to the capacity of the people of Our age. Should the Ancient Beauty be unveiled in the fullness of His glory mortal eyes would be blinded by the dazzling intensity of His revelation."

In the Súriy-i-Šabr, revealed as far back as the year 1863, on the very first day of His arrival in the garden of Riḍván, He thus affirms: "God hath sent down His Messengers to succeed to Moses and Jesus, and He will continue to do so till 'the end that hath no end'; so that His grace may, from the heaven of Divine bounty, be continually vouchsafed to mankind."

"I am not apprehensive for My own self," Bahá'u'lláh still more explicitly declares, "My fears are for Him Who will be sent down unto you after Me—Him Who will be invested with great sovereignty and mighty dominion." And again He writes in the Súratu'l-Haykal: "By those words which I have revealed, Myself is not intended, but rather He Who will come after Me. To it is witness God, the All-Knowing." "Deal not with Him," He adds, "as ye have dealt with Me."

In a more circumstantial passage the Báb upholds the same truth in His writings. "It is clear and evident," He writes in the Persian Bayán, "that the object of all preceding Dispensations hath been to pave the way for the advent of Muḥammad, the Apostle of God. These, including the Muḥammadan Dispensation, have had, in their turn, as their objective the Revelation proclaimed by the Qá'im. The purpose underlying this Revelation, as well as those that preceded it, has, in like manner, been to announce the advent of the Faith of Him Whom God will make manifest. And this Faith—the Faith of Him Whom God will make manifest—in its turn, together with all the Revelations gone before it, have as their object the Manifestation destined to succeed it. And the latter, no less than all the Revelations preceding it, prepare the way for the Revelation which is yet to follow. The process of the rise and setting of the Sun of Truth will thus indefinitely continue—a process that hath had no beginning and will have no end."

"Know of a certainty," Bahá'u'lláh explains in this connection, "that in every Dispensation the light of Divine Revelation hath been vouchsafed to men in direct proportion to their spiritual capacity. Consider the sun. How feeble its rays the moment it appeareth above the horizon. How gradually its warmth and potency increase as it approacheth its zenith, enabling meanwhile all created things to adapt themselves to the growing intensity of its light. How steadily it declineth until it reacheth its setting point. Were it all of a sudden to manifest the energies latent within it, it would no doubt cause injury to all created things... In like manner, if the Sun of Truth were suddenly to reveal, at the earliest stages of its manifestation, the full measure of the potencies which the providence of the Almighty hath bestowed upon it, the

earth of human understanding would waste away and be consumed; for men's hearts would neither sustain the intensity of its revelation, nor be able to mirror forth the radiance of its light. Dismayed and overpowered, they would cease to exist."

In the light of these clear and conclusive statements it is our clear duty to make it indubitably evident to every seeker after truth that from "the beginning that hath no beginning" the Prophets of the one, the unknowable God, including Bahá'u'lláh Himself, have all, as the channels of God's grace, as the exponents of His unity, as the mirrors of His light and the revealers of His purpose, been commissioned to unfold to mankind an ever-increasing measure of His truth, of His inscrutable will and Divine guidance, and will continue to "the end that hath no end" to vouchsafe still fuller and mightier revelations of His limitless power and glory. (Shoghi Effendi, *The Dispensation of Baha'u'llah*)

NOT QUANTITY BUT QUALITY

Recite ye the verses of God every morn and eventide. Whoso faileth to recite them hath not been faithful to the Covenant of God and His Testament, and whoso turneth away from these holy verses in this Day is of those who throughout eternity have turned away from God. Fear ye God, O My servants, one and all. Pride not yourselves on much reading of the verses or on a multitude of pious acts by night and day; for were a man to read a single verse with joy and radiance it would be better for him than to read with lassitude all the Holy Books of God, the *Help in Peril*, the *Self-Subsisting*. Read ye the sacred verses in such measure that ye be not overcome by languor and despondency. Lay not upon your souls that which will weary them and weigh them down, but rather what will lighten and uplift them, so that they may soar on the wings of the Divine verses towards the Dawning-place of His manifest signs; this will draw you nearer to God, did ye but comprehend. (Baha'u'llah, *Kitab-i-Aqdas*, #149)

Teach your children the verses revealed from the heaven of majesty and power, so that, in most melodious tones, they may recite the Tablets of the All-Merciful in the alcoves within the *Mashriqu'l-Adhkárs*. Whoever hath been transported by the rapture born of adoration for My Name, the Most Compassionate, will recite the verses of God in such wise as to captivate the hearts of those yet wrapped in slumber. Well is it with him who hath quaffed the Mystic Wine of everlasting life from the utterance of his merciful Lord in My Name—a Name through which every lofty and majestic mountain hath been reduced to dust. (Baha'u'llah, *Kitab-i-Aqdas*, #150)

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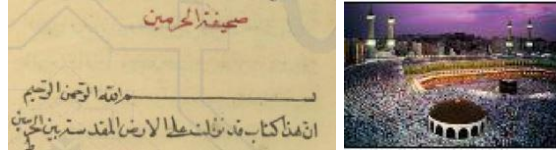


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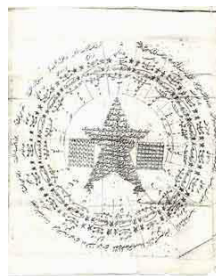
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SOME EARLY LETTERS OF THE BAB



- (i) Five addressed to Mullā Ḥusayn Bushrūʿī, the first of the 'Letters of the Living' (d. Tabarsī 1849 CE).
- (ii) Three addressed to Mīrzā Sayyid Ḥasan, the great Afnan and brother-in-law of the Bab (d. xxxx/xxxx CE).
- (iii) [The Kitāb al-`Ulamā' \("Book of the Ulama'\)](#) primarily addressed to the divines ('ulama') of Qajar Persia and elsewhere'. 📄
- Extract translated by Nicholas, 1934 (= Quelques Documents Relatifs au Babism), 114-118.. (from a mss. in the Bibliotheque Nationale).
- (iv) [To Mullā Ḥasan Gawhar \(d. 1266/1849 CE\), a leading Shaykhī and early opponent of the Bāb.](#) 📄
- (v) To the Ottoman Sulṭān `Abd al-Majīd (d. 1861 CE). Text and Introduction. (1a) Partial French translation Nicholas (1934) Quelques Documents Relatifs au Babism. (2) Translation Stephen Lambden : 📄

SELECT LETTERS TO THE FAMILY OF THE BAB

Letters to the Maternal uncle of the Bab, Ḥājī Mīrzā Sayyid `Alī (d. 1852 CE)


- Six Letters/Tablets addressed to the maternal uncle of the Bab, Ḥājī Mīrzā Sayyid `Alī (d. 1852 CE), his guardian known as the Khāl-i A`ẓam ("the Greatest Uncle"). One of the seven martyrs of Tehran. (1) Add (6) Letter sent with Quddus to Shiraz for Hājī Mirza Sayyid `Alī. (6a) French trans. in Nicolas, Séyyèd Ali Mohammed, (1905), pp. 214-18. (vii) 2 to Ḥājī Mullā Muhammad.
- Two for Khadījah Bagum (d. 1882 CE), the wife of the Bab and cousin of the mother of the Bab. (1) The `First Letter to Khadījah Bagum, the wife of the Bab'. See Balyuzi, The Bab (1973); at the front is a good photograph of the autograph original text. (2) The Second Letter to Khadījah Bagum, the wife of the Bab.

LETTERS TO ISLAMIC AND SHI`I-SHAYKHI NOTABLES

- Letter to Muhammad Kāẓīm Khān (d. CE). (xvii) to Shaykh Khalaf (d. XXXX CE). Letter to Shaykh Sulaymān [of Muscat?] (d. CE). (xviii) to Shaykh Sulaymān [of Muscat?] (d. CE). Partly translated in Selections, pp. 35-37. Letter to the Sharīf Sulaymān of Mecca (d. CE).
- Letter to Sharīf Sulaymān of Mecca (d. CE) = (1) Text partly published in translated in Selections From the Writings of the Bab (1978), pp. 29-30.
- Three Tablets to the Sunni Ḥanbalī, Maghribī, and Ḥanafī Imāms.
- Tablet to the Kirmani Shaykhī leader Ḥājī Mirza Muhammad Karīm Khān Kīrmānī (d. 1288/1871).
- Letter to Sayyid Ibrahīm [Mahāllatī?] (d. CE).
- Letter to Sayyid `Alī Kirmānī (d. CE). Letter to Sulaymān Khān (d. CE).
- [Letter to Hajji Mirza Muhammad Kārīm Khān Kirmani \(d. 1871CE\).](#) 📖
- Tablet to the Sunni exegete and scholar Abū al-Thanā', Shihāb al-Dīn al-Ālūsī (d.1270 / 1854).
- [الآلوسي The Letter of the Bab to Abū al-Thanā', Shihāb al-Dīn al-Ālūsī \(d.1270 /1854\).](#)

LETTERS TO SELECT LEADING BABIS

- [Letter to Mina `Abd al-Bāqī Rashtī \(d. CE\). \(xiii\) to Mīrzā Sayyid Ḥasan Khurāsānī \(d. CE\). \(xiv\) to Shaykh Rafī` \(d. CE\).](#)
- [Two Letters/Tablets to to Mullā Sādiq \[Muqaddas\] Khurāsānī. See Nicolas 1905 \(french trans.\) and Afnan `Ahd-i a`la, 101 \(extract from the Second Letter\).](#)

- [First Letter to Mullā Sādiq \[Muqaddas\] Khurāsānī](#)
- [Second Letter to Mullā Sādiq \[Muqaddas\] Khurāsānī. Text + Trans. Pdf. Bab -Khurasani No 2.pdf](#) 
- [Qa'imiyya - A Letter, Scriptural Tablet of the Bab to Mullā Shaykh Alī Turshīzī entitled `Azīm \(d. Tehran 1852\).](#)
- [An Untitled Letter-Tablet of the Bab dealing with `Abd -component letters, ` - b-d and other matters.](#)



THE FOUR OR FIVE LETTERS TO MUHAMMAD SHAH QAJAR (1808-1848).

