

5. Súratu Yūsuf ~ Súrah of Joseph, comprising forty-two Verses In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Joseph said unto His Father, “O Father, I beheld eleven stars, and the sun and the moon. I saw them prostrate before Me.” Alif Lám Mím ‘Ayn. 4 Yea, verily, We revealed unto Him that *Majestic* Station through the Vision. 5 Yea, verily, We have disclosed unto thee *a Testament* from the Tales of the Unseen, drawn from the Well-Guarded Book of God. 6 Yea, verily, We found Him amongst Our Pure Adherents. God indeed clothed Him with the likeness of Our *sheltered, luminous* Beauty. 7 Alas, alas! God hath intended naught within the Womb of the Book, as befitteth the truth, other than *Our Beauty!* 8 The Most Gracious hath indeed intended, through the mention of Joseph, *a Testament* unto the Soul of the Messenger through the Vestal Fruit, Ḥusayn ibn ‘Alí ibn Abu Tálíb, peace be upon them. 9 God revealed Him, stationed above the Throne within the Shrine of the Inmost Heart, as *a Testament* that the sun, the moon, and the stars, for His sake, prostrated unto the One True God. 10 Wherefore Ḥusayn, peace be upon Him, said one day unto His Father, *I beheld eleven stars, and the sun and the moon. I beheld them all around Me, as befitteth the truth, prostrating unto God, the Ancient of Days.* 11 God—*He besides Whom there is none other God except Him*—is, in accordance with the truth, the *Most Wondrous* Authenticator of Prophetic Tradition. 12 Perchance the people might *persevere*, in accordance with the truth, through the Verses of their Lord. 13 All praise belongeth unto God, Who hath interpreted the Vision of Ḥusayn in an extraordinary fashion, as *a Testament* unto the Land of the Inmost Heart. 14 Verily, God hath ordained His Testimony to be *commensurate* with the Testimony of Divine Communion on His behalf, in accordance with the truth. 15 For God hath caused Him to be *a Testament* unto Himself, through His Testimony of Divine Communion, in accordance with the truth. 16 The All-Wise hath indeed informed all about the Mystery of His Vision, *concealed* through that which the True One hath revealed within the Furqán unto His Beloved. 17 *For the Morning Recital is indeed the Testament!* 18 The Stars of the Throne did indeed prostrate in the Book of God at the killing of Ḥusayn, by the very essence of the truth, and their number within the Mother Book is *eleven*. 19 He is God—He Who hath fashioned Divine Communion to be both *desirable and detestable* within the realities of all things through its emanations, in accordance with the truth. 20 He is the One Who created the Letters as *a likeness* unto Himself, in accordance with the truth. 21 He is the One Who determined that the Letters of the Divine Essence correlate to His Oneness, according to the Greatest Truth, which correspondeth to *eleven*. 22 And He is the One Who fashioned the Imáms as the *inscribed* Word of Divine Communion within the Inscription. 23 And He is the One Who arranged *an anecdote* through the prostration of the sun, the moon, and the stars within the Mother Book, according to the Statute of the Book. 24 God—*He besides Whom there is none other God except Him*—and He, God, is indeed your True Protector, the Most Authentic of the narrators of *Prophetic Tradition*. 25 Yea, verily, God hath intended by the sun Fátimah, by the moon Muḥammad, may the blessings of God be upon Him and His Family, and by the stars the Imáms of divine Truth, *as acclaimed* within the Mother Book. 26 They are the ones who weep for Joseph, *prostrating and rising up* by the leave of God. 27 The people that weep with them are likened unto *an evenly casted* shadow of shade around Ḥusayn, by the leave of the One True God. 28 Whosoever prostrateth unto aught save the Most Gracious, or whosoever alloweth *ought* to contend with their responsibility unto God— 29 It is befitting that God causeth them to enter the Fire, *to dwell therein forevermore!* 30 This, verily, is your just recompense from your Lord for your *obstinacy* towards the Verses of Our Lord. 31 God—*He besides Whom there is none other God except Him*—He is the True One, and He is, in very truth, the Lord of all the worlds, *the One worthy of true devotion*. 