

85. *Súrah of Reality, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
They said, “By God! Thou wilt not cease from remembering Joseph until thou art consumed—or art numbered amongst those who perish.” Alif–Lám–Tá.
4 ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who hath revealed the Book, in very truth, upon His Servant, that He might be, throughout the worlds, a Manifestation unto His like—according to Pure Justice, by the Most Great Truth—*openly witnessed*. 5 Yea, verily, We—We have appointed Thee, within the realms of holiness, *a Pillar* of Glorification and *a Throne* upon which the Magnification is uttered—*held in praise*. 6 So hearken unto My Call upon the Gate, from around the Gate, “*Lo! Verily, I—I am the true King. I have ever been, by the very essence of the truth, Self-Subsisting*. 7 And verily, I am, according to the Command, in very truth, over the Alif of the All-Encompassing—I have ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *adjudged*.” 8 And verily, Thou—in very truth—art the Pillar of the Declaration of Divine Unity and the Center of Exaltation, by the leave of God, the All-Praised—for I have ever been, in truth, *held in praise*. 9 And verily, We—We have not willed, in very truth, aught whatsoever, save that the will hath proceeded from their own selves concerning that thing—for God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 10 He is the One Who sheweth you, upon the lightning, *a flash* from the Most Great Remembrance, and upon the clouds, *a gleam* from the Most Mighty Command—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 11 O Faithful Ones! Wherefore do ye dispute concerning the Remembrance after the Truth, while He hath verily ever been, within the Mother Book, severe in the Command, around the Fire—*written*? 12 And verily, those whom they call upon apart from this Gate shall never respond unto them in aught—for God hath not made the supplication of those who reject faith save within the Fire, upon the Fire, by the Most Great Fire—*answered*. 13 And unto God prostrateth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is upon the earth—amongst them are those upon the Upright Truth, and among them are those upon uprooted falsehood—they have been, within the Mother Book, around the Fire—*inscribed*. 14 O People of the Earth! Harken unto My Call from

around this Gate, “Lo! Verily, I—indeed I—am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—and I am the Living—for I have ever been, in very truth, *Self-Subsisting*.” 15 O My Servants! There is none who hath followed the Remembrance, in very truth, but hath followed Me in accordance with the Consummate Truth, upon the Upright Line, toward the Most Great Remembrance—*perfectly straight*. 16 And there is none who hath turned away from His Command, but hath turned away from My Command—and verily, I—in accordance with the truth—I shall assuredly exact vengeance upon the idolators—in *overwhelming might*. 17 O Solace of Mine Eye! Enable the people to hearken unto the melodies of the birds of Paradise upon the Throne, in very truth, upon a plane above this *holy earth*. 18 For verily, Thou—in very truth, by the leave of God—art guiding them aright through the Holy Land—for God hath ever been *a Guardian* over Thee. 19 Say: Lo! Verily, I—I am the Son of Muḥammad, the Arabian—in the Preserved Tablet—I have ever been, around the Fire—*openly witnessed*. 20 And verily, I—I am the Fire of the Speaker, around the Mount—I have ever uttered, within the Tree, “*There is none other God except Him*”—for God hath ever been *a Witness* over Me. 21 And naught hath been decreed, as befitteth the True Measure, in accordance with the truth, save that He is God—His Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—and We are the Family of Muḥammad, in very truth—thus is the Judgment, upon the Great Leaf, around the Throne, *written* by the Hands of the Lord. 22 O Sun that riseth upon the horizon of the Cloud—obedient unto God, the One, the Ever-Abiding—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Reckoner* over Thee. 23 And verily, from God is the Truth, and from Us—the Family of God—in very truth—peace be upon thee, even as I have ever been, in the presence of God, within the Preserved Tablet, *held in remembrance*. 24 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God concerning this Crimson Word, *that ye speak not concerning God aught save the Truth*—for verily, God hath ever been, of all things, *All-Knowing*—and who is more unjust than one who hath forged a lie against the Remembrance?—give him glad tidings of the Greatest