Extract from the Qayyum al-asma', Surat al-Mulk (May 23rd, 1844).




[23] "O king of Islam! [Muhammad Shah r.1834-1848] (lit. "king of the Muslims", malik al-muslimūn). Aid thou, with the truth, after having aided the Book, Him Who is Our Most Great Remembrance (dhikrinā al-akbar) for God hath, in very truth, destined for thee, and for such as circle round thee, on the Day of Judgment [Resurrection], a responsible position in His Path" (SWB:41)

See further Qayyum al-asma', Surat al-Mulk, verses 24-29.

- [An early Letter of the Bab to Muhammad Shah Qajar \(d. 5th September 1848\).](#) 
- A Letter to Muhammad Shah Qajar II - from Web I. [Bab-Muhammad Shah II.pdf](#) 
- Letter to Muhammad Shah Qajar. III Letter to Muhammad Shah Qajar. IV The Khuṭba Qahriyya - The Literary Sermon of Wrath. Letter to Muhammad Shah Qajar. V



Devotional Writings and Ziyārat-Nama ("Visiting Tablets")

- [The Du`a-yi Alf \("Supplication of the Thousand"\) of the Bāb.](#) 
- [The Bab دعای الف Du`a Alf -"The Supplication of the "Thousand" \(c.1260/1845\).](#)



- [Du`a-yi Şahīfa \(The Supplication of the Scroll\[s\]\) = Şahīfa-yi makhzūna \("The Treasured Scroll"\)](#)
- Şahīfa al-Ḥujjatiyya ("The Scroll of the Proof"). This Arabic work consists of fourteen du`as "supplications" or "prayers" and is mentioned in both the the 1845 Kitab al-fihrist (Book of the Index) as well as the Khutba Dhikriyya within the Sahifa Radawiyya (1846). It consists of "fourteen Du`ās" ("supplications", "prayers") which "were manifest at the commencement (bad') of the [Babi] Cause (al-amr)" (Khutba Dhikriyya Ar. text cited Afnan, 2000: 473). 
- [Şahīfa a`māl al-sana \("Treatise detailing the \[Religio-Devotional\] Acts of the Year"\)](#). Bushire, 1261/1845. In the Khutba al-dhikriyya this text (the fifth of fourteen items) is referred to as the Şahīfa al-Fatimiyya ("The Fāṭimid Scroll-Treatise"). PDF.  [Şahifa a`mal al-sana - Tehran Majlis Lib. No.12448-c.pdf](#) 











SELECT PRAYERS IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS

- (1) Prayer in reply to twenty questions. (2) Prayer in reply to al-`Alawiyya. (3) Prayer in reply to Mullā `Abd al-Khāliq [Yazdī] (d. XXX/XXX). (4) Prayer in reply to Karbalā`ī `Alī Aşghar (d. XXX/XXX). (5) Prayer in reply to Mullā `Abd al-Jalīl [Urūmī] (d. XXX/XXX) on the *sijdat al-shukr* ('thanksgiving prostration'). (6) Prayer in reply to Mīrzā Muhammad `Alī Nahrī (d. XXX/XXX). (7) Prayer in reply to Mullā Aḥmad Khurāsānī [Mu`āllim-i Ḥisārī?](d. XXX/XXX), Dī`bil, and the son of Mīrzā `Alī al-Akhbarī (d. XXX/XXX). (8) Prayer in reply to Mīrzā Hādī (d. XXX/XXX) and Mīrzā Muhammad `Alī Qazvīnī (d. XXX/XXX). (9) Prayer in reply to Mullā Ibrahīm Mahallatī (d. XXX/XXX). (10) Prayer in reply to the Shī`i scholar Sayyid Ja`far Shubbar (d. XXX/XXX).



Ziyārat al-Zahrā

- [Ziyārat al-Zahrā : for Fatima daughter of the Prophet Muhammad :](#) 
- [Translation of the Ziyarat al-Zahra, the Tablet of Visitation for Fatima the Daughter of the Prophet Muhammad.](#)
- [The Tasbih \("Glorificatory Doxology"\) of Fatima and the Commentary of the Bab thereon.](#) 

- [Sharh Tasbīḥ \("Commentary on the Glorification"\) of Fāṭima Zahra \(d. 11/633\).](#) 
- [Introduction to the Imami Shi'i Lesser and Greater Comprehensive Ziyara, Visitation Tablets, along with those of those of the Bab.](#) 
- [The texts of the two main Imami Shi'i Comprehensive al-Ziyara texts deriving from the Imams.](#)
- [al-Ziyāra al-jāmi'a al- ṣaghīra \("The Lesser Comprehensive Visiting Tablet"\) of the Bab. Translation. Pdf. Ziyarat JS - Majlis library Tehran No.12448.pdf](#) 
- As Chapter 1 of Risāla furū` al-'adliyya : (1) Tehran, INBA 5006C, p. 2. (2) Majlis Library ms.
- [al-Ziyārat jāmi'a al-kabīra \("The Greater, Comprehensive Visiting Tablet"\) of the Bab. Translation, Pdf. Ziyarat JK-Tehran-Majlis Lib Ms No.12448.pdf](#) 
- [The Ziyarat-Nama \(Visitation Supplication\) of the Bab for Shaykh Aḥmad ibn Zayn al-Dīn al-Aḥsā'ī \(d. 1241/1826\).](#) 
- [The Du`a al-Hājat](#)
- An Acrostic Supplication of the Bāb for the fulfillment of one's wishes. 
- [Du`a Tawassul \(The Supplication of the Fervent Plea\).](#) 
- [The reply of the Bab to Questions of Mirza Muhammad Zavarih \[Zawara\].](#) 
- [A Letter for Mīrzā `Ali Muhammad al-Mudhahhib \(The Goldmith, Guildier\) or Risala fi Du`ā al-sabāḥ.](#) Pdf. INBMC 40: XXX-XXX =  [Mudhahhib INBMC 40.pdf](#) 
- [Jawāb al-masā'il : Replies to forty one Questions.](#)





The Bab and Select Shi'i Hadith Texts

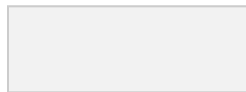
The Earliest Period May 1844 - September 1846

Commentaries on Islamic traditions or Hadith Literatures.

Ḥadith are of the greatest significance in Sunni and Shi'i Islam. The word Ḥadith can indicate a textual tradition which sets down something of doctrinal or practical religious significance allegedly related to the Prophet Muhammad or to one or more of the Twelver Imams. Its text (Ar. matn) was often initially orally transmitted

through a possibly lengthy and sometimes complicated and controversial chain of transmitters (Ar. isnad).

- **Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Jāriyya** on the `ilm al-ghayb (Knowledge of the Unseen), Early 1260 / 1844?
- [Tafsīr Ḥadīth `Nahnu Wajh Allāh' \("We are Face of God"\)](#). 
- **Tafsir Nahnu Wajh-Allah** (Commentary on the Hadith `We are the Face of God') TBA ms. 6006C, 69-72.
- [BAYĀN Dar Jabr wa Tafwīd](#) = "A Short Treatise of the Bab explaining the Ḥadīth of Imam Ja`far al-Šādiq that there is neither Jabr ("Foreordination") nor Tafwīd ("Freewill") for the matter is a situation (al-amr) betwixt two circumstances (al-amrayn). Pdf. 
- [An Exposition of two Hadith Texts, `On Living in Both Worlds' and `On the Hadith of `Ama' for Sayyid Yahya Darabi](#). Pdf. INBA ms. 6007C , pp.1-16. Pdf. Bab-Vahid 6007C.pdf Expanded Annotated Photocopy: Pdf. Bab-Vahid 6007C-exp.pdf
- Extracts from Islamic and Early Shaykhi Commentaries upon forms of the Delphic Maxim. The Commentaries of Shaykh Ahmad upon Islamic forms of the Delphic maxim. The Commentary of the Bab upon an Islamic form of the Delphic maxim.
- Tafsīr Ḥadīth `Man `arafa nafsa-hu fa-qad `arafa rabba-hu' ("Whoso knoweth his self assuredly knoweth his Lord").