32 Verily, there are Signs in the revelation of Verses, Advents, Living-Souls, and Horizons for those endowed with discernment amongst you, who *bear witness* unto the Most Exalted Remembrance of God. 33 Be mindful of God, and speak not of the Most Great Remembrance save as ye would speak of God Himself—for verily, We have taken His Oath from every Prophet and their respective communities concerning His Remembrance. Nor have We sent any Messenger except with that Upright Covenant, nor do We decree aught, in very truth, save after affirming their Covenant regarding that Most Magnificent Gate! Erelong shall God withdraw the veil from your sight concerning the long-anticipated Time, and ye shall behold, with piercing vision, *the majesty and severity* of the Most Exalted Remembrance of God. 34 The self-indulgent will say, *We have indeed wronged our own selves, even after God Himself warned us in His Book.* But on that Day, ye shall indeed be *ensnared* within the Threshold of the Fire! 35 Ye shall be in no position to withdraw therefrom, and as ye cry out unto the Angel for water, We shall cause you to drink a liquid that hath the quality of burning fire—scorching heat upon heat—and with a liquid that hath the quality of the Zaqqúm. As ye drink even a drop thereof, the very members of your bodies will be severed, and ye shall long for death. This is that which God hath ordained for you as the recompense for equating yourselves with God in the world, for God ever *Encompasseth* all things. 36 As to those who persevere in the Covenant of God and imbue not the Verses with falsehood, these are upon true guidance from the Most Exalted Remembrance of God, and these are the true inhabitants of the Garden as *inscribed* within the Book of God. Such is the irrevocable Decree within the Mother Book. 37 These are they whose faith in God and His Verses is *sincere and pure*, in accordance with the truth. 38 Erelong shall God reward them on the Day of Resurrection with a double reward and a most beautiful, *honorable* return, in accordance

with the truth. 39 Verily, this is the Truth from your Lord, *a most substantial* reward! 40 Verily, this is the Garden which God hath ordained as the reward for your deeds, for that which ye have *faithfully* accomplished for the sake of the True Faith of God. 41 Do ye suppose that someone other than this, Our Remembrance, is the True One from God, that He is not truly from the Presence of God? Or do ye speak falsehood about God? Why have *so many* of you openly rejected faith in God, the Praiseworthy? 42 God hath decreed that His devoted servants devote themselves to naught except Him at the Threshold of the Gate, for He is amongst the purest of those upon *the smooth, well-ordered* Path.

6. *Súratu'sh-Shahádah ~ Súrah of the Testimony, comprising forty-two Verses* *In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

He said, "O my son, relate not thy vision unto thy brothers, for they may plot a conspiracy against thee. Verily, Satan is an avowed enemy of mankind!" Alif Lám Mím Sín. 3 His Devoted Servant, 'Alí, mentioned a mercy of Thy Lord. 4 We have indeed revealed the Book unto Our Devoted Servant, that the people might *bear witness* unto the Most Exalted Remembrance of God through that Gate. 5 God hath desired for His devoted servants, on this day of His, naught but His *divinely revealed* Decree. 6 *If ye cherish God, then follow after Him, and God shall love you in return*—that is indeed the reward of the Most Great Remembrance of God, *inscribed* within His Book by the Hand of Truth. 7 *Whosoever doeth even the weight of an atom in good deeds*—verily, We shall, on the Day of Resurrection, grant them a *generous reward*, in accordance with the truth. 8 *But whosoever doeth even the weight of an atom of evil*—verily, We shall compel them to drink, by the leave of God, from the Fire, which God, the Ancient One, hath named *Samúm*. 9 Therefore Alí said, O my son, speak not concerning the which God hath shown thee concerning thine affair, for thy brothers may become concerned for themselves and renounce God, the Most Exalted, in very truth, for God is ever *Mighty, One worthy of praise*. 10 Shouldst thou inform them of thine affair, or even a smidgeon of what God hath decreed for thee, they may plot a conspiracy against thee, in which they would destroy themselves for the love of God, in thy rightful place *as a witness*. 