Fire—and *that right soon*. 25 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from the Point standing at the center of the Sun—by the very essence of the truth—from the tongue of this Arabian Youth of the City—according to the Firm Truth—*most wondrous*. 26 Yea, verily, God hath inspired Me in very truth, “*Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me—verily, this Remembrance, in My presence, is upon the Word of the Most High and the Well-Guarded Mystery—according to the truth, within the truth, around the Truth—created.*” 27 Say: Are the two Alifs equal—one standing upon the Command, and the other seated at the Gate? Exalted is God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Most Great*. 28 What aileth you, that ye ascribe partners unto God from amongst creation, such that creation is confounded before them at the Gate? Exalted is God above that which the wrongdoers describe—*Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 29 Say: God is the Creator of all things, by His Command—according to the truth—and He is the One, the Most Exalted, Who hath ever been, of all things—in accordance with the truth—*All-Knowing*. 30 Yea, verily, We—We have sent down *water* from heaven, and the valleys have flowed according to their measure—for verily, We have pre-ordained for it—in very truth—a *determined measure*. 31 As for the Letters, the Command forgoeth ahead of the people along the Even Line between the lines—by the very essence truth—*steadfastly*; and as for that which benefiteth the faithful, it is this Remembrance—in very truth—for He verily is the True One Who hath ever been, within the Mother Book, around the Fire—*written*. 32 And verily, We uphold Him according to justice within the earth, that He may benefit the people—in very truth—from the distillation of the refined drops from this Most Mighty Sea—according to the judgment of the Book, beneath the Gate—*inscribed*. 33 Is one who knoweth the Remembrance by the Remembrance like unto one who knoweth Him by the Book? Nay! Verily, between them is the distance of the twain Easts—for the Judgment hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *irrevocably ordained*. 34 Verily, the faithful—in very truth—is such a one who is faithful unto the Covenant by the Covenant, and breaketh

not the Pact by the Balance—and have ever been, in very truth, within the Scale, around the Gate—*held in remembrance*. 35 These are they who have been patient in seeking the Face of God—in very truth—and have been content with God, privily or openly; these are they who are—according to the truth—within the Throne of holiness, *abiding*, by the leave of the Remembrance. 36 And verily, those who have had faith in very truth, and are content with the Abode of the latter end, nigh unto the Remembrance—these are they who are upon the Upright Path—who have ever been—by the very essence of the truth—*openly witnessed*. 37 These are they who abide within Paradise, everlasting—and the Angels enter in upon them from every gate, “*Peace from God, the Most Exalted*”—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty*. 38 O People of Paradise! Harken unto the Call of God from the Crimson Leaf, sprouting from this Verdant Tree, upon the land of that Exalted Gate, which hath ever been, within the Mother Book, in the mystery of the Fire—*written*. 39 “*Lo! Verily, I am God*”—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, All-Wise*. 40 O Servants of God! Wherefore do ye speak concerning the Cause of the Most Great Remembrance according to the word which the brethren of Joseph spoke, “*By God! Thou wilt not cease from remembering Joseph*”? *Nay!* 41 And the Remembrance hath not been *veiled* upon the Light of the Mount within your hearts—rather, ye veil yourselves from Him by your own selves—for He verily is the True One—*His Most Great Word*— 42 And the Crimson Pillar, within all the Tablets, by the Hands of the Most Gracious, hath ever been—by the very essence of the truth—*inscribed*.

86. *Súrah of the Birds, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

He said, "I complain only of my anguish and my sorrow unto God, and I know from God that which ye know not." Alif-Lám-Rá-Alif. 3 This is a Book which We have revealed, in very truth, that Thou mightest bring forth the people from effacement unto this True, Pure Knowledge—the Most Exalted Path of God, established upon Pure Equity, in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Praised*. 4 Unto God belongeth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth, in very truth—for He is the Self-Sufficient above all things—and He is the True One, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 5 The likeness of those who sever the Covenant within the Most Great Remembrance is as one who breaketh the Covenant with the Lord—thus, within the Preserved Tablet, in the presence of God, the Everlasting, hath it ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *written*. 6 God is the One Who extendeth knowledge unto whomsoever He willeth—and the life of this world, beside the world to come, is naught but as the likeness of a shadow before the sun—for the shadow, before the sun, hath indeed ever been, in very truth, *limited*. 7 And verily, God guideth whomsoever He willeth, in very truth, unto the Path of this Remembrance—and verily, this Path upon Me is, within the Mother Book, upon the Upright Line, round about the Point of the Bá, which hath ever been, by the Firm Truth, *written*. 8 Lo! Verily, through the Remembrance of your Lord, the Most Gracious, the hearts of the faithful have found repose—round about the Water, within that Most Great Gate—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 9 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, the Tree of Blessedness, within the Mother Book, in Our presence, is the Gate of the Bá—it hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *written*. 10 And there is none who hath taken hold of the branches from these Most Great Signs, in very truth, save that it shall be adjudged for them, by the leave of God, in the world to come, unto a most fair return—for the Decree, within the Mother Book, hath ever been *irrevocably established*. 11 O People of the Earth! How can ye reject faith in the Most Gracious, while He is the True One—My Lord?