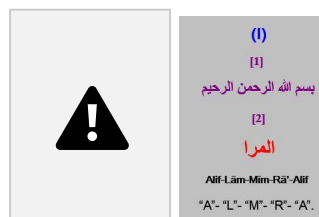


- **(1)Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa I: Introduction, the Shi`i Origins and Commentaries.**
- [\(1\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-ḥaqīqa I Introduction, the Shī`ī Origins and Commentaries.](#)
- [Texts and Translations of the Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa.](#)
- [\(2\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-ḥaqīqa II : Shaykh Ahmad al-Ahsāī and Early Shaykhism.](#)
- [Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Haqīqa II : Shaykh Ahmad al-Ahsāī and Early Shaykhism.](#)
- [Shaykh Ahmad al-Aḥsā`ī on an Islamic form of the Delphic Maxim - Introduction](#)
- [Shaykh Ahmad al-Aḥsā`ī on an Islamic form of the Delphic Maxim with extensive Commentary on the Hadith al-haqīqa - Annotated Translation.](#)

- [\(3\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa, III : The Commentary of the Bāb upon the Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa.](#)
- [\(3\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa, III : the Commentary of the Bāb upon the Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa](#)
- [\(4\) The Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa \(Tradition Regarding Ultimate Reality\) IV : In the writings of the Bab, early Babis and the writings of Baha'-Allah and his successors.](#)
- [\(4\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa IV : Further writings of the Bāb, Early Babis, Baha'-Allah and his successors.](#)
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- Farid Radmehr, شرح حديث كنت كنز از حضرت اعلیٰ (A Study in the Bāb's Commentary on "Hidden Treasure") in سفینه عرفان دفتر دهم (Safinah-yi `Irfan, vol 10), pp. 38-73 (© 2007, 'Irfān Colloquia). Pdf. [Radmehr-Treasure.pdf](#)



Kitāb al-Fihrist ("The Book of the Index").



- The Kitāb al-Fihrist ("The Book of the Index"). Extant mss. Introduction and Translations.
- [The Kitāb al-Fihrist \("The Book of the Index"\)](#) . Mss. Text and Translation. ☐

THE TABLETS TO THE EIGHTEEN LETTERS OF THE LIVING+

















The Letters of the Bab to the Ḥurūf al-Ḥayy ('Letters of the Living')

حروف الحي

The Ḥurūf al-Ḥayy, 'Letters of the Living' and their numerical order are generally listed below as they are associated and listed in the Muhammad Nabil-i Zarandī (d.1892 CE) volume as redacted by in English by Shoghi Effendi as The Dawn-Breakers (1st ed. 1932). Other sources occasionally offer alternative, names, identifications or order of 'Letters of the Living'. In their original Arabic the eighteen or nineteen texts are addressed to individual haykal (pl. hayakil), or (loosely) pentadic embodiments or Temples. The recipients of these eighteen or nineteen texts are for the most part not named though in No.18 Quddus is explicitly mentioned.




Facsimile colour photographs of these letters or alwāḥ (scriptural Tablets) of the Bāb in his own handwriting and sealed with his seal with the inscription, (=عَبْدُهُ الذِّكْرُ 'Abdu-hu al-Dhikr', 'His Servant, the Remembrance') are printed in Shoghi Effendi's re-creation ("translation" of Pt.I) of the Tarikh-i Zarandī, entitled by the Baha'i Guardian as The Dawn-Breakers (1st ed. 1932). The 'Tablet to the First Letter of the Living' is translated in 'Selections From the Writings of the Bab (Haifa: BWC., 1976 [82]), pp. 9-10 and that to man yuẓhiru-hu Allāh ('Him whom God shall make manifest') understood by Baha'is to refer to Baha'-Allah on pp. 3-5 (+6-8 another Tablet; see below). These twenty or so Tablets appear to date from the first-second or earliest years (1260-1262 = mid. 1844-1846) of the Bab's six year prophetic mission (mid. 1844-mid.1850 CE), though perhaps not to the time when he first dispatched the 'Letters of the Living' on their mission of proclamation in summer 1260/mid.1844. It is hoped to fully translate these texts once their original Arabic has been tentatively established. A few divergent readings are likely to persist. In this latter respect I have been grateful for the generous, insightful help of the late Dr. Muhammad Afnan (d. Canada, 2017).

- [The Scriptural alwāḥ \(Tablets\) of the Bāb to the Ḥurūfāt al-Ḥayy \('Letters of the Living'\).](#)
An Overview of the List.
- **Mullā Ḥusayn Bushrūṭī**, the Bab al-Bab (Gate to the Gate), Some Biographical and Bibliographical Notes and Studies.
- [\[1\] Tablet to the First Letter of the Living.](#) ملا حسين بشروني **Mullā Ḥusayn Bushrūṭī** (c. 1813-d. [Ṭabarsī] 1265 /1849) a devout Shaykhī entitled, Bāb al-Bāb (the Gate of the Gate). Trans. Taherzadeh, SWB: 9-10. Pdf.
- [\[2\] Tablet to the Second Letter of the Living,](#) Muhammad Ḥasan Bushrūṭī (brother of [1] (d. Ṭabarsī 1265 /1849). Lambden Trans. Pdf. 
- [\[2A\] Tablet to the Second Letter of the Living as Mulla `Ali Bastami](#) (d. Istanbul c. 1264 /1846)-see [4] below
- [\[3\] Tablet to the Third Letter of the Living, Muhammad Baqir Bushrūṭī](#) (d. Ṭabarsī 1265 /1849). Lambden Trans. Pdf. 
- [\[4\] Tablet to the Fourth Letter of the Living, Mulla `Ali Bastami](#) (d. Istanbul c. 1264 /1846). Lambden Trans. 
- [\[5\] Tablet to the Fifth Letter of the Living, Mulla Khuda-Bakhsh Quchani.](#) Pdf. 
- [\[6\]Tablet to the Sixth Letter of the Living, Mulla Hasan Bajistani.](#) Pdf. 
- [\[7\] Tablet to the Seventh Letter of the Living, Sayyid Husayn Yazdi](#) (d. 1852). Pdf. 
- [\[8\] Tablet to the Eighth Letter of the Living, Mulla Muhammad Rawdah-Khan Yazdi](#) (d. 12XX/18XX). 

- [\[9\] Tablet to the Ninth Letter of the Living, Shaykh Sa'id / Sa'en-i Hindi of Multan, India-Pakistan.](#) 
- [\[10\] Tablet to the Tenth Letter of the Living, Mulla Mahmud Khu'i \(d. Tabarsī 1265 /1849\).](#) 
- [\[11\] Tablet to the Eleventh Letter of the Living, Mulla `And al-Jalil Urumi \(Urdubadi\) \(d. Tabarsī 1265 /1849\).](#) 
- [\[12\] Tablet to the Twelfth Letter of the Living, Mulla Ahmad Maragha'i \(d. Tabarsī 1265 /1849\).](#) 
- [Mulla Muhammad Baqir Tabrizi \(d. Ustanbul c.1881\), the Thirteenth Letter of the Living.](#) 
- [\[13\] Tablet to the Thirteenth Letter of the Living, Mulla Muhammad Baqir Tabrizi \(d. Istanbul c. 1881\).](#) 
- [From a Tablet of the Bāb to Mullā Muhammad Baqir Tabrizī \(d. Istanbul c. 1881 CE\) about, the messianic and theophanic figure `Man Yuzhiruhu Allah' \(Him whom God shall make manifest. Bab-Tabrizi-.pdf](#) 
- [Arabic and Persian text from Gulpaygani, et. al. Kashf al-ghita App. I. Bab-Tabrizi-Txt.pdf](#) 
- [\[14\] Tablet to the Fourteenth Letter of the Living, Mulla Yusuf Ardabili \(d. Tabarsī 1265 /1849\).](#) 
- [\[X\] A Tablet of the Bab to the erudite mujtahid and possibly crypto-Babi `Abd al-Wahhab Qazvini \(d. c. 1265/1847 or c. 1270/1853\) as transmitted by Muhammad Kazim Samandar \(d.1918\) in his Tarikh,](#)
- [\[15\] Tablet to the Fifteenth Letter of the Living, Mulla Hadi Qazvini \(d. 18XX \). Lambden Pdf.](#) 
- [\[16\] Tablet to the Sixteenth Letter of the Living, Muhammad `Ali Qazvini \(d. Tabarsī 1265 /1849\).](#) 
- [\[17\] Tablet to the Seventeenth Letter of the Living, Fatima Baraghani, Tahirah, Qurrat al-`Ayn \(d. September 1852\). Pdf.](#) 
- [A Letter of Tahirah, Qurrat al-`Ayn to Mulla Husayn Bushru'i, Jinab-i Bab al-Bab \(The Gate of the Gate\), 2020.](#) 





MUHAMMAD `ALI BARFURUSHI, QUDDUS AND HIS WRITINGS.

- [\[18\] Tablet to the Eighteenth Letter of the Living, Muhammad `Ali Barfurushi, Quddus \(the Most Holy\) \(d. May, 1849\). Pdf.](#) 
- Select writings of Mulla Muhammad `Ali Barfurushi, Quddus (d. c. 16th May, 1849)., Texts and Translations:
- I.
- II III. IV.
- [A Ziyarat-Namah of the Bab for Mulla Muhammad `Ali Barfurushi, Quddus \(d. c. 16th May, 1849\).](#) 
- [\[19\] Tablet to the Nineteenth Haykal or Living of the Living, the Bab himself \(c.1266/1850\),](#) 



MAN YUZHIRU-HU ALLAH - THE EVER RETURNING BABI MESSIAH FIGURE.