11 Verily, God hath willed what He hath willed—*an ablution* upon the earth, by the very essence of the truth, from thy blood-*reddened* face. 12 Verily, God hath willed what He hath willed—to disclose thy hair *tinged* with thine own blood, and thine very own self, decisively and unceremoniously *slain in battle* upon the earth. 13 And thy bare body *cast* upon the earth. 14 Verily, God hath willed what He hath willed—to disclose thy daughters and thy consorts as captives, *held unjustifiably* in the hands of the opposition. 15 Verily, God hath willed what He hath willed—to reveal the faces of thine adherents between thine very own hands, *stained* with their own blood, and their *discarded* bodies *indecorously scattered* upon the earth. 16 Therefore, reveal naught of what God hath ordained concerning thine essential purpose within the Concealed Mystery of the Testimony of Divine Oneness for thine own sake, not even *a single Letter* of any word! 17 Shouldst thou inform them of thine mysterious affair, even *the smallest amount* of the mystery as regarding the truth— 18 They would sacrifice themselves for the love of God, in defense of thee, *yearning* for God, but God is *infinitely kind* with His devoted servants, as befiteth the truth. 19 God—He besides Whom there is none other God except Him—is the Most Wondrous Authenticator of Prophetic Tradition. Perchance the people might become *devout and grateful* for the Verses of their Lord, the Most Gracious, in the Pathway of the Gate. 20 But the brothers of Joseph did indeed learn a Letter concerning the mystery of His Affair, despite the Glorious Mystery Concealed within a Mystery being *concealed*. 21 For this the precepts of the Prophets and Witnesses came to pass concerning killing in His Path, for God is ever *a Witness* of all things, as befiteth the truth. 22 And yet Satan persisted in his opposition after the subjugation of Joseph, and he is indeed, on that account, *accursed* within every Tablet, in the estimation of God and His Chosen Ones, in accordance with the truth. 23 And they, after his opposition, are even *more obstinate* against the Most Great Word, with no justification. 24 Erelong shall God forgo His immediate concern and cast him into the Sea of Darkness, which hath *tumultuous waves* crashing over one another. 25 Erelong will those who oppress Us discover that they do not surpass Us, not even in a single Letter of the Knowledge of the Book, and that We do indeed *encompass* all the worlds by virtue of God, the Most Exalted, in accordance with the truth. 26 For God hath indeed accounted Thee *as one of the mysteries* amongst the Five Concealed Mysteries within the Mother Book. 27 And God hath assuredly taught Thee a knowledge that no *discipline* hath encompassed before Thee. 28 And We have assuredly taught Thee a knowledge that no *discipline* hath encompassed before Thee. 29 For verily, We have indeed taught Thee the wondrous Knowledge of Creation from *the Most Gracious*. 30 Whatsoever God hath not fashioned shall have no *place* within the Book, and no *existence* in keeping with the knowledge of Thy Lord. 31 For God hath spoken *a Prophetic Narration*, in keeping with the truth. 32 Have We not entrusted you with the truth, O devoted servants of God, in Our *weighty Covenant*, by the very essence of the truth? 33 That ye speak naught concerning the One True God save the *absolute and consistent truth*, in keeping with the essence of the Most Great Truth? 34 We have indeed taken a solemn oath from you within *the constituent realm*— 35 To be affectionate unto Our Delegation, from the Wondrous Creator, as befiteth the truth—that is *a most magnificent* Command from God, the Most Exalted. 36 God imparteth unto you a Command through this Book, *predicated* upon the Most Great Truth. 37 Yet the people are indeed sunk erroneously within the depths of heedlessness and adversity concerning this Most Great Gate from Our Magnificent Command, though God is ever *Sublime, Most August!* 38 God is truly Independent of you, for God ever *Encompasseth* all things. 39 Have not the devoted servants of God *repeatedly* conveyed unto you Our Remembrance, in accordance with the truth, regarding Our Most Magnificent Affair? 40 O People of the Earth! Be mindful of God concerning this sprouting Leaf from *this* lonesome Tree. 41 For He is, in very truth, *the Utmost Truth*, just as God and His loved ones *are the Utmost Truth*, as befiteth the truth. 42 Yea, verily, God is ever *a Witness* of all things!