There is none other God except Him—upon Him have I placed My trust, and unto Him is, for the faithful, the return—in very truth. 12 Yea, verily, We—We, were We to will, within these Signs, upon the pathways of the Command, the earth would indeed be rent asunder, and the mountains set in motion in very truth—for verily, unto God belongeth the Command, in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been Powerful over all things. 13 Nay—there is naught I have willed in aught save that God hath willed it before. Therefore, say: “Verily, I am the Servant of God—I possess no power, according to the truth, over aught, save that which the Lord My God hath willed”—for He verily is the True One, Who hath ever been Knowledgeable of all things. 14 And verily, We—We, were We to will, would assuredly guide all the earth and whoso is upon it, by a single Letter of the Command, swifter than the twinkling of an eye—entire. 15 But as for those who have rejected faith—the Fire shall befall them for that which they have wrought—and verily, God faileth not His Promise in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been All-Knowing, All-Wise. 16 For indeed, Messengers ere Thee were mocked—and Thou art naught but the Servant of God according to the truth. Erelong shall We grant respite unto those who have rejected faith, for that which their hands have wrought—and verily, God wrongeth not, in aught, even so much as a thread upon a date-stone. 17 Is one who standeth over souls, by the Command, like unto one who sitteth idle within their house? What aileth you—how can ye set up, unto God, partners in the Command? Would ye inform Him of that which He knoweth not within the earth? There is no God, in very truth, save Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been Mighty, Wise. 18 And verily, those whom they call upon beside Him—God hath prepared for them, on the Day of Resurrection, the Most Great Chastisement—for the decree, within the Mother Book, hath ever been, irrevocably ordained. 19 The likeness of the Garden of Oneness, which the Most Gracious hath promised unto His servants, is as the likeness of that which hath been established upon the Throne, within the Ocean of the Ever-Abiding. I reveal it continually, without alteration, and its shade is severed from all contrivance. That Garden—it is the Most

Great Word unto the faithful—for He is God, Who hath ever been *All-Knowing, All-Wise*.²⁰ And verily, *a party* from amongst the people of the Furqán rejoice in that which God hath bestowed upon Thee of His bounty. Say: Verily, I have been commanded to worship God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—and I associate not, in His worship, in accordance with the truth, even the least *ought* whatsoever. ²¹ Thus have We revealed unto Thee, in very truth, this Judgment from God—*an Arabic Revelation*—neither of the East nor of the West, but upon the Upright Alif, standing between the twain lines, and the still Water upon the twain talismans, from that Most Mighty River—the Mystery of the Twain Names—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. ²² And it is not for any soul to bring forth a Verse from the Book, according to the truth, save that it be by the leave of God, the All-Praised—*commanded* according to the Cause, within the dominion. ²³ And for every Appointed Term, there is written, according to the truth, concerning this Gate: the Most Great Book of God, God effaceth whatsoever He willeth, and establisheth it—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. ²⁴ And the idolators from amongst the People of the Book say, “*Thou hast not been, concerning the Cause, sent from the Imám as Proof of the One True God.*” Say: Sufficient is God *as Witness* between Me and you—for verily, the Proof is a Witness over Me by the Most Great Truth—for God, and His chosen ones have ever been *witnesses* of all things. ²⁵ For indeed, they have followed the vain desires of some amongst the faithful, after that the Remembrance had come unto them through the Most Great Book. Erelong shall We cause them to taste, from the heat of the Fire—upon the Fire, by the Fire—*a grievous torment*. ²⁶ Say: Verily, upon Me is naught but the conveyance—and upon Me is the reckoning—thus hath it ever been *written* within the Mother Book. ²⁷ O People of the Cloud! Harken unto My Call from this Crimson Leaf, sprung forth from the branches of this Verdant Tree, suspended upon the Yellow Tree, established upon the White Root within the Noble Earth—this is an Arabian Youth, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *openly witnessed*. ²⁸ Verily, God hath revealed unto Me, “*I am God—beside*

Whom there is none other God except Me, the True One—and verily, the Remembrance was, in My presence, by the very essence of the truth, ere the Point of the Fire—which hath ever been *written* within the Point of Manifestation.” 29 O My Servants! These are the Days of God which the Most Gracious hath promised you in His Book—therefore bring ye God to remembrance, in the Pathway of this Most Great Remembrance, in accordance with the truth, *exceedingly*. 30 None hath been created, save that We have placed therein a Sign from the Most Great Remembrance, that the Truth might bear witness, in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 31 And verily, those who desire the life of this world after the Truth—God hath not ordained for them, in the world to come, *any portion* of good—for the Decree concerning them, from the Judgment of the Gate, hath been *irrevocably ordained*. 32 And We have not sent Thee save with the Tongue proceeding from the People of the Garden of Ridwán—and there is no knowledge of discourse for the people after the Bayán—for verily, for all things there is a tiding within the Mother Book, *enshrined* nigh unto the Fire. 33 Yea, verily, God hath granted leave unto the Remembrance, in speech, to utter whatsoever He willeth, concerning whatsoever He willeth—and He willeth naught save as We have willed, according to the truth—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 34 And when ye hear *a Word* from the Most Great Remembrance, according to the Pure Truth, free from the false and satanic conventions within your own hands, reject not the Truth—for verily, Kingship belongeth unto God, He disposeth as *He willeth*, whatsoever *He willeth*. 35 For He is God, Who hath ever been *All-Knowing, All-Wise*. 36 O Faithful Ones! Have I not warned you of the True Days of God? By the One True God! This Day hath indeed come unto you from your very own day, upon those servants who have been, by the Most Exalted Remembrance of God, *patient* and *thankful*. 37 Yea, verily, God hath granted leave unto the thankful according to the gratitude from His own Self, and unto those who reject faith according to the Fire from His Command—for verily, God, your cherished Lord, hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 38 O Concourse of Lights, from

