13. Súratu'l-Firdaws ~ Súrah of Paradise, comprising forty-two Verses In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

"Send him with us tomorrow, that he may relax and play for a time, and verily, we shall be his chaperones." Tá Há Mím. 4 Blessed is He—He besides Whom there is none other God except Him-within Whose Hand lieth the Command, for He, God, is ever Powerful over all things. 5 Yea, verily, We have foreordained, in accordance with the truth, a reversal in the fortunes of every life-but with every hardship, in very truth, cometh ease. 6 That perchance the people may come to know that the Gate of God is indeed true, for He, God, is ever a Witness of the faithful. 7 He is the One Who hath brought the sun and the moon to a reckoning through the Fire, for We have ordained that these two-in accordance with the Command of the Book-be justly balanced through Divine Revelation, in accordance with the truth, within the Fulcrum of the Fire. 8 The sun doth not reach out to overtake the moon in its course, nor doth the moon outstrip the sun in its brilliance-for each there is an allotted, prescribed course, and there is nothing in all existence save that He hath decreed it within the Mother Book through that specified Gate. 9 He is the One Who hath revealed these Verses through the Clouds of His Power, from the Olive Tree which is neither of the East nor of the West-nor is it earthly or heavenly-traced along that parallel within the Meridian of the Stable Path, by the leave of the Most Gracious, revealed within the vicinity of the Gate. 10 O devoted servants of the Most Gracious, should ye have genuine faith in the One True God, have no doubt about the Cause of the Remembrance, for God, your True Protector, is ever Powerful to accomplish all things. 11 Yea, verily, We have clarified the Verses within that Book, in very truth, unto those endued with perception amongst the community of the Báb-those who have been appointed within the Book of God, the Mighty, around the Fire. 12 These are they who have genuine, sincere faith in their Lord, and they shall be upon the Straight Path during the Resurrection. 13 They are those who do not fashion another God besides God, who faithfully fulfill the Covenant of the One True God, along the Just Line-with fervent devotion. 14 These are the people who have entered Paradise, by the leave of God, to dwell therein forevermore. There is no aspiration there save the goodwill of the Spirit from the Presence of the Remembrance of God, the Most Exalted, for He, God, is ever Mighty, Supreme. 15 They are the ones reclining upon fine crimson cushions, settled around the Threshold of the Gate. 16 They perceive neither the sun nor the air save that they are first greeted by Angels of the Most Exalted Remembrance of God, bearing witness unto the Name of God, the Life-Giver- 17 Verily, this is the Day God, your Creator, promised unto His devoted servants! And they shall respond in Our Presence, Peace, peace! 18 O devoted servants of the Most Gracious, have We not made the earth, in very truth, spacious enough for you? 19 We have indeed ordained heaven to be above you, suspended exquisitely over the Heart of the Throne. 20 Yea, verily, We have fashioned you by the leave of God, the Ancient, Possessor of Majesty, as befitteth the truth, in successive stages. 21 What aileth you, that ye have lost all hope of reverence for God, the Most Great? 22 Did We not cause the sea to surge for you? 23 Did We not cause the earth to be amenable, that ye may draw out whatsoever ye cultivate for yourselves, as a divine Grace from the Gate, being grateful unto the One True God? 24 What aileth you, that ye have not even a morsel of faith in the Most exalted Remembrance of God, in accordance with the truth? 25 What aileth you, that ye deny the Most Praiseworthy Verses of God, without any rationale, arrogantly ridiculing them without any excuse. 26 Erelong shall the Fire from within the depths of the Ark encompass you, by the leave of the Most Exalted, for He, God, is ever Knowledgeable, Everlasting. 27 Yea, verily, God hath prepared, for the indulgent ones amongst you, a punishment along the Balanced Line, in very truth, a grievous, abiding punishment, as befitteth the truth. 28 When the brethren of Joseph said unto their Father, as befitteth the truth, Send him with us tomorrow in accordance with Thy Mystery, the mystery surrounding the parallel became concealed. 29 Yea, verily, We yearned to be with Joseph tomorrow, in accordance with the truth, as a Witness around the Fire. 30 Upon Whom God hath passed judgment, We said, Today the Most Great Word of the Fourfold Mystery, in accordance with the truth, belongeth solely unto God, the Ancient-He besides Whom there is none other God except Him-for He, God, is a Witness of all things. 