- [Two Alwah \('Scriptural Tablets'\) of the Bāb addressed to the Babi Messiah Figure Man Yuḏhiru-hu Allāh. 'He Whom God shall make manifest'. Pdf. SWB.](#) 
- Man yuḏhiru-hu Allāh, 'Him / The One whom God shall make manifest' after Man yuḏhiru-hu Allāh in successive future eras. November 2020. 

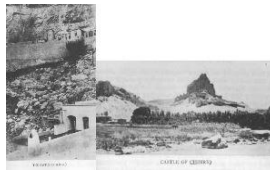


Select Writings of the Bab dating to the Isfahan Period

(September 1846-> March 1847 CE)

- [The Qur'ānic Surat al-`Asr \(Surah of the Afternoon\), Q. 103. Introduction and Notes.](#)

- [The Tafsir Surat al-`Asr \(Surah of the Afternoon\) of the Bāb. Mss. texts and Translation.](#)

- [The Letters to Manūchihr Khan Governor of Isfahan, Mu`tamid al-Dawla \(d. 1847\).](#)
- [Risāla fī'l-nubuwwa al-khaṣṣah \(The Treatise on the Specific Prophethood \[of Muhammad\]\). Introduction.](#)
- Pdfs of texts of the Risāla fī'l-nubuwwa al-khaṣṣa. 
- [Translation of excerpts from the Risāla fī'l-nubuwwa al-khaṣṣa.](#)
- al-Lawāmi` al-Badī` ("The Wondrous Brilliances").
- Introduction, Extant mss. and Translations. 
- [Letter to Tafsir for to Mīrzā Hasan Waqāyī Nigār. Introduction and translation.](#)
- PDfs. [Waqayi-INBMC 40.pdf](#) 
- Ṣaḥīfa Ja`fariyya = Sharh Du`a al-Ghayba, Introduction, Extant mss.
- Pdfs of mss. of the Ṣaḥīfa Ja`fariyya = Sharh Du`a al-Ghayba. 
- Translations from the Arabic text of the Ṣaḥīfa Ja`fariyya = Sharh Du`a al-Ghayba.
- [The Ṣaḥīfa-yi `adliyya \("Treatise on Justice"\).](#) 
- Risāla furū` al-`adliyya ("The Treatise on the Branches of Justice") Introduction, Extant mss. and Translations. 



THE LAST YEARS IN PERSIAN ĀDHIRBĀYJĀN : AT MĀKŪ AND CHIHRĪQ


(March 1263/1847-> 1266/ July 9th 1850 CE)

DALA'IL-I SAB`AH - PERSIAN AND ARABIC

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الْوَاحِدِ الْوَاحِدِ




- [The Dala'il-i Sab`ah \(The Seven Proofs\), Persian. Introduction and Notes.](#)
- [The Dala'il-i Sab`ah \(The Seven Proofs\), Persian. Extant mss. Texts and Translations.](#)



- [The Dala'il-i Sab'a \(The Seven Proofs\), Arabic Introduction and Notes.](#)
- [The Dala'il-i Sab'a \(The Seven Proofs\), Arabic. Extant mss. Texts and Translations.](#)
- Pdf. [Ar.-7 Proofs.pdf](#) 

THE PERSIAN AND ARABIC BAYANS



- [The Persian Bayān Introduction, Extant mss. and Translations.](#)
- [Some PDFs of mss. and printed texts of the Persian Bayan:](#) 
- English and French translations of portions of the Persian Bayan: 
- Edward G. Browne Summary of the contents of the Persian Bayan: 
- [The Exordium to the Persian Bayan. Trans. MacEoin + Notes.](#)
- [I The First Unity \(al-wāḥid al-avval\).](#)
- [II The Second Unity \(al-wāḥid al-thani\).](#)
- [III The Third Unity.](#)
- [IV The Fourth Unity.](#)
- V The Fifth Unity.
- VI The Sixth Unity.
- VII The Seventh Unity.
- VIII The Eighth Unity.
- IX The Ninth Unity.

THE ARABIC BAYAN



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- [The Arabic Bayan : Introduction, mss. Printed texts and Translations.](#)
- Towards a critical edition of al-Bayan al-`Arabi (The Arabic Bayan).
- [Some PDFs of mss. and printed texts of the Arabic Bayan:](#)





- Pdf. Ms. Atatürk Library in Istanbul: Atatürk Kitaplığı, Istanbul, OE_Yz_1724 :
[Ar-Bayan-Ataturk 1724.pdf](#) (Thanks to Dr. Necati Alkan). 
- The complete text printed in 1381/1962 in [al-Babiyun wa'l-Baha'iyun.pdf](#) 
- [I The Arabic Bayan \(al-wahid al-awwal\), Prolegomenon and Persian Synopsis.](#)
- Arabic Bayan 1 - Web I 2009-10. Pdf. [Ar-Bayan I Web I.pdf](#) 
- [II The Second Unity \(al-wāḥid al-thānī\).](#)
- Arabic Bayan II - Web I 2009-10. Pdf. [Ar-Bayan II Web I.pdf](#) 
- [III The Third Unity \(al-wāḥid al-thālith\).](#)
- Arabic Bayan III - Web I 2009-10. Pdf. [Ar-Bayan III Web I.pdf](#) 
- [IV The Fourth Unity.](#)
- Arabic Bayan IV - Web I 2009-10. Pdf. [Ar-Bayan IV.pdf](#) 
- [V The Five Unity.](#)
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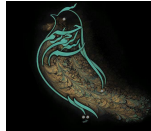
- [01] Reply to one of the believers (pp.1-3). [02] Unspecified (pp.3-9). [03] Reply to a question of Sayyid Yaḥyā Darābī al-Wāḥid al-Awwal ('The First Wāḥid') (pp.9-26). [04]

In commentary on a statement of Sayyid Kāzīm Rashtī (d.1259/1843)(pp.26-35). [05] To Sayyid Yaḥyā Darābī al-Wāḥid al-Awwal ('The First Wāḥid') (pp.35-44).

- [06] تفسير الواو في كلمة والصفات = Commentary upon the letter wāw (و) in the opening phrase of the first verse of the Sūrat al-Ṣāffāt, wa'l-Ṣāffāt, "By those arrayed in rows!" ("Qur'ān, 37:1a) (p. 44-60). In this work the Bab mentions al-jabal al-shadīd ("the Severe Mountain") which is one of the ways he referred to Mākū, the place of his imprisonment in Persian Ādhirbāyjān in 1848-9. [07] Continuation and conclusion of No [6] above (pp. 60-63). 
- [08] Explanation of the [eschatological-chronological implications] دائرة الایقغ , Dā'irat al-A+Y+Q-Gh (= abjad 1-10-100-1000), the Talismanic Circle of the Numerical series 1-10-100-1000") (pp. 63-65). 
- [09] Answer to Shaykh Nāṣir al-Dīn Karbalā'ī, written in 1264/1848 (pp. 65-77).
- [10] On the بسیط الحقيقة Basīṭ al-Ḥaqīqa ("The Unicity-Simplicity of Reality [is all things]" of Mulla Sadra al-Din Shirazi (d. Basra, c. 1050 /1640-1), (pp. 77-88). 
- [11] Answer to the Mu'tamad al-Dawla, Manūchihr Khān Gurjī (d. 1264/1847) one time Governor of Isfahan (pp. 88-93). 
- [12] Answer to the Governor of Shūshtar (pp. 93-100). [13] Answer to a student on the queries in the Qur'ān (pp.100-104). [14] On the Mi'rāj (Night Journey) [cf. Qur'an 17:1f] in the Land of Ṣād (Isfahān) (pp. 104-106).
- [15] Explanation of a tradition of the Imam Riḍā' (pp. 106-108). [16] Answer to Ḥājī Muhammad, written from Mākū (pp. 108-111). [17] Answer to an enquirer in Isfahān (pp. 111-115). [18] Answer to Sayyid Asadu'llāh of Qazwīn (pp. 115-116), dated Jumādā 1, 1263/ April-May, 1847, from "the Prison in the Mountain " (p.116-120). [19] Answer to Mullā Rajab 'Alī [Janāb-i-Qahīr] (pp. 120-127). [20] Answer to Sayyid Ahmad Āqā-Zāda (p. 126-7). [21] Answer to Mīrzā Muhammad 'Alī (p. 127-131). [22] Answer to Mīrzā 'Abdu'l-Wahhāb Munshī (p. 131-133). [23] Answer to the father of Sayyid Ḥusayn, written from Mākū (p. 133-135).
- [24] To Jināb-i-Ṭāhira (Qurrat al-'Ayn) [d. 1852 CE], from Mākū (p. 135-138). [25] Answer to Mullā Aḥmad Ibdāl [Maraghā'ī] (12th 'Letter of the Living', d. Tabarsi, 1848-9), from Mākū (p. 138-143). [26] To Sayyid Abu'l Ḥasan ibn Sayyid 'Alī Zunūzī, Commentary on the Du'ā al-Ṣabāḥ (Morning Prayer) of Imam 'Alī ibn Abi Talib (d. 40/661) dating from the Mākū period since the Bāb refers to being fi wast al-jibal ("in the centre of the mountain", p.145), (p. 143-155).
- [27] Commentary on the āyāt al-nūr ("Verse of Light "- Qur'ān 24:35) (p. 155-171). [28] Answer to Asad (pp. 171-189). [29] To Mīrzā Najaf-Qulī (pp. 189-192). [30] To two

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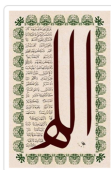
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- [An Introduction to the Tafsir Huruf al-basmala of the Bāb.](#) PDFs of mss. and printed texts of the Tafsir Huruf al-basmala. 
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- (5) Tafsir Surat al-Baqara ('The Cow', Q. 2) dating from early 1260/1844.- See above
- (6) Tafsir Surat Yusuf (Commentary on the Surah of Joseph, Q. 12), the Qayyum al-asma' (The Self-Subsisting Upholder of the Divine Names") or the Kitāb al-Husayniyya (The Husaynid Book) - See above.