amongst the people who dwell in the Wine of Redness! Hearken unto My Call from this Bird set in motion within the expanse of the air, upon the mountains of the land of this Qáf—verily, God hath revealed unto Me, within the subjugated Ark, above that *Water*: 39 “*Lo! Verily, I am the One True God—there is none other God except Me—so worship ye Me according to that Upright Line, set in motion within the bosom of the Gate—for verily, He is, in accordance with the truth, within that Tafsír, speaking with justice and held in praise.*” 40 “*O God, unto Thee be praise! There is none other God except Thee. I complain only of my anguish and my sorrow from that Still Water within the twain eyes—separated from the Camphorous Water within the Twain Names, and from the Golden Water within the twain cups—unto God, the Possessor of the Twain Commands. And verily, I know from God, concerning this Arabian Youth—keen in insight—whom I have nurtured with mine own hands within the Fire of hearts—He is the One Who recounteth His Name according to the Most Great Word—that which ye know not in aught—for He is God, Who hath ever been, through His Most Exalted Remembrance, All-Knowing.*” 41 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 42 And verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things.

87. *Súrah of the News, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

“O my sons! Go ye forth and inquire concerning Joseph and his brother, and despair not of the Spirit of God—for verily, none despaireth of the Spirit of God save the people who deny faith.” Alif-Lám-Rá-Alif. 3 O Thou Most

Great Word! God hath indeed sent the Remembrance down upon Thee, in very truth, and Thou art naught save the Most Exalted Remembrance from God—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 4 Yea, verily, We—We have sent Thee down, in very truth, and verily, God and His Angels—over Thee—by the Inviolable Truth, according to the Most Lofty Word—have ever been *Guardians, from everlasting*. 5 And verily,

those are the Verses—the Verses of the Qur’án—in very truth, from the Lord Thy God—the True One—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 6 And leave the idolators round about the Fire until that True Day—*an Appointed Time*. 7 And verily, for every *Book* there is *a determined decree* concerning the Command within that Most Great Word, by the leave of the One True God—for within the Mother Book, the Judgment of all hath, in very truth, been *written*. 8 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, Thou art

the Most Great Supreme Tiding within the Concourse on High, and by that Name, amongst the people of the Throne, Thou hast ever been, in very truth, *known*. 9 O Faithful Ones! Are ye indeed in doubt concerning that unto which the Remembrance summoneth you? And He verily is the True One, in very truth—Who hath ever been, within the Truth, *openly witnessed*. 10 Is there, then, doubt concerning the Gate? He verily is the One Who upholdeth the heavens and the earth by Our leave—for verily, God hath ever been *All-Informed* of that which ye know. 11 The likeness of those whom the Remembrance restraineth from the false foundations is as those who love not that reply be made against their gods—and both, according to the Judgment of falsehood, have ever been, within the Mother Book, *written*. 12 Say: God is my Lord and your Lord—the True One—Who hath appointed Me, in relation to this Most Great Word, in accordance with the truth, *a Witness*. 13 And I am but a man like unto

you—God bestoweth favor upon Me as He willeth, through whatsoever He willeth—and for the Command of the Lord your God—the True One—within the Mother Book, there hath been no *delimitation*. 14 For the Command from Us is naught but nearer than the twinkling of an eye, and verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 15 It is not for Us to speak save by the leave of God, and upon God have We placed Our trust, in very truth—purely—for He is God, Our Lord, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 16 Yea, verily, God hath ordained, for those who are fearful round about the House, a station of security within the precincts of the Throne—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 17 And whoso imagineth, concerning the Remembrance, aught of falsehood—even *a portion* thereof—We shall give them to drink, upon the Day of Resurrection, from the water of corruption—and when they would swallow it, it burneth, and death cometh upon them from every side, yet they die not—and behind them is the Most Great chastisement of God, in accordance with the truth—*written* within the Mother Book. 18 Have ye not reflected in aught? Yea, verily, We created the heavens and the earth in very truth—and were God to will, He could remove you and bring forth a creation, according to the truth, like unto you—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 19 And verily, within the Fire is a fire of cold—equal for those who reject faith—whether, after the burning, they be stricken with anguish or endure with patience, there is for them within the Fire no escape, according to justice—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 20 And when the Command is decreed, Satan shall say unto his allies, “*Verily, I too was with you in associating partners—so blame me not, but blame your own selves, O ye who associate.*” And verily, the Most Great chastisement of God hath been realized against us, and unto us it shall return, by the Decree of the Book, from the Command of the Gate—*irrevocably established*, by the Most Great Truth. 21 Have ye not beheld how God hath set forth the Remembrance as a Tree—its root fixed within the Breast of the Remembrance, and its branch raised aloft unto the heaven of the Cloud? For verily, God is your cherished Lord—Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 22 And