31 When they said, O Father of ours! Send Him with us tomorrow, as befitteth the truth, that He may dwell securely within the snowy Point of the Cold Mountain, around the Point of Union, that He may indicate the Point of the Fire from the Mountain of Justice encompassing the Water of Separation, in accordance with the truth. Yea, We are, as befitteth the truth of God, the Most Praiseworthy, His chaperones. 32 Erelong Our adherents shall be questioned by Us concerning the manifestation of Our Cause-concerning this Most Great Gate, by the very essence of the truth-though many are bereft of even a single Letter of the Knowledge of the Book. 33 Verily, they shall say, Send Him with us

tomorrow, that He may relax and play for a time, and we shall be, in accordance with the truth, chaperones of His Cause before the Most Magnificent Gate, for the sake of God, the True Protector. 34 God is Greater than their tenacity in the Presence of the Báb, for the Portal within the Point of the Gate leading unto God, the most Exalted, is very narrow. 35 Yea, verily, We have imparted a knowledge which none hath ever known, aside from Us and the Person of the Báb, for God hath ever been, as befitteth the truth, *Knowledgeable* of all things. 36 Have ye not reflected deeply upon the formation of the heavens and the earth, nor considered the conception of your own selves? 37 Not even, in accordance with the truth, to the slightest degree? 38 Verily, God created not the heavens and the earth and whatsoever existeth between them, in accordance with the truth, without purpose or aim. 39 He is the One True God—He besides Whom there is none other God except Him—God hath cherished that ye be sincerely devoted to none but Him through the Path of this Gate. 40 Unto Him alone belongeth the very essence of the truth, for God is indeed Independent of all the worlds. 41 God is the One worthy of true devotion—there is none other God except Him—He is alone, without peer or partner, for He is indeed the One True God, in very truth, over all the worlds. 42 Were there any God besides Him, as befitteth the truth, a third, conflicting condition would necessarily have arisen.

14. Súratu'l-Quds ~ Súrah of Holiness (Jerusalem), comprising forty-two Verses In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

He said, "I am troubled that ye are taking him. I fear that the wolf may devour him, and ye will be heedless about it." Alif Lám Mím Tá. 3 God hath proclaimed the Supreme Testimony through the Most Great Word, rising up within the midst the Fire. 4 Wherefore, hearken unto that which is being disclosed unto Thee from Thy Lord, He is indeed the True One-there is none other God besides Him-for God is ever Powerful over all things. 5 God hath indeed revealed the Book through which all things are explained, as a Mercy and Glad Tidings unto Our most prominent adherents, those who have been concealed around the Fire by the Most Exalted Remembrance of God, within that Gate. 6 Erelong shall God, your true Protector, divulge unto you the True One, ascended unto His Throne, upon the Day of Resurrection, above the Line. 7 Verily, ye shall bear witness unto His power being suffused throughout all the worlds. 8 There, the people shall comprehend, by the True Command of God, the magnificent strength of the Cause of the Báb surrounding the Fire, in accordance with the truth. 9 Verily, on that day ye shall testify against your very own selves, while indentured unto God, and ye shall never find for yourselves any comforter, even for the slightest of circumstances, in accordance with the truth. 10 Ye have accomplished whatsoever ye have willed to accomplish, yet God hath willed whatsoever He hath willed, through of the Most Wondrous Remembrance of God, in accordance with the truth, revealed from within the Point of the Fire. 11 Yea, verily, We have produced the Story of the Book, by the leave of God, through a Mighty Soul, He Who is indeed Knowledgeable of the Mother Book. 12 Yea, verily, God is ever Powerful over things. 13 Indeed, the Command hath come unto you as a blessing from the Presence of God, in accordance with the truth. Should ye conceal the truth and act treacherously? What aileth you that ye denounce God, the Praiseworthy, your Creator? Yea, verily, He is a Witness of whatsoever His devoted servants accomplish, in accordance with the Most Magnificent Truth. 14 Erelong shall the Most Gracious imbue you with Fire during the Resurrection, which rageth from the Fire of the Blazing Inferno. 