

*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.*

Bahá 'u'llá h

*Cleanse from your hearts the love of worldly things, from your tongues every remembrance except His remembrance, from your entire being whatsoever may deter you from beholding His face, or may tempt you to follow the promptings of your evil and corrupt inclinations.*

Bahá 'u'llá h

*The whole universe is but a handful of clay in His grasp. Unless one recognize God and love Him, his cry shall not be heard by God in this Day. This is of the essence of His Faith, did ye but know it.*

Bahá 'u'llá h

*Wherefore must the veils of the satanic self be burned away at the fire of love, that the*

*spirit may be purified and cleansed and thus may know the station of the Lord of the Worlds.*

Bahá 'u'llá h

*Let the flame of the love of God burn brightly within your radiant hearts.*

Bahá 'u'llá h

*O SON OF BEING!*

*Love Me, that I may love thee. If thou lovest Me not, My love can in no wise reach thee. Know this, O servant.*

Bahá 'u'llá h

*In the garden of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love, and from the nightingale of affection and desire loosen not thy hold.*

Bahá 'u'llá h

*The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men.*

Bahá 'u'llá h

*Know thou of a certainty that Love is the secret of God's holy Dispensation, the manifestation of the All-Merciful, the fountain of spiritual outpourings. Love is heaven's kindly light, the Holy Spirit's eternal breath that vivifieth the human soul. Love is the cause of God's revelation unto man, the vital bond inherent, in accordance with the divine creation, in the realities of things. Love is the one means that ensureth true felicity both in this world and the next. Love is the light that guideth in darkness, the living link that uniteth God with man, that assureth the progress of every illumined soul. 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. Love revealeth with unfailing and limitless power the mysteries latent in the universe. Love is the spirit of life unto the adorned body of mankind, the establisher of true civilization in this mortal world, and the shedder of imperishable glory upon every high-aiming race and nation.*

‘Abdu'l-Bahá

*Love is light in whatsoever house it may shine and enmity is darkness in whatsoever abode it dwell.*

‘Abdu'l-Bahá

*O ye beloved of the Lord! Strive to become the manifestations of the love of God, the lamps of divine guidance shining amongst the kindreds of the earth with the light of love and concord.*

‘Abdu'l-Bahá

*So far as ye are able, ignite a candle of love in every meeting, and with tenderness rejoice and cheer ye every heart.*

‘Abdu'l-Bahá

*And whatsoever people turneth its heart away from this Divine Love—the revelation of the Merciful—shall err grievously, shall fall into despair, and be utterly destroyed. That people shall be denied all refuge, shall become even as the vilest creatures of the earth, victims of degradation and shame.*

‘Abdu'l-Bahá

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