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- [The Qur'ānic Light Verse, Q. 24: 35, and its Islamic Interpretations.](#)
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- (8) Tafsir Surat al-Nur / Ayāt al-Nūr (Light Q. 24:35), ('the light Verse') and a few others verses of Q. 24.



- [\(9\). Tafsir wāw of wa'l-Sāffāt \("Commentary on the \[letter\] wāw of وَالصَّافَّاتِ صَفًّا wa'l-saffāt", \(Q. 37:1a, The Surah of 'Those \[angels\] arrayed in rows'\) : وَالصَّافَّاتِ صَفًّا or "I call to witness those arrayed in rows". Some Introductory Notes .](#)
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- [\(11\) The Lawh Maḥfūz \("The Preserved Tablet", Qur'an 85:22\). Some Introductory Notes.](#)
- [\(12\) The Bāb in response to a question about the Lawh Maḥfūz \(Preserved Tablet\).](#)
- (13) Tafsir Surat Laylat al-Qadr (Q.97 'The Night of Destiny'). Introduction.
- [The Qur'anic Sūrat al-Qadr \(The Surah of Destiny\), Q. 97.](#)
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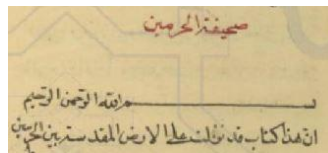


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- Sayyid `Ali Muhammad Shirazi (d. 1850 CE), the Bab, on the Isra'-Mi`raj. Introduction.
- [CUL F.21 \[9\] Q.14. 'On the Mi'rāj \(Night Journey\) \[cf. Qur'an 17:1f\] in the Land of Sād \(Isfahān\) \(pp. 104-106\). Pdf.](#) 
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- [Sahifa bayn al-haramayn \(The Epistle \[written\] between the Twin Shrines\)](#), Introduction, Extant mss., Notes.
- Sahifa bayn al-Haramayn mss. PDFs of Arabic mss. Pdf.1 
[Haramayn-Majlis-lib.ms.pdf](#) / Pdf.2 
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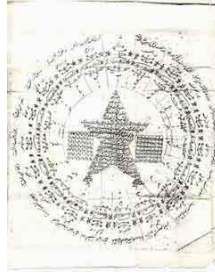
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 - Khuṭba fi'l-Masqat ("Sermon at Muscat"). Khuṭba written in Masqat [Musqat].
- Khuṭba on the sufferings of the Imam Husayn' (= Khuṭba fi'l safina).  Lambden Translation
- Three khuṭbas revealed on the way to Mecca.
- Khuṭba for Mullā Ḥusayn revealed on board ship' = 'A khuṭba revealed in Jidda at the time of the embarkation on the ship').

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- Khuṭba Jidda (The Sermon nigh Jeddah). Abstract of early paper. [Kh-jiddah-Abstract.pdf](#)
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- The Khuṭba associated with the Tafsir Surat al-Baqara of the Bab (late 1843).
- [A Khuṭba \(Sermon\) of the Bāb composed near Medina.](#)
- Khuṭba revealed one stage from Medina'
- Two khuṭbas revealed near the staging-post of al-Safra'
- 'A Khuṭba [written] one stage from Medina'
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- [The Khutba-yi qahriyya \(The Literary Oration or the "Sermon of Wrath". Introduction, Notes and Mss PDFs](#) 
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- (i) Five addressed to Mullā Ḥusayn Bushrū'ī, the first of the 'Letters of the Living' (d. Tabarsī 1849 CE).
- (ii) Three addressed to Mīrzā Sayyid Ḥasan, the great Afnan and brother-in-law of the Bab (d. xxxx/xxxx CE).
- (iii) [The Kitāb al-'Ulamā'](#) ("Book of the Ulamā'") primarily addressed to the divines ('ulama') of Qajar Persia and elsewhere'. 
- Extract translated by Nicholas, 1934 (= Quelques Documents Relatifs au Babism), 114-118.. (from a mss. in the Bibliotheque Nationale).
- (iv) [To Mullā Ḥasan Gawhar \(d. 1266/1849 CE\), a leading Shaykhī and early opponent of the Bāb.](#) 
- (v) To the Ottoman Sulṭān `Abd al-Majīd (d. 1861 CE). Text and Introduction. (1a) Partial French translation Nicholas (1934) Quelques Documents Relatifs au Babism. (2) Translation Stephen Lambden : 

SELECT LETTERS TO THE FAMILY OF THE BAB

Letters to the Maternal uncle of the Bab, Ḥājī Mīrzā Sayyid `Alī (d. 1852 CE)


- Six Letters/Tablets addressed to the maternal uncle of the Bab, Ḥājī Mīrzā Sayyid `Alī (d. 1852 CE), his guardian known as the Khāl-i A`ẓam ("the Greatest Uncle"). One of the seven martyrs of Tehran. (1) Add (6) Letter sent with Quddus to Shiraz for Ḥājī Mirza Sayyid `Alī. (6a) French trans. in Nicolas, Séyyèd Ali Mohammed, (1905), pp. 214-18. (vii) 2 to Ḥājī Mullā Muhammad.
- Two for Khadījah Bagum (d. 1882 CE), the wife of the Bab and cousin of the mother of the Bab. (1) The 'First Letter to Khadījah Bagum, the wife of the Bab'. See Balyuzi, The

Bab (1973); at the front is a good photograph of the autograph original text. (2) The Second Letter to Khadījah Bagum, the wife of the Bab.

LETTERS TO ISLAMIC AND SHI'Ī-SHAYKHI NOTABLES

- Letter to Muhammad Kāẓīm Khān (d. CE). (xvii) to Shaykh Khalaf (d. XXXX CE). Letter to Shaykh Sulaymān [of Muscat?] (d. CE). (xviii) to Shaykh Sulaymān [of Muscat?] (d. CE). Partly translated in Selections, pp. 35-37. Letter to the Sharīf Sulaymān of Mecca (d. CE).
- Letter to Sharīf Sulaymān of Mecca (d. CE) = (1) Text partly published in translated in Selections From the Writings of the Bab (1978), pp. 29-30.
- Three Tablets to the Sunni Ḥanbalī, Maghribī, and Ḥanafī Imāms.
- Tablet to the Kirmani Shaykhī leader Ḥājī Mirza Muhammad Karīm Khān Kīrmānī (d. 1288/1871).
- Letter to Sayyid Ibrahīm [Mahāllatī?] (d. CE).
- Letter to Sayyid `Alī Kirmānī (d. CE). Letter to Sulaymān Khān (d. CE).
- [Letter to Hajji Mirza Muhammad Kārim Khān Kirmani \(d. 1871CE\).](#) 
- Tablet to the Sunni exegete and scholar Abū al-Thana', Shihāb al-Dīn al-Ālūsī (d.1270 / 1854).
- [الآلوسي The Letter of the Bab to Abū al-Thana', Shihāb al-Dīn al-Ālūsī \(d.1270 /1854\).](#)

LETTERS TO SELECT LEADING BABIS

- [Letter to Mina `Abd al-Bāqī Rashtī \(d. CE\). \(xiii\) to Mīrzā Sayyid Hasan Khurāsānī \(d. CE\). \(xiv\) to Shaykh Rafī` \(d. CE\).](#)
- [Two Letters/Tablets to to Mullā Sādiq \[Muqaddas\] Khurāsānī. See Nicolas 1905 \(french trans.\) and Afnan `Ahd-i a`la, 101 \(extract from the Second Letter\).](#)
- [First Letter to Mullā Šādiq \[Muqaddas\] Khurāsānī](#)
- [Second Letter to Mullā Šādiq \[Muqaddas\] Khurāsānī. Text + Trans. Pdf. Bab -Khurasani No 2.pdf](#) 
- [Qa'imīyya - A Letter, Scriptural Tablet of the Bab to Mullā Shaykh Alī Turshīzī entitled `Azīm \(d. Tehran 1852\).](#)
- [An Untitled Letter-Tablet of the Bab dealing with `Abd -component letters, ` - b-d and other matters.](#)



THE FOUR OR FIVE LETTERS TO MUHAMMAD SHAH QAJAR (1808-1848).

Extract from the Qayyum al-asma', Surat al-Mulk (May 23rd, 1844).