15 A recompense for your rejection of the Verses of the Book, revealed from the One True God upon Our Devoted Servant, and because ye were estranged from the truth, ungrateful and obstinate. 16 O devoted servants of God, hath not the former Message reached you? Indeed, ye have been informed about the Statute from God many times, in accordance with the truth. 17 He is the One for Whom there is no likeness, for He, God, is ever Mighty, Wise. 18 Have We not guided you by the ways of those gone before you? Ye shall discover no alteration with Our precedent, in accordance with the truth! 19 The Sunnah of God hath indeed existed before you, and I swear by your Lord, never shall the people find any variance within the Mighty Sunnah of God. 20 Yea, verily, We bestow Our grace upon whomsoever We will, through the True Remembrance of God, amongst those who responded unto the Most Exalted Remembrance of God, mentioned within the Mother Book, within the vicinity of the Gate, in accordance with the truth. 21 Yea, verily, We raised Him up from the Holy Place (Jerusalem)-a Most Memorable Event, in accordance with the truth. 22 That He may be the Most August Sign, in very truth, unto whomsoever hath come before and after you, by the leave of God, the Ancient, in very truth. 23 For He is the Witness of you, by Our leave. Erelong shall the Most Great Remembrance of God disclose unto you, during the Resurrection, that which ye have earned for your own selves, whether privily or publicly, by the leave of God, in accordance with that which hath been reckoned within the Preserved Book, in accordance with the truth. 24 Endure patiently with God, for yea, verily, God is ever Knowledgeable of all the worlds. 25 Endure patiently with God, O Remembrance of God, with exceptional patience, as befitteth the truth. 26 Yea, verily, We have appointed Thee to be a Custodian of the people, by the leave of God, the Most Exalted, and a Magistrate. 27 Erelong shall God relate the matter unto those within a distant land, by the leave of God, the Praiseworthy, in accordance with the truth-very soon. 28 I swear by your Lord! Lo, We are nearer unto you than ye are unto your own selves-what aileth you, that ye behold not, through the Majestic Remembrance of God, with true insight? 29 The day We shall exchange one frail bone for another, We shall summon the people, by the leave of the Remembrance, to appear around the Gate, humbled before the truth, as befitteth the truth, in a state of disarray. 30 Verily, that day the Truth shall belong solely unto Thy Lord, say: Whoso willeth should take that True Path unto God, their Lord, the Self-Sufficient, in accordance with the truth. 31 Erelong the Most Gracious shall summon you to prostrate before His Self, and ye shall find no strength to resist-who, then, shall protect you from God, as befitteth the truth, as a guardian? 32 Indeed, the sole Guardian is the One True God, and there is no Comforter for you other than God, the Most Gracious, in accordance with the truth. 33 Erelong shall God disclose unto you His Signs

through the enshrouding of the Sun, in accordance with the Decree of the Book, through the Path of the Báb, in accordance with the truth—very soon. 34 The thunder shall glorify His praise, and the Angels shall tremble from fright, for He, God, ever Encompasseth all things. 35 There is naught that doth not glorify His praise, but ye know naught even a single Letter of Knowledge from the Book, in accordance with the truth. 36 God—He besides Whom there is none other God except Him—hath indeed inspired Me—Lo, it is the truth from God—and God hath ordained that no discrepancy appear within Our Words concerning aught within the Book, with regard to the Point of the Báb. 37 For He is the One True God—He is ever a Witness of all things. 38 Yea, verily, We have made the Verses in this Book precise, by the leave of God, the Praiseworthy, and methodically arranged, in accordance with the truth. 39 We have not revealed even a single ambiguous Letter in this Book, for what God hath ordained for the faithful is the Supreme Testimony within the vicinity of the Báb. 40 I am deeply troubled that ye are taking Him, after knowing what God Himself hath revealed about Him in such an honorable manner, in accordance with the truth, within that Book. 41 I fear that the wolf may devour Him, and ye will be led far astray from the truth through the cunning of Satan. 42 Were it not for the trepidation in regard to His Cause, of which God knoweth the irrationality within your breasts, the Cause would be as the sun at midday—at its zenith.