verily, the goodly Word—its root is firmly established upon the Throne, and its branch abideth in heaven, by the leave of the Gate—bringing forth its fruits, the Verses, at every moment, by the leave of God, a bringing-forth-into-being in accordance with eventualities, by the Most Wondrous Command, within the newly-ordained justice—upon the Point of the Fire, hath ever been, round about the Water, *ensbrined*. 23 And the likeness of the word of falsehood, apart from the truth, is as a corrupt tree, uprooted from the shade of shadows, upon shadows—and the shade hath ever been, upon the Fire, within the Fire, *brought forth*. 24 Do ye set up, apart from God, *rivals*—while they are, in creation, like unto you? Then wait ye—for verily, God hath written the destiny of the idolators unto the Fire, and verily, the Command from God hath, within the Mother Book, been *irrevocably ordained*. 25 Say unto My servants who have faith in the Remembrance, upon the Upright Line, “*let them expend their wealth after establishing the Prayer*”—for verily, God hath prepared for them gardens beneath which flow fruits, with forbearance, and good-pleasure from the accents of knowledge—for verily, the bounty of God unto this Most Great Remembrance hath, within the Mother Book, in the presence of God, been *well-known*. 26 Yea, verily, We—We have subdued for you the sun and the moon, abiding continually round about the Remembrance—and should ye reckon the favor of God, ye could never encompass it—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* the faithful. 27 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from around the Secure City—the station of Abraham, “*Whoso entereth therein upon the Upright Line, is verily of the people of the Gate; and whoso disobeyeth God is cast out therefrom—for He is God, Who hath ever been Self-Sufficient, All-Praised*. 28 “*Our Lord! I have caused this Solace of Mine Eye to dwell in a valley devoid of right—so make, O God, the hearts of the people to incline unto Him, and provide for His people from the fruits—the realities—for Thy Most Great Covenant, in very truth, purely for Thy sake—for verily, Thou art the Possessor of the Most Mighty Grace. Our Lord! Verily, Thou knowest, in very truth, that which pertaineth unto Him and unto those with Him, for naught is hidden from Thee—verily, Thou art the Mighty, and Thou hast ever been, above all the*

worlds, Self-Sufficient.” 29 Verily, those who reject faith desire not the truth toward the Remembrance, neither in their sight nor in their hearts—and God hath ordained for them, on the Day of Reckoning, *a station wherein they shall be called to account*, in accordance with the truth. 30 Then, when the covering is lifted from their sight, they shall say, “*Would that we had answered Thy summons and followed the Remembrance from Thee—the True One!*” And for them this Day, apart from God, the Most High, there shall be no *helper*. 31 Erelong shall the faithful behold, on that Day, the seat of the transgressors within the Fire—their garments prepared of molten pitch, covering their faces with the Fire. Wretched is that seat as a dwelling—in the Ark—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 32 Yea, verily, God shall recompense every soul for that which it hath earned—for verily, God—He is the True One—*there is none other God except Him*—He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 33 Verily, this Remembrance is a Word of conveyance, in very truth, unto the people—that they may know, according to the truth, that He is but one God—*there is naught like unto Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, All-Wise*. 34 And We destroyed not any township save at an Appointed Term, written by the leave of God, Our True Lord—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 35 And verily, We—We have sent Thee down, in very truth, unto the factions of the former and the latter times—according to a Letter from the Mystery of the Line, which hath ever been *enshrined* round about the Fire. 36 And verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 37 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, We have preserved the earth above the Water, and the heavens beneath the Air—Thy True Command, according to the Most Wondrous Command, from Thy True Lord—for the judgment, within the Mother Book, hath been *irrevocably ordained*. 38 So hearken unto that which hath been revealed unto Thee from Thy Lord—verily, there is none other God except Him—so worship Him and place Thy trust in Him. And when the Command is decreed, say: “*Verily, we belong unto God, and unto Him, in very truth, have We been returning—held in praise, according to the truth.*” 39 O People of Justice! Harken unto My Call from that Pure Water, set in

motion within that Camphorous Cup, in the hands of youths from the people of that Gate—standing before the One True God, He verily is the Ever-Living—*there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Exalted, Everlasting*. 40 “*Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me. O Concourse of Lights! O My servants! Go ye unto the Land of Purity—* 41 “*And inquire concerning Joseph and his brother within the very Gate—and faint not concerning the Most Great Word—the Spirit of God—for verily, wheresoever ye may be, by the leave of God, your cherished Lord, He hath ever been with you, according to the truth, advancing you by His Signs unto your homeland—for He verily is the True One within the Most Exalted Gate, which hath ever been, within the precincts of the Fire, the Goal of all-hearts.*” 42 For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto over all things.