7. *Súratu'l-Ziyárah ~ Súrah of Visitation, comprising forty-two Verses* *In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful*

Thus did thy Lord appoint thee and teach thee the interpretation of Legends, and fulfill His favor upon thee and upon the Family of Jacob, just as He fulfilled it for thy Forefathers, Abraham and Isaac. For thy Lord is ever Knowledgeable, Wise. Tá Sin. 3 God indeed revealed the Furqán unto Our Remembrance, that He might serve as *an Advocate* unto all the worlds. 4 And *a Warner* of the Middle Way. 5 Yea, verily We have perfected Our Favor upon the dwellers of the heavens and the earth through *a generous share* of the Favor from the Remembrance, in accordance with the truth. 6 Yea, verily, God hath appointed this Most Exalted Remembrance of God as the Most Magnificent Favor in your Day, for God is ever *a Witness* of all things. 7 Thus have We appointed Thee, in very truth, and taught Thee the interpretation of the Book, which none shall attain save through Thee. Thou art indeed *mentioned* as the Herald at the Gates, by the very essence of the truth, in response to God, the Most Exalted. 8 Yea, verily, God chose Ḥusayn from amongst His devoted servants and appointed Him, in accordance with the truth, *as an Imám and a Witness*. 9 Verily, He preceded His brothers within the Knowledge of the Most Gracious as a Veiled Letter, proceeding in accordance with the Mystery which is *concealed* within the mysterious parallel of the Concealed Mystery. 10 Yea, verily, God perfected His favor upon Ḥusayn and His trusted associates by ordaining their Grace to be as His Own Grace, in very truth, unto *all* the worlds. 11 He is indeed the One Who hath accepted the Visitation of His Memorial as the Visitation of His Own Self, and He hath deemed His battleground, as befitteeth the truth, His very Throne—*there is none other God except Him*—He is beyond all comparison, as befitteeth truth, and He hath not permitted *the interpretation* of even a single Letter of the Letters of His Mystery. 12 He is the One Who hath indeed promised that the Visitation of His Memorial shall be as the Meeting of His Own Self, and the fulfillment of the Promise of God is, by the very essence of the truth, *accomplished*. 13 He is the One Who hath arranged the square within the square, along the pathways of Visitation within the Visitation, in accordance with the truth—indeed, the Command hath been *exacted* within the Mother Book amidst the Fire. 14 He is the One Who hath chosen a single Letter for Joseph from the Mystery, and the other Letters for His forebears from the parallel, surrounding the *concealed* Mystery. 15 He is the One Who is, and with Him naught hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *worthy of mention*. 16 He is the One Who is ever Abiding, Who ceaseth not, for there is naught within the whole of creation, in accordance with the truth, to rival *His Existence*. 17 He is the One Who hath indeed taught Thee the interpretation of Legends, for Thou hast willed what We have willed, in accordance with the truth, concerning the *most wondrous* Truth. 18 He is the One Who hath indeed exalted the computation of that Gate, raised majestically above the Báb, for God is ever *Powerful* over all things. 19 Follow, then, what God hath revealed unto you, in very truth, regarding the Cause of the Remembrance with the Most Great Truth, *publicly and privily*, in accordance with the Most Magnificent Truth. 20 We cherish no desire for your souls except *the true life* of the Garden of Eden around the Paradise of Ridwán, in very truth. 21 I swear by your One True Lord! We cherish no reward from you for the Most Great Gate, nor do We seek any *gratitude*, as befitteeth the truth— 22 Save patience and deference unto God, the Most Exalted, for He is ever *Mighty, Praiseworthy*. 23 The land hath indeed been *bountifully* filled by the Grace of your Lord, the Most Gracious. 24 Yea, verily, We have reached out unto you, just as We did when We first brought you forth, and naught do We recite from the Most Great Book of God, except that ye dispute *abundantly* concerning Our Signs revealed from the Remembrance. 