15. Súratu'l-Mashíyah ~ Súrah of the Divine Purpose, comprising forty-two Verses In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

They said, "Should the wolf devour him while we are an alliance, we would certainly be the losers." Tá Há Sád. 3 He is God-there is none other God except Him-and there is nothing at all like unto Him. Unto Him belongeth the realms of creation and Revelation, for He, God, is ever Knowledgeable of all things. 4 I swear by the Lord of heaven and earth! This Book is from the One True God, and sufficient is God to serve as a Witness over His Devoted Servant, in accordance with the truth. 5 Verily, God is Self-Sufficient, and ye are dependent upon the Most Gracious, according to the determined measure ordained through that Gate. 6 Follow, then, whatsoever God hath revealed unto you within His Verifiable, Pristine Book, as befitteth the truth-with brazen strength. 7 Be mindful of God at that Gate, in very truth, and be the best of helpers, worthy of praise, in the Pathway of the Báb for the sake of God, the Most Exalted. 8 Yea, verily, God hath predetermined the Cause for you through His Book, according to the Mystery of the Book, in very truth, with precise measure around the Water. 9 Pardon the people and forgive often, for verily, God is a Witness of whatsoever ye do. 10 Yea, verily, certain attributes of the faithful, through that Gate, are more beloved unto God than all that hath been revealed within the Most Exalted Book of God, in accordance with the truth, chronicled within the precincts of the Fire. 11 He is the One Who hath ordained your sustenance through the Heaven of this measured Revelation. 12 Should ye yearn for God and a home in the time to come, then, by your Lord, the Most Gracious, God hath appointed none other than His Most Exalted Devoted Servant for you-endowed with Knowledge of the Book, in very truth, fully aware of the truth of the Mystery of Origination. 13 He is the One Who hath ordained your affairs through His Mighty Book, in accordance with the smooth Path, methodically arranged around the Threshold the Gate. 14 Yea, ye must yearn for His Grace and be abundantly grateful unto Him every morning and evening, in very truth, in accordance with the Statute of the Book. 15 He is the One Who hath manifested His Verses unto His devoted servants, by the leave of God, through the Glorious Book of God, the Most Praiseworthy, in accordance with the truth, in wondrous fashion, upon the smooth paths. 16 Perchance ye may know who possesseth the Purest Remembrance of God, and receive gratefully whatsoever ye stand in need of in the pathway of His love, in accordance with the truth. 17 Yea, verily, God hath placed within this Book, through the Name of the Báb, the substance of every divine Oration, in accordance with the Mystery of the Fire, preordained within the Mother Book. 18 He is the One Who hath caused Our Heart to be the Locus of His Cause, and made Our Breast the receptacle of His Mystery by His power, for He, God, is ever Powerful over all things. 19 He is the One Who hath confirmed Our deeds within His Most Praiseworthy Book for the discerning amongst the faithful, through a rhythmic Verse of the Qur'án, It was not thou who didst throw the shaft, but God Who threw, in very truth, for His Command is indeed a Mighty Deed. 20 Though verily, there are those who incur guilt through iniquity, after the Truth hath come unto them from the Presence of God, the Most Exalted, in a profound manner. 21 Erelong We shall cause a Fire to consume them, during the Resurrection, a Fire more intense in heat than any fire. 22 The recompense for an evil is justly balanced by its like, and I am not the least bit unjust unto the devoted servants, in very truth. 23 Yet there are those who act with virtue in the Presence of Our Remembrance. 24 Erelong shall God bestow upon them from the abundance of His Grace, as befitteth the truth, manifold and countless blessings. 25 For He, God, is ever Powerful over all things. 26 O people of the Furqán! If ye are truly amongst the people of the Qur'án, then, behold this Remembrance as the very Essence of the Book itself. Return, then, unto Him, by the leave of God, your True Guardian! Yea, verily, God hath appointed Me as the Supreme Testimony of the Promised Return. 27 God hath fulfilled what He hath decreed, and the Cause hath been administered through the Mother Book around the Fire. 28 Therefore, the brethren of Joseph said unto their Father, Should the wolf devour him, we shall indeed be commemorated upon the earth around the Fire, in accordance with the truth. 