88. *Súrah of Conveyance, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And when they approached him, they said, "O Mighty One! Distress hath touched us and our family, and we have come with merchandise of little worth—so give us full measure, and be charitable with us—for verily, God recompenseth those who give in charity." Alif–Lám–Mím–Śád–‘Ayn. 3 God—*there is none other God except Him*—the True One—and there is naught beside Him save that it hath been created by His Command, according to the truth—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 4 O Faithful Ones! Verily, God hath revealed this Book unto Me, by the Most Great Truth, and I have revealed, in very truth, unto My Most Great Remembrance, by the leave of the one True God—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 5 So by the Lord your God—the True One—there is none in whose heart ariseth aught apart from pure servitude unto Me and unto My Most Great Remembrance, save that God shall burn it in the Fire on the Day of Return—for God hath not decreed for it, in the world to come, to be amongst the people of Truth—in accordance with the truth—*encompassing*. 6 O People of the Earth! Verily, this Crimson Leaf, sprung forth in oil from the hearts, hath been dyed, by the Most Great Truth, upon the decreed Command—there is no altering it—for verily, the Command of God, within the Mother Book, according to the truth, by the wondrous Command, hath been *irrevocably ordained* round about the Fire. 7 O People of the Earth! Hearken unto My Call from the moments of these birds set in motion upon that Snow-White Leaf, "*Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me—so worship Me, and establish the Prayer before the Remembrance, for the sake of the Most Great Remembrance, and expend from that which God hath granted unto you in the Pathway of the Remembrance—for verily, death is fully perceiving of His decreed Command—for God hath ever Encompassed all things.*" 8 Lo! Verily, this Remembrance, within the Seat of Holiness, is amongst the foremost of those who prostrate before God, the Most High—thus hath it been *written*, by the very essence of the truth. 9 So turn ye in repentance unto God, ere a Day when death shall come

upon you of *a sudden*—thereupon ye shall not find, apart from death, *any surrender* unto the One True God. 10 And the way of those of old hath already passed upon the transgressors, by the decree of the Book, according to the Command of the One True God—within that Gate *irrevocably ordained*. 11 Yea, verily, We—*We, even should We open unto the faithful a gate from heaven*, their souls would wax proud, and they would vainly suppose concerning the Remembrance that He is, according to the Command, *a mighty sorcerer*. 12 And verily, We—We have ordained in heaven *constellations*, upon the Point of Equilibrium, within the twain cycles, centered upon the Axis of the Gate, *in perfect balance*. 13 That those endowed with knowledge may judge by taking from their configurations, upon the Point of Evenness, *a mere glimmer* thereof. 14 Yea, verily, We—We have guarded Thee from every satan—save such as steal away from the Verses of the Book within the souls of the faithful—for he hath verily ever been *concealed* within the Fire. 15 O Solace of Mine Eye! Cast them away with the casting of the Verses, by means of heavy meteoric flames, according to the Verses which God hath ordained in the Gate, in accordance with the truth, within that Book—*dearly manifest*. 16 And there is naught but that God hath placed its treasuries within the Mother Book—and We send it not down save according to a measure of the Command, from that which the One true God hath willed—in very truth—*measured out*. 17 And verily, We—We know, in very truth, the pathways of the journeys of the people of earth and heaven—for Thou hast ever been *stationed* at the Gate of the sciences, from the Presence of the All-Knowing, the Self-Subsisting. 18 O People of the Earth! Convey ye Our true Command unto all, according to a Mystery from the upright Alif around the Truth. For verily, God hath ordained for those who convey the Message gardens hewn from fresh ruby—and God hath placed within them heavens corresponding to this heaven. And God hath originated, upon the center of each heaven, *a sun* in the Temple of Glorification, *a moon* in the Form of Sanctification, and *stars* in the Shape of Praise. They glorify God, their true Creator, upon the axes of their centers, and implore forgiveness of God for those who convey unto the servants *a Command*