[23] "O king of Islam! [Muhammad Shah r.1834-1848] (lit. "king of the Muslims", malik al-muslimūn). Aid thou, with the truth, after having aided the Book, Him Who is Our Most Great Remembrance (dhikrinā al-akbar) for God hath, in very truth, destined for thee, and for such as circle round thee, on the Day of Judgment [Resurrection], a responsible position in His Path" (SWB:41)



See further Qayyum al-asma', Surat al-Mulk, verses 24-29.

- [An early Letter of the Bab to Muhammad Shah Qajar \(d. 5th September 1848\).](#) 
- A Letter to Muhammad Shah Qajar II - from Web I. [Bab-Muhammad Shah II.pdf](#) 
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Devotional Writings and Ziyārat-Nama ("Visiting Tablets")

- The Du`a-yi Alf ("Supplication of the Thousand") of the Bāb. 
- [The Bab دعای الف Du`a Alf -"The Supplication of the "Thousand" \(c.1260/1845\).](#)
- [Du`a-yi Ṣaḥīfa \(The Supplication of the Scroll\[s\]\) = Ṣaḥīfa-yi makhzūna \("The Treasured Scroll"\)](#)
- Ṣaḥīfa al-Ḥujjatiyya ("The Scroll of the Proof"). This Arabic work consists of fourteen du`as "supplications" or "prayers" and is mentioned in both the the 1845 Kitab al-fihrist (Book of the Index) as well as the Khutba Dhikriyya within the Sahifa Radawiyya (1846). It consists of "fourteen Du`ās" ("supplications", "prayers") which "were manifest at the commencement (bad') of the [Babi] Cause (al-amr)" (Khutba Dhikriyya Ar. text cited Afnan, 2000: 473). 






- [Sahīfa a`māl al-sana](#) ("Treatise detailing the [Religio-Devotional] Acts of the Year"). Bushire, 1261/1845. In the Khutba al-dhikriyya this text (the fifth of fourteen items) is referred to as the *Ṣaḥīfa al-Fatimiyya* ("The Fāṭimid Scroll-Treatise"). Pdf.  [Sahifa a`mal al-sana - Tehran Majlis Lib. No.12448-c.pdf](#) 

SELECT PRAYERS IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS

- (1) Prayer in reply to twenty questions. (2) Prayer in reply to al-`Alawiyya. (3) Prayer in reply to Mullā `Abd al-Khāliq [Yazdī] (d. XXX/XXX). (4) Prayer in reply to Karbalā`ī `Alī Aṣghar (d. XXX/XXX). (5) Prayer in reply to Mullā `Abd al-Jalīl [Urūmī] (d. XXX/XXX) on the *sijdat al-shukr* ("thanksgiving prostration"). (6) Prayer in reply to Mīrzā Muhammad `Alī Nahrī (d. XXX/XXX). (7) Prayer in reply to Mullā Aḥmad Khurāsānī [Mu`āllim-i Ḥisārī?](d. XXX/XXX), Dī`bil, and the son of Mīrzā `Alī al-Akhbarī (d. XXX/XXX). (8) Prayer in reply to Mīrzā Hādī (d. XXX/XXX) and Mīrzā Muhammad `Alī Qazvīnī (d. XXX/XXX). (9) Prayer in reply to Mullā Ibrahīm Mahallatī (d. XXX/XXX). (10) Prayer in reply to the Shi`i scholar Sayyid Ja`far Shubbar (d. XXX/XXX).



Ziyārat al-Zahrā

- [Ziyārat al-Zahrā : for Fatima daughter of the Prophet Muhammad :](#) 
- [Translation of the Ziyarat al-Zahra, the Tablet of Visitation for Fatima the Daughter of the Prophet Muhammad.](#)
- [The Tasbih \("Glorificatory Doxology"\) of Fatima and the Commentary of the Bab thereon.](#) 
- [Sharh Tasbīh \("Commentary on the Glorification"\) of Fāṭima Zahra \(d. 11/633\).](#) 
- [Introduction to the Imami Shi`i Lesser and Greater Comprehensive Ziyara, Visitation Tablets, along with those of those of the Bab.](#) 
- [The texts of the two main Imami Shi`i Comprehensive al-Ziyara texts deriving from the Imams.](#)
- [al-Ziyāra al-jāmi'a al- ṣaghīra \("The Lesser Comprehensive Visiting Tablet"\) of the Bab. Translation.](#) Pdf. [Ziyarat JS - Majlis library Tehran No.12448.pdf](#) 

- As Chapter 1 of Risāla furū` al-'adliyya : (1) Tehran, INBA 5006C, p. 2. (2) Majlis Library ms.
- [al-Ziyārat jāmi`a al-kabīra \("The Greater, Comprehensive Visiting Tablet"\) of the Bab. Translation, Pdf. Ziyarat JK-Tehran-Majlis Lib Ms No.12448.pdf](#) 
- [The Ziyarat-Nama \(Visitation Supplication\) of the Bab for Shaykh Aḥmad ibn Zayn al-Dīn al-Aḥsā'ī \(d. 1241/1826\).](#) 
- [The Du`a al-Hājat](#)
- An Acrostic Supplication of the Bāb for the fulfillment of one's wishes. 
- [Du`a Tawassul \(The Supplication of the Fervent Plea\).](#) 
- [The reply of the Bab to Questions of Mirza Muhammad Zavarih \[Zawara\].](#) 
- [A Letter for Mīrzā `Ali Muhammad al-Mudhahhib \(The Goldmith, Guildler\) or Risala fi Du`ā al-sabāh.](#) Pdf. INBMC 40: XXX-XXX =  [Mudhahhib INBMC 40.pdf](#) 
- Jawāb al-masā'il : Replies to forty one Questions.




The Bab and Select Shi'i Hadith Texts

The Earliest Period May 1844 - September 1846

Commentaries on Islamic traditions or Hadith Literatures.

Ḥadith are of the greatest significance in Sunni and Shi'i Islam. The word Ḥadith can indicate a textual tradition which sets down something of doctrinal or practical religious significance allegedly related to the Prophet Muhammad or to one or more of the Twelver Imams. Its text (Ar. matn) was often initially orally transmitted through a possibly lengthy and sometimes complicated and controversial chain of transmitters (Ar. isnad).

- Tafsīr Ḥadith al-Jāriyya on the `ilm al-ghayb (Knowledge of the Unseen), Early 1260 / 1844?
- [Tafsīr Ḥadith `Nahnu Wajh Allāh' \("We are Face of God"\).](#) 
- Tafsir Nahnu Wajh-Allah (Commentary on the Hadith 'We are the Face of God') TBA ms. 6006C, 69-72.
- [BAYĀN Dar Jabr wa Tafwīd](#) = "A Short Treatise of the Bab explaining the Ḥadīth of Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq that there is neither Jabr ("Foreordination") nor Tafwīd

("Freewill") for the matter is a situation (al-amr) betwixt two circumstances (al-amrayn). Pdf. 

- [An Exposition of two Hadith Texts, 'On Living in Both Worlds' and 'On the Hadith of 'Ama' for Sayyid Yahya Darabi.](#) Pdf. INBA ms. 6007C , pp.1-16. Pdf. Bab-Vahid 6007C.pdf Expanded Annotated Photocopy: Pdf. Bab-Vahid 6007C-exp.pdf
- Extracts from Islamic and Early Shaykhi Commentaries upon forms of the Delphic Maxim. The Commentaries of Shaykh Ahmad upon Islamic forms of the Delphic maxim. The Commentary of the Bab upon an Islamic form of the Delphic maxim.
- Tafsīr Ḥadīth 'Man 'arafa nafsa-hu fa-qad 'arafa rabba-hu' ("Whoso knoweth his self assuredly knoweth his Lord").



- (1)Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa I: Introduction, the Shī'i Origins and Commentaries.
- [\(1\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-ḥaqīqa I Introduction, the Shī'ī Origins and Commentaries.](#)
- [Texts and Translations of the Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa.](#)
- [\(2\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-ḥaqīqa II : Shaykh Ahmad al-Ahsāī and Early Shaykhism.](#)
- [Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa II : Shaykh Aḥmad al-Ahsāī and Early Shaykhism.](#)
- [Shaykh Aḥmad al-Aḥsā'ī on an Islamic form of the Delphic Maxim - Introduction](#)
- [Shaykh Aḥmad al-Aḥsā'ī on an Islamic form of the Delphic Maxim with extensive Commentary on the Hadith al-haqīqa - Annotated Translation.](#)
- [\(3\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa, III : The Commentary of the Bāb upon the Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa.](#)
- [\(3\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-ḥaqīqa, III : the Commentary of the Bāb upon the Ḥadīth al-ḥaqīqa](#)
- [\(4\) The Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa \(Tradition Regarding Ultimate Reality\) IV : In the writings of the Bab, early Babis and the writings of Baha'-Allah and his successors.](#)
- [\(4\) Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-ḥaqīqa IV : Further writings of the Bāb, Early Babis, Baha'-Allah and his successors.](#)
- Tafsīr Ḥadīth. Tafsīr Ḥadīth Tafsīr Ḥadīth = Tafsīr Ḥadīth = Tafsīr Ḥadīth

- Farid Radmehr, شرح حديث كنت كنز از حضرت اعلى (A Study in the Báb's Commentary on "Hidden Treasure") in سفینه عرفان دفتر دهم (Safinah-yi `Irfan, vol 10), pp. 38-73 (© 2007, 'Irfán Colloquia). PDF. [Radmehr-Treasure.pdf](#)

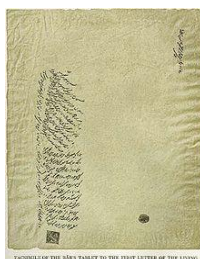


Kitāb al-Fihrist ("The Book of the Index").