29 Yea, verily, We have inspired Thee with that which God hath placed within the depths of this Verse, as befitteth the truth, perchance the people might have firm faith in God and His Verses, in accordance with the truth. 30 Wherefore, the Letters, There is none other God except God invoked a Supreme Testimony unto 'Alí on the Day of the Inauguration, upon the land of the subtle heart, around the Fire. 31 Should the wolf devour him while we are, in accordance with the truth, in an alliance with him? For God hath ever been Mighty over all things. 32 Verily, God hath not bereaved Us of the Mystery of Joseph, as befitteth the truth, in the land of the Euphrates, around the Water. 33 And verily, We have no other desire except to be a witness unto His Invocation upon the earth, by the very essence of the truth. 34 What then do ye think, are We, as befitteth the

truth, losers before God? 35 Yea, verily, We have appointed, by the leave of God, Our Signs to serve *as Emissaries* over all the worlds, by the very essence of the truth, around the Fire. 36 Yea, verily, God hath permitted them, through the Revelation and the Interpretation, to accomplish whatsoever they *deem worthy* to accomplish, in accordance with the truth. 37 Yea, verily, We have preserved them from misrepresentation and from being *haphazardly discarded* by you. 38 God is the Witness, and sufficient is God to serve as *a Witness* through Our Verses, as befittent the truth. 39 I swear by the One True God! They possess no will except as God, their Lord, hath willed, both inwardly and outwardly, in accordance with the truth, for God is ever *a Witness* of all things. 40 Know, O devoted servants of the Most Gracious! We have indeed clarified Our Verses through this Book, in accordance with the truth, around the vicinity of the Gate, that perchance humanity may *commemorate* God, the Most Gracious,' in the Pathway of the Báb, for verily, unto God belong the Most Beautiful Names in the Presence of the Báb, Who is *veiled* around the Fire.

16. Súratu'l-Arsh ~ Súrah of the Throne, comprising forty-two Verses In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

When they took him and agreed to cast him into the chasm of the pit, We sent inspiration unto him, "Truly thou shalt inform them of this affair of theirs, while they remain unaware." Alif Lám Mím Qáf. 3 God hath indeed revealed the Book, within it is an Elucidation of all things, a Mercy, and Glad Tidings, in accordance with the truth, unto all the worlds entire. 4 All praise belongeth unto God, He Who hath revealed the Book, in very truth, upon Our Word, perchance the people mentioned within the Mother Book might appear through that Gate, nigh unto the Threshold of the Fire. 5 He speaketh this Book unto you, in very truth, yet the greater part of humanity lacketh faith in God and His Verses being revealed through that Gate, in very truth, but God is ever a Witness of all things. 6 O devoted servants of the Most Gracious! Yea, verily, We have announced unto you, by the leave of God, Glad Tidings through the Most Great Remembrance, from the Statute of the Ancient of Days, by the very essence of the truth, by a weighty Command through that Gate. 7 Thus, God hath willed naught for you in this day, save obedience unto the One True God, through His Upright Cause, in accordance with the truth, entrusted as a reward from God, the Ancient. 8 Whosoever hath obeyed God through Our Cause, as befitteth the truth, hath verily made mention of God, in very truth, out of love at the Gate and with true devotion. 9 Erelong shall they meet God above the Throne, as befitteth the truth, content and gratified. 10 But some defiantly refuse Our Cause, in denial and rebellion against the truth. 11 Erelong the Most Gracious shall imbue them with heat from the Blazing Tree, emerging from the root of the cursed confinement (Sijjin), in accordance with the balanced truth-the bitter fruit of Hell (Zaqqúm). 12 There is no binding covenant for them, as befitteth the truth, from God within Our hands, in accordance with the truth. 13 Whosoever yearneth to make a covenant with God, should openly accept this, Our Firm Covenant with the Remembrance, in accordance with the Letter of the Knowledge of the Book, as befitteth the truth. 14 Be truly mindful, O devoted servants of God, of the fast-approaching Day in which the Cause shall suddenly come upon you from the One True God, in accordance with the truth. 15 None amongst the people, in very truth, shall possess any authority, save by the leave of the One True God, granted through Our Devoted Servant, for God is ever Knowledgeable of all things. 16 Except those who have bound Our Book around their necks, as befitteth the truth, for they have been deemed knowledgeable by the Remembrance aforetime, as befitteth the truth. 