from this Most Great Supreme Word, by the leave of God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Everlasting*. 19 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from around that heated iron, made red-hot by the Fire concealed within the heart of the Remembrance, which hath ever been *enshrined* within the Mother Book. 20 Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me, upon the Primal Mount, from the tongue of His Beloved, from the Mystery concealed round about the Gate, “*Lo! Verily, I am God*”—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for verily, the True One from God hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 21 O People of Paradise! Harken unto My Call from the radiant Sun in the nethermost depth of the Seventh Sea, upon the Most Great Line—save that We have forgiven him his sins, and planted for him, within the Garden of Eden, *trees* according to the form of the peacock from amongst the birds of Paradise. And We have ordained, upon the Gate, within their fruits, celestial maidens like white pearls, hidden and preserved. And verily, the Power of God over the Promise is indeed true—act ye according to the truth, for ere long shall ye behold the Cause of God in the far-off Gathering—according to the truth, the Most Praised—*far away*. 22 O Solace of Mine Eye! Speak not unto the people concerning the essence of the intellect, lest they be led astray from the Truth, away from the Path—but speak unto them according to the word of what is recognized—through veiled concealment, guarded—that which hath ever been *known* amongst the ones who uphold Divine Unity. 23 Yea, verily, We—We have appointed for the earth *a Name* according to the Most Great Word, and We have ordained therein your means of livelihood upon the Gate. Is there aught which ye suppose, in very truth, for yourselves, apart from the One True God, as *a Provider*? 24 O Solace of Mine Eye! Send down upon the lands of the Verses the water of mercy, that they may proffer drink unto the people—even unto their very souls—upon the Upright Line of the Most Great Word, until the Appointed Day, as *a fixed time*. 25 Yea, verily, We—We have created humankind, in very truth, from the clay of earth within the grasp of the All-Wise, round about the seas of water, by the leave of God, the Most

High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, All-Wise*. 26 And verily, We have written upon the jinn an obscured fire, from the verdant Tree, which hath ever been planted round about the *ever-scorching* wind. 27 And verily, We—when We created the Angels round about the Remembrance, We commanded them, according to the truth, within that Gate, to prostrate unto the Most Gracious—your true Lord—along the pathway of love, which hath ever been *desired-goal* within the Mother Book. 28 So the angels prostrated, with the dust rising from this earth, by a command from the Remembrance, unto God, the Everlasting—for He is God, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *One worthy of worship*. 29 And verily, Iblís—when he waxed proud in his denial, against the Most Great Gate—thereby was he, by that association, in the Preserved Book of God, accounted *accursed*— 30 “Depart! For verily, thou hast been, within the Book of the Wicked, *written with the name of the Fire, for the Fire*.” 31 And verily, We—We have raised aloft the Gate for the Gate, by the leave of God, within the Sacred Mosque—through the questioning concerning the Há, in response within the Word of ‘Lá’ (*there is none other*), for the conveyance unto the sanctuary of the heart, according to the truth, from that ink—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 32 Lo! There is no pathway save after severance from all beside the True One, *enshrined* within the Praised Gate, by the leave of God, the Most High, the Most Great. 33 And verily, this is the Path upon Me, within the Mother Book, in the form of a triad, which hath ever been *written* round about the Fire. 34 And God hath not, in very truth, granted any authority to the will of Satan over those who place their trust—round about the Gate—by the Most Great Truth, upon the Judgment of the Book from the Decree of the Gate, which hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *irrevocably ordained*. 35 Yea, verily, God hath placed, by His wisdom, seven Letters at the Gate of Hell, beneath the shade of the Gardens, by the Decree of the Twain Luminaries—the heat of the Twain Fires hath ever been, at the Point of the Fire, by the Fire—*established*. 36 And verily, for those who are mindful of God are Gardens of Holiness, within the precincts of the Gate, by the leave of God, the Most High—by the very essence of the

truth—*planted* within the Truth. 37 O Faithful Ones! *Enter ye therein in peace*—despite the heedlessness of the thing upon the Line, from the rending—in accordance with the Firm Truth, which hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *well-known*. 38 O People of Triumph, from the Mystery within the depths of the sea! Harken unto My Call from that Fish, held in suspension at the Axis of that sea, within its Most Holy center—for verily, God hath made for it a heart like the Light of the Twain Luminaries, whereby it illumineth the sea with its light—and it standeth at the Gate of servitude unto God, within that Gate—*beldfast*, in very truth. 39 Say: Verily, God hath revealed unto Me, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me. I have created Thee to proclaim, by the leave of God, within the land of Egypt:* 40 *‘When the fishes enter unto Thee, say, at the Gate, “O Mighty One! Distress hath touched us and our family, and we have come with merchandise derived from the Sign of the Gate, of little worth—so give us full measure by the just Balance, and be charitable with us by the Most Great Sign, even as God bestowed upon us aforetime from the Sign of Divine Unity and His chosen ones. For verily, God recompenseth those who give in charity, within that Gate, by the Most Great Truth.”’*” For God hath ever been *a Sublime Witness*. 41 For verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 42 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things.