- The Kitāb al-Fihrist ("The Book of the Index"). Extant mss. Introduction and Translations.
- [The Kitāb al-Fihrist \("The Book of the Index"\)](#) . Mss. Text and Translation.

THE TABLETS TO THE EIGHTEEN LETTERS OF THE LIVING+



The Letters of the Bab to the Ḥurūf al-Ḥayy ('Letters of the Living')





حروف الحي











The Beta translations - Stephen Lambden. UC Merced. 2021.

The Ḥurūf al-Ḥayy, 'Letters of the Living' and their numerical order are generally listed below as they are associated and listed in the Muhammad Nabil-i Zarandī (d.1892 CE) volume as redacted by in English by Shoghi Effendi as The Dawn-Breakers (1st ed. 1932). Other sources occasionally offer alternative, names, identifications or order of 'Letters of the Living'. In their original Arabic the eighteen or nineteen texts are addressed to individual haykal (pl. hayakil), or (loosely) pentadic embodiments or Temples. The recipients of these eighteen or nineteen texts are for the most part not named though in No.18 Quddus is explicitly mentioned.

Facsimile colour photographs of these letters or alwāḥ (scriptural Tablets) of the Bāb in his own handwriting and sealed with his seal with the inscription, (=عَبْدُهُ الذِّكْرُ 'Abdu-hu al-Dhikr', 'His Servant, the Remembrance') are printed in Shoghi Effendi's re-creation ("translation" of Pt.I) of the Tarikh-i Zarandi, entitled by the Baha'i Guardian as The Dawn-Breakers (1st ed. 1932). The 'Tablet to the First Letter of the Living' is translated in 'Selections From he

Writings of the Bab (Haifa: BWC., 1976 [82]), pp. 9-10 and that to man yuzhīru-hu Allāh ('Him whom God shall make manifest') understood by Baha'is to refer to Baha'-Allah on pp. 3-5 (+6-8 another Tablet; see below). These twenty or so Tablets appear to date from the first-second or earliest years (1260-1262 = mid. 1844-1846) of the Bab's six year prophetic mission (mid. 1844-mid.1850 CE), though perhaps not to the time when he first dispatched the 'Letters of the Living' on their mission of proclamation in summer 1260/mid.1844. It is hoped to fully translate these texts once their original Arabic has been tentatively established. A few divergent readings are likely to persist. In this latter respect I have been grateful for the generous, insightful help of the late Dr. Muhammad Afnan (d. Canada, 2017).



- [The Scriptural alwāh \(Tablets\) of the Bāb to the Hurūfāt al-Hayy \('Letters of the Living'\).](#)
An Overview of the List.
- **Mullā Ḥusayn Bushrūṭī**, the Bab al-Bab (Gate to the Gate), Some Biographical and Bibliographical Notes and Studies.
- [\[1\] Tablet to the First Letter of the Living.](#) ملا حسين بشروني **Mullā Ḥusayn Bushrūṭī** (c. 1813-d. [Ṭabarsī] 1265 /1849) a devout Shaykhī entitled, Bāb al-Bāb (the Gate of the Gate). Trans. Taherzadeh, SWB: 9-10. Pdf.
- [\[2\] Tablet to the Second Letter of the Living,](#) Muhammad Ḥasan Bushrūṭī (brother of [1] (d. Ṭabarsī 1265 /1849). Lambden Trans. Pdf. 
- [\[2A\] Tablet to the Second Letter of the Living as Mulla `Ali Bastami](#) (d. Istanbul c. 1264 /1846)-see [4] below
- [\[3\] Tablet to the Third Letter of the Living, Muhammad Baqir Bushrūṭī](#) (d. Ṭabarsī 1265 /1849). Lambden Trans. Pdf. 
- [\[4\] Tablet to the Fourth Letter of the Living, Mulla `Ali Bastami](#) (d. Istanbul c. 1264 /1846). Lambden Trans. .
- [\[5\] Tablet to the Fifth Letter of the Living, Mulla Khuda-Bakhsh Quchani.](#) Pdf. 
- [\[6\] Tablet to the Sixth Letter of the Living, Mulla Hasan Bajistani.](#) Pdf. 
- [\[7\] Tablet to the Seventh Letter of the Living, Sayyid Husayn Yazdi](#) (d. 1852). Pdf. 
- [\[8\] Tablet to the Eighth Letter of the Living, Mulla Muhammad Rawdah-Khan Yazdi](#) (d. 12XX/18XX). 
- [\[9\] Tablet to the Ninth Letter of the Living, Shaykh Sa'id / Sa'en-i Hindi of Multan, India-Pakistan.](#) 
- [\[10\] Tablet to the Tenth Letter of the Living, Mulla Mahmud Khu'i](#) (d. Ṭabarsī 1265 /1849). 
- [\[11\] Tablet to the Eleventh Letter of the Living, Mulla `And al-Jalil Urumi \(Urdubadi\)](#) (d. Ṭabarsī 1265 /1849). 

- [\[12\] Tablet to the Twelfth Letter of the Living, Mulla Ahmad Maragha'i \(d. Tabarsī 1265 /1849\).](#) 
- Mulla Muhammad Baqir Tabrizi (d.Ustanbul c.1881), the Thirteenth Letter of the Living. 
- [\[13\] Tablet to the Thirteenth Letter of the Living, Mulla Muhammad Baqir Tabrizi \(d. Istanbul c. 1881\).](#) 
- [From a Tablet of the Bāb to Mullā Muhammad Baqīr Tabrīzī \(d. Istanbul c. 1881 CE\) about, the messianic and theophanic figure `Man Yuzhiruhu Allah' \(Him whom God shall make manifest. Bab-Tabrizi-.pdf](#) 
- Arabic and Persian text from Gulpaygani, et. al. Kashf al-ghita App. I. [Bab-Tabrizi-Txt.pdf](#) 
- [\[14\] Tablet to the Fourteenth Letter of the Living, Mulla Yusuf Ardabili \(d. Tabarsī 1265 /1849\).](#) 
- [\[X\] A Tablet of the Bab to the erudite mujtahid and possibly crypto-Babi `Abd al-Wahhab Qazvini \(d. c. 1265/1847 or c. 1270/1853\) as transmitted by Muhammad Kazim Samandar \(d.1918\) in his Tarikh,](#)
- [\[15\] Tablet to the Fifteenth Letter of the Living, Mulla Hadi Qazvini \(d. 18XX \).](#) Lambden Pdf. 
- [\[16\] Tablet to the Sixteenth Letter of the Living, Muhammad `Ali Qazvini \(d. Tabarsī 1265 /1849\).](#) 
- [\[17\] Tablet to the Seventeenth Letter of the Living, Fatima Baraghani, Tahirah, Qurrat al-`Ayn \(d. September 1852\). Pdf.](#) 
- [A Letter of Tahirah, Qurrat al-`Ayn to Mulla Husayn Bushru'i, Jinab-i Bab al-Bab \(The Gate of the Gate\), 2020.](#) 





MUHAMMAD `ALI BARFURUSHI, QUDDUS AND HIS WRITINGS.

- [\[18\] Tablet to the Eighteenth Letter of the Living, Muhammad `Ali Barfurushi, Quddus \(the Most Holy\) \(d. May, 1849\). Pdf.](#) 

- Select writings of Mulla Muhammad `Ali Barfurushi, Quddus (d. c. 16th May, 1849)., Texts and Translations:
- I.
- II III. IV.
- [A Ziyarat-Namah of the Bab for Mulla Muhammad `Ali Barfurushi, Quddus \(d. c. 16th May, 1849\).](#) 
- [\[19\] Tablet to the Nineteenth Haykal or Living of the Living, the Bab himself \(c.1266/1850\),](#)






MAN YUZHIRU-HU ALLAH - THE EVER RETURNING BABI MESSIAH FIGURE.

- [Two Alwah \('Scriptural Tablets'\) of the Bāb addressed to the Babi Messiah Figure Man Yuzhiru-hu Allāh, 'He Whom God shall make manifest'. Pdf. SWB.](#) 
- Man yuzhiru-hu Allāh, 'Him / The One whom God shall make manifest' after Man yuzhiru-hu Allāh in successive future eras. November 2020. 

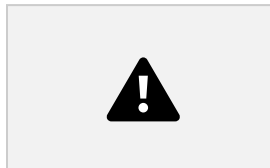


Select Writings of the Bab dating to the Isfahan Period

(September 1846-> March 1847 CE)

- [The Qur'ānic Surat al-`Asr \(Surah of the Afternoon\), Q. 103. Introduction and Notes.](#)
- [The Tafsir Surat al-`Asr \(Surah of the Afternoon\) of the Bāb. Mss. texts and Translation.](#)

- [The Letters to Manūchihr Khan Governor of Isfahan, Mu`tamid al-Dawla \(d. 1847\).](#)
- [Risāla fī'l-nubuwwa al-khaṣṣah \(The Treatise on the Specific Prophethood \[of Muhammad\]\). Introduction.](#)
- Pdfs of texts of the Risāla fī'l-nubuwwa al-khaṣṣa. 