17 Except those who have bound Our Book around their necks, as befitteth the truth, for they have been recognized as responsive by the Remembrance aforetime, in accordance with the truth. 18 For indeed the Remembrance hath fulfilled His Covenant with those who steadfastly approached Him, in very truth, in accordance with the Upright Covenant. 19 Therefore, be in awe, O devoted servants of God, for God, your Lord, the Most Gracious, as befitteth the truth, is ever Firm! 20 Yea, verily, God hath made chains and fetters for Us, full of distress and great torment, as befitteth the truth. 21 To place upon those who reject faith in the Book and Our Remembrance, who are weak in their adherence unto the truth, and treat it naught but as mockery of lies and false testimony. 22 These are those who are regarded as self-indulgent in the estimation of God, and for them, there is no Judgment from God except the Fire-from the *fierce* Fire of God, the Most Exalted. 23 Thus do We inform you, O devoted servants of God, of those We have firmly seized on the Day of Sorting Out, in accordance with the truth. 24 Whosoever renounceth the Remembrance of God hath hastily adorned falsehood with vain embellishments. 25 I swear by the Lord of heaven and earth! Erelong shall We cause them to taste, upon the Day of Resurrection, from the Judgment of the Book, in very truth, the Burning Fire from the Flaming Tree placed at the bottom of the Ark, for thus hath it been decreed within the Mother Book. 26 When the brethren of Joseph took Him unto a separate land, they sought to conceal the Mystery inscribed around the parallel. 27 Verily, they cast Letter of Divine Oneness-the Letter Há-into the Chasm of the Pit, veiling Him through the Mystery of the subtle heart around the Fire. 28 Yea, verily, We revealed unto Him, Truly thou shalt inform them of this affair of theirs, and erelong shall God disclose this Letter as the Centerpiece of the Mystery, as a Supreme Testimony encompassing the Gate. 29 Verily, the Letters of Divine Oneness are devoid of meaning without the Knowledge of God, firmly rooted within the center of the subtle heart, as befitteth the truth from their Lord, for God is a Witness of them, in accordance with the truth. 30 Yea, verily, God hath, in very truth, enshrouded that Word with a veil, through the Mystery of the parallel, concealed around the Throne. 31 Verily, those who yearn for God and His Verses through the Pathway of the Báb-for the Letter Há-these are they who, as befitteth the truth, are the Supreme Testament encompassing the Fire. 32 Yea, verily, God fashioned Joseph and His brethren from a Single, Blessed Tree, though the people comprehend not the Mystery hidden in their illustration, which hath indeed been *chronicled* by God within the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth, encompassing the Fire. 33 Do they not understand that they, as befitteth the truth, act not except by the leave of God, their One True Lord? Yea, verily, God alone is, after the expression of negation and affirmation, *the One worthy of true devotion*, by the very essence of the truth. 34 The Most Gracious shall not question you upon the Day of Resurrection regarding what they have done, but erelong shall God question you concerning all that ye do, privily and openly. Yea, verily, God is ever *Aware* of all that ye do. 35 God—*He besides Whom there is none other God except Him*—is the *Most Wondrous* Authenticator of Prophetic Tradition. 36 God hath not apportioned any share for the people within the Concealed Mystery of any Verse, save bewilderment before the Truth, for solely unto the One True God, in very truth, belongeth *eternal repose*. 37 Yea, verily, God hath appointed Guardians Himself, praiseworthy in their deeds, in accordance with the truth, for God is, in very truth, ever *Powerful* over all things. 38 Be vigilant, O devoted servants of God, for yea, verily, God hath placed *a Mystery* within that Gate, in accordance with the *Hidden*, Concealed Mystery. 40 Erelong shall ye discover that which ye were previously unaware of, in accordance with the truth, through the enshrouding of the Sun, by the leave of God, the Most Exalted—*very soon*. 41 O ye who believe! That which is being offered unto you is the Fruit of the Messenger—take it. Whatsoever He forbiddeth you, abstain from it, for verily, God hath appointed Him to be *full of Wisdom*, in accordance with the truth. 42 Yea, verily, God hath determined that the Remembrance encompass the people by His knowledge, for verily, God is ever *Powerful* over all things.