25 What is the matter with you? Do ye not reflect within your very own selves, *even slightly*, of *the Remembrance* from the One True God? 26 *How then can ye reject faith in God, seeing how ye were lifeless?* 27 Ye are, in accordance with the truth, bereft *of aught* from the Knowledge of the Book! 28 Verily, He is the One Who hath created you and sustained you, and He shall cause you to perish and raise you again to life, should He so will. What aileth you? The Most Great Word from God is this, *that ye fear a Day when no patron or lord shall avail another in aught!* 29 *For on that Day, the True Dominion shall belong unto the Most Gracious*, and unto the People of God and their congregation, in accordance with the truth, as hath been *chronicled* within the Mother Book. 30 *A Day when the Spirit and the Angels shall stand* around the Remembrance by the leave of the True One God, *extended in ranks*. 31 None at all shall enter the Garden except whosoever is firm in the Covenant made with God. 32 Indeed those who have *arrogantly* spoken the evil phrase have, without a doubt, rejected faith— 33 *Never shall one enter the Garden unless they are a Jew or a Christian*. 34 I swear by God, they are steeped in delusion, and that is the *well-known* Judgment within the Mother Book. 35 Erelong shall they encounter an Imperative from the Most Gracious, in very truth—*a Testimony* unto the truth. 36 *These shall have none to succor them, nor any efficacy for themselves*, without *the beneficence* of the Remembrance. 37 *Nor shall harm befall them*, except for whomever the Most Gracious hath permitted, for whosoever hath spoken the truth from His Book amongst our devoted servants, even concerning *a single Letter* of Ours, shall receive their *reward*. 38 Do the people reckon that We are *withdrawn* from the creation? 39 Nay! The Day We shall lay bare the frailest bone amidst their own frail bones, the people shall gaze intently unto the Most Gracious and His Remembrance, in the Land of the Assemblage—*nearby*. 40 And they shall say, *If only we had taken the*

pathway of the Báb. 41 If only we had not followed the perverse wanderings of men instead of the Báb. 42 Verily, the Remembrance came unto us, from before us and from behind us and from all around us, yet we remained veiled from Him.

8. Súratu's-Sirr ~ Súrah of the Mystery, comprising forty-two Verses In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Yea, verily, in Joseph and His brothers are Divine Portents for the reverent seekers. Alif Lám Mím Sád. 3 All praise belongeth unto God, Who hath proclaimed His Verses within His Mighty Book, for God is ever *Observant* of all things. 4 Yea, verily, We have elucidated the Verses within this Book for those endowed with discerning hearts, from amongst the learned *who rally as one* around the Báḇ. 5 Yea, verily, God hath introduced Joseph through Our Name, and verily, God hath established Him within the Book as *a Guardian—standing steadfast* amidst of the Fire. 6 Yea, verily, God hath appointed Joseph and His brothers to serve as *the Word of Divine Communion*, and the Most Gracious hath expressed their eminence through *twelve Letters*. This Word hath indeed been *inscribed* within the Mother Book in the Presence of Thy Lord—within the written inscription, enfolding the parallel. 7 Yea, verily, God hath expressly assigned Joseph the Letter Há, as *a reward* for His *exceptional* devotion in the presence of the Most Gracious, on the Day well-known upon the earth. 8 Yea, verily, God established this Divine Communion for the reverent seekers at Our Gate, and for those standing steadfast within the deep recesses of Divine Oneness by Our leave—those who, as befiteth the truth, *remain steadfast* around the Báḇ. 9 God—He besides Whom there is none other God except Him, the True One—He is God, Who is, by the very essence of the truth, *the One worthy of true devotion*. 