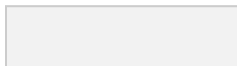
- [Translation of excerpts from the Risāla fī'l-nubuwwa al-khaṣṣa.](#)
- [al-Lawāmi` al-Badī` \("The Wondrous Brilliances"\).](#)
- Introduction, Extant mss. and Translations. ☐
- [Letter to Tafsir for to Mīrzā Ḥasan Waqāyī Nigār. Introduction and translation.](#)
- PDFs. [Waqayi-INBMC 40.pdf](#) ☐
- [Şaḥīfa Ja`fariyya = Sharh Du`a al-Ghayba, Introduction, Extant mss.](#)
- Pdfs of mss. of the Şaḥīfa Ja`fariyya = Sharh Du`a al-Ghayba. ☐
- Translations from the Arabic text of the Şaḥīfa Ja`fariyya = Sharh Du`a al-Ghayba.
- [The Şaḥīfa-yi `adliyya \("Treatise on Justice"\).](#) ☐
- [Risāla furū` al-`adliyya \("The Treatise on the Branches of Justice"\) Introduction, Extant mss. and Translations.](#) ☐



THE LAST YEARS IN PERSIAN ĀDHIRBĀYJĀN : AT MĀKŪ AND CHIHRĪQ

(March 1263/1847-> 1266/ July 9th 1850 CE)

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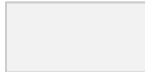
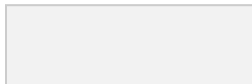
- [The Dala'il-i Sab`ah \(The Seven Proofs\), Persian. Introduction and Notes.](#)
- [The Dala'il-i Sab`ah \(The Seven Proofs\), Persian. Extant mss. Texts and Translations.](#) ☐
- [The Dala'il-i Sab`a \(The Seven Proofs\), Arabic Introduction and Notes.](#)
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THE PERSIAN AND ARABIC BAYANS



- [The Persian Bayān Introduction, Extant mss. and Translations.](#)
- [Some PDFs of mss. and printed texts of the Persian Bayan:](#) ☐
- English and French translations of portions of the Persian Bayan: ☐.
- Edward G. Browne Summary of the contents of the Persian Bayan: ☐
- [The Exordium to the Persian Bayan. Trans. MacEoin + Notes.](#)
- [I The First Unity \(al-wāhid al-avval\).](#)
- [II The Second Unity \(al-wāhid al-thani\).](#)
- [III The Third Unity.](#)
- [IV The Fourth Unity.](#)
- V The Fifth Unity.
- VI The Sixth Unity.
- VII The Seventh Unity.
- VIII The Eighth Unity.
- IX The Ninth Unity.

THE ARABIC BAYAN







- [The Arabic Bayan : Introduction, mss. Printed texts and Translations.](#)
- Towards a critical edition of al-Bayan al-`Arabi (The Arabic Bayan).
- [Some PDFs of mss. and printed texts of the Arabic Bayan:](#)
- Pdf. Ms. Atatürk Library in Istanbul: Atatürk Kitaplığı, Istanbul, OE_Yz_1724 :
[Ar-Bayan-Ataturk 1724.pdf](#) (Thanks to Dr. Necati Alkan). ☐
- The complete text printed in 1381/1962 in [al-Babiyun wa'l-Baha'iyun.pdf](#) ☐
- [I The Arabic Bayan \(al-wahid al-awwal\), Prolegomenon and Persian Synopsis.](#)
- Arabic Bayan 1 - Web I 2009-10. Pdf. [Ar-Bayan I Web I.pdf](#) ☐
- [II The Second Unity \(al-wāhid al-thānī\).](#)

- Arabic Bayan II - Web I 2009-10. PDf. [Ar-Bayan II Web I.pdf](#) ☐
- [III The Third Unity \(al-wāḥid al-thālith\).](#)
- Arabic Bayan III - Web I 2009-10. PDf. [Ar-Bayan III Web I.pdf](#) ☐
- [IV The Fourth Unity.](#)
- Arabic Bayan IV - Web I 2009-10. PDf. [Ar-Bayan IV.pdf](#) ☐
- [V The Five Unity.](#)
- Arabic Bayan V - Web I 2009-10. PDf.
- VI The Six Unity.
- Arabic Bayan VI - Web I 2009-10. PDf.
- VII The Seventh Unity.
- Arabic Bayan VII - Web I 2009-10. PDf.
- VIII The Eighth Unity.
- Arabic Bayan VIII - Web I 2009-10. PDf.
- IX The Ninth Unity.
- Arabic Bayan IX - Web I 2009-10. PDf.
- X The Tenth Unity.
- Arabic Bayan X - Web I 2009-10. PDf.
- XI The Eleventh Unity.
- Arabic Bayan XI - Web I 2009-10. PDf.

SELECT LATER LETTERS AND WRITINGS OF THE BAB.

LIST UNDER REVISION

- [01] Reply to one of the believers (pp.1-3). [02] Unspecified (pp.3-9). [03] Reply to a question of Sayyid Yaḥyā Darābī al-Wāḥid al-Awwal ('The First Wāḥid') (pp.9-26). [04] In commentary on a statement of Sayyid Kāẓim Rashtī (d.1259/1843)(pp.26-35). [05] To Sayyid Yaḥyā Darābī al-Wāḥid al-Awwal ('The First Wāḥid') (pp.35-44).
- [06] تفسير الواو في كلمة والصفات = Commentary upon the letter wāw (و) in the opening phrase of the first verse of the Sūrat al-Şāffāt, wa'l-Şāffāt, "By those arrayed in rows!" ("Qur'ān, 37:1a) (p. 44-60). In this work the Bab mentions al-jabal al-shadīd ("the Severe Mountain") which is one of the ways he referred to Mākū, the place of his

- imprisonment in Persian Ādhirbāyjān in 1848-9. [07] Continuation and conclusion of No [6] above (pp. 60-63). 
- [08] Explanation of the [eschatological-chronological implications] دائرة الایقغ , Dā'irat al-A+Y+Q-Gh (= abjad 1-10-100-1000), the Talismanic Circle of the Numerical series 1-10-100-1000") (pp. 63-65). 
 - [09] Answer to Shaykh Nāṣir al-Dīn Karbalā'ī, written in 1264/1848 (pp. 65-77).
 - [10] On the بسیط الحقیقة Basīṭ al-Ḥaqīqa ("The Unicity-Simplicity of Reality [is all things]" of Mulla Sadra al-Din Shirazi (d. Basra, c. 1050 /1640-1), (pp. 77-88). 
 - [11] Answer to the Mu'tamad al-Dawla, Manūchihr Khān Gurjī (d. 1264/1847) one time Governor of Isfahan (pp. 88-93). 
 - [12] Answer to the Governor of Shūshtar (pp. 93-100). [13] Answer to a student on the queries in the Qur'ān (pp.100-104). [14] On the Mi'rāj (Night Journey) [cf. Qur'an 17:1f] in the Land of Ṣād (Isfahān) (pp. 104-106).
 - [15] Explanation of a tradition of the Imam Riḍā' (pp. 106-108). [16] Answer to Ḥājji Muhammad, written from Mākū (pp. 108-111). [17] Answer to an enquirer in Isfahān (pp. 111-115). [18] Answer to Sayyid Asadu'llāh of Qazwīn (pp. 115-116), dated Jumādā 1, 1263/ April-May, 1847, from "the Prison in the Mountain " (p.116-120). [19] Answer to Mullā Rajab 'Alī [Janāb-i-Qahīr] (pp. 120-127). [20] Answer to Sayyid Ahmad Āqā-Zāda (p. 126-7). [21] Answer to Mīrzā Muhammad 'Alī (p. 127-131). [22] Answer to Mīrzā 'Abdu'l-Wahhāb Munshī (p. 131-133). [23] Answer to the father of Sayyid Ḥusayn, written from Mākū (p. 133-135).
 - [24] To Jināb-i-Ṭāhira (Qurrat al-'Ayn) [d. 1852 CE], from Mākū (p. 135-138). [25] Answer to Mullā Aḥmad Ibdāl [Maraghā'ī] (12th 'Letter of the Living', d. Tabarsi, 1848-9), from Mākū (p. 138-143). [26] To Sayyid Abu'l Ḥasan ibn Sayyid `Alī Zunūzī, Commentary on the Du`ā al-Ṣabāḥ (Morning Prayer) of Imam `Ali ibn Abi Talib (d. 40/661) dating from the Mākū period since the Bāb refers to being fi wast al-jibal ("in the centre of the mountain", p.145), (p. 143-155).
 - [27] Commentary on the āyāt al-nūr ("Verse of Light "- Qur'ān 24:35) (p. 155-171). [28] Answer to Asad (pp. 171-189). [29] To Mīrzā Najaf-Qulī (pp. 189-192). [30] To two persons from "the Land of Paradise" (pp. 192-196). [31] To Mullā Ahmad (pp. 196-223). [32] Letter to the `Ulamā' (pp. 224-232). (List based on the Browne-Nicholson, Catalogue p.62),
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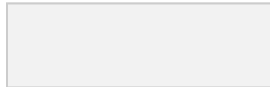


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