10 Be truly mindful, O devoted servants of God, about a Day wherein ye shall, by the leave of God, the Most Exalted, *be held accountable* around the Fire. 11 None amongst you utter a word save that Angels from Us, by the leave of the divine Remembrance, *diligently observe* them. 12 Nor hath Our Devoted Servant, for even a single day, in very truth, *remained concealed* from the sincere devotees of God. 13 For God hath fashioned the Day of Resurrection for you as *an appointed time* of fairness. 14 Verily, the Day of Sorting Out is the implementation of the Balance granted by God, prudently set before Us in accordance with the most sublime truth—*balanced* by the Upraised Line. 15 Erelong shall We relate unto you, during this Day, what ye are to perform—*publicly and privily*—for the sake of the Faith of God. 16 O devoted servants of God! Have We not set forth for you *a clear and discernable Covenant*, in accordance with the truth, within Our divinely established Word? 17 That ye should not speak *with arrogance* towards Our Devoted Servant! 18 Glorified is God—*He besides Whom there is none other God except Him*—He, God, ever *Encompasseth* all the worlds. 19 God hath not conceived your composition save that ye *humbly* prostrate unto the Most Gracious along the Pathway of this Gate. 20 He is indeed the One Who hath fashioned the faithful from a Water that was, within the Mother Book, *pure and sweet!* 21 And He is the One Who hath appointed the realities of the unfaithful from *a briny* Water that was, within the heart of the Fire, *bitter and seething*. 22 Yea, verily, God hath rendered the Verses of Our Devoted Servant *resplendent* in accordance with the truth. 23 Especially for those who *sincerely and wholeheartedly* yearn after God and His loved ones before the Gate. 24 Yea, verily, We have established Our Word upon the earth as *a Witness* for the faithful! 25 And We have elevated Him unto *a refulgent* station of Holiness. 26 Yea, verily, We have drawn Him nigh unto Us and firmly established Him as *a mighty stronghold*, as befiteth the truth. 27 God hath indeed placed Him upon the Upright Path, through the Most Pure Truth, *as One commissioned by Divine Command*. 28 Yea, verily, God hath affixed Him upon the Balance through the *foreordained* Statute of the Book. 29 *Insight* unto whosoever is, in the estimation of God, the Most Exalted, in accordance with the truth, *eager for insight*. 30 And *a Reminder* unto whosoever is, in the estimation of the Most Gracious, within the midst of the Fire of the All-Wise, *patient*. 31 Yea, verily, God hath conceived Our Most Exalted Word through the Name of Joseph, which is *a Testament* witnessed at the Threshold of the Fire. 32 He is the One Who sendeth unto you His Verses, by the leave of God, *humbly* as befiteth the truth—as *One reverent*, in very truth. 33 *A Reminder* unto whosoever willeth to reflect or is conscientious of the Most Gracious concerning His True Decree, which hath indeed been *accomplished*, in very truth. 34 He is indeed the One Who hath taught you, through His Verses, of the life in the time to come, perchance the people might be *content* with God and His Verses, as befiteth the truth. 35 Lo, I swear by the Lord of heaven and earth! He is assuredly the True One from Us. Yea, verily, We have exacted His Covenant, by the leave of God, from *all* the worlds! 36 That humanity might not say, *If only God had sent unto us a mortal*. 37 *In the absence of His Eternal Presence, truly we would have followed Him*. 38 *And we would have been amongst those rightly guided by His direction unto the Truth*. 39 Be truly mindful, O devoted servants of God, concerning a Day wherein the Judgment of God within the Mother Book shall *take place!* 40 Why do ye entertain *vain suppositions* concerning the Most Great Remembrance of God and Our Word! 41 I swear by your One True Lord! Ye comprehend not even *a single Letter* of His Knowledge from what God, from His Own Self, hath taught Him through the Mother Book *since time immemorial*. 42 Therefore, mention your Lord, the Most Gracious, *at the two ends of the day and at the approach of night*, as He hath commanded you aforetime in His Book, for the Judgment of God within the Mother Book hath indeed been *irrevocably ordained*.