89. *Súrah of Humanity, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
He said, “Do ye know what ye have done unto Joseph and his brother, when ye were ignorant?” Alif–Lám–Mím. 3 That is the Book from the One True God which hath been revealed unto Us, by the Pure Truth, upon the Upright Alif, within the Most Great Word, according to the truth, round about the first Line—for God hath ever been *Powerful* all things. 4 God knoweth the Unseen of the heavens and the earth, in very truth—and verily, the Remembrance is indeed upon the knowledge of the Book, which hath ever been—in accordance with the truth—*written*. 5 Yea, verily, We—We have removed from the breasts of the faithful amongst the people of the Gate all rancor of estrangement, according to the judgment of the Book which hath, within the Tablet of Recompense, been *irrevocably ordained*. 6 Those—they are upon couches, facing one another—they have been, round about the Gate, *stationed*—by Pure Truth. 7 No weariness shall touch them therein—save the Remembrance of the Gate, for the love of the Gate shall wholly occupy them, apart from all else—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 8 O Solace of Mine Eye! Announce Thou unto My servants that their Lord—the Most Gracious—hath indeed ever been, toward the faithful, *All-Seeing*. 9 For He is the True One—He hath ever been *Most Forgiving, Most Merciful*. 10 O People of the Earth! Harken unto My Call, according to the truth, from the Tongue of this Human Temple—the Most Great Remembrance of God, the Most Wondrous—upon the Form of differentiation, by the very essence of the Most Mighty Truth—*most eloquent*. 11 Verily, God hath revealed unto Me that this Path enjoined upon Me, before Me—is indeed the Truth, according to the truth, which hath ever been, in very truth, *upheld*. 12 Lo! Verily, I am God—*there is none other God except Me*—I have ever been, in very truth, the Ever-Living—*Self-Subsisting*. 13 And there is none that hath moved, in accordance with the truth, round about the House, but that the Word of Riḍwán hath been made binding upon it, by the Most Great Truth—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 14 O Concourse of Lights! Emerge from the water of affirmation after

negation, and arise for God, in pure devotion, round about the Alif of the Qá'im, upon the Line of Equilibrium—the Upraised—from before the Remembrance—and be ye, for God, the Everlasting, by the Pure Truth, according to the Firm Truth—*praiseworthy*. 15 Yea, verily, We—We gave Glad Tidings unto Our Word, Abraham, of His outpouring, according to a Word confirmed after Him—for verily, We—by God, according to the truth—have ever *Encompassed* all things. 16 And verily, We—We have delivered Lot, by the leave of God, and have caused the wrongdoers to perish according to a Letter from the Most Great Word—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 17 And the people of the city came unto the Truth—yet the Gate turned them back unto the Holy Land—for verily, these are, according to the truth, My guests—and they have ever been, in the Book of God, *inscribed* round about the Water. 18 O People of the Earth! Yea, verily, God hath exhorted you, in accordance with the truth—so proceed ye along the extended Line from round about the Gate toward the direction of Heaven, and turn not, concerning anyone, in aught *whatsoever*. 19 And by Thy life! Verily, those who have entered within this Gate, round about the Most Great Balance, in very truth, have been, according to the Firm truth, *steadfast*. 20 Then, when the Shout cometh, in very truth—your uppermost shall become your lowermost within that Gate—according to the Judgment of the Book which hath, in very truth, been *irrevocably ordained*. 21 And verily, in discernment within that Gate are signs for those possessed of inner vision amongst the people of the Concealed Line, which hath been, from round about the Fire, *veiled*. 22 When the companions of the Rock denied, We took vengeance upon them, according to the truth, through the Most Great Remembrance—*this*. 23 And verily, God doth not wrong the people, in accordance with the truth, even by so much as *a single thread of a date-stone*. 24 And verily, amongst the people are those who have hewn out, from the mountains, *dwellings*. 25 Then, when the Command cometh, in very truth—lo! Its uppermost shall become its lowermost upon the earth—and the Judgment of God hath no reversal, for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 26 And We created not the heavens and the

earth and whatsoever is between them, save round about the Remembrance, in very truth—and by the One True God, He verily is the True One, and hath ever been upon the Upright Path, with equity, *stationed* round about the Fire. 27 And verily, the Hour, round about the Remembrance, according to the truth, hath arisen—and there is no turning it back from God—so turn thou away, with *a gracious* turning, by God, the Most High. 28 Yea, verily, God hath made thy Name *Seven* from the Book, and *a Letter* from the oft-repeated verses of the Qur’ân—for verily, Thou art, according to the creation of the Most High, within the Mother Book, *created* round about the Command. 29 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “Lo! Verily, I—I am the Book within the scrolls of the heavens, in very truth—for verily, I have been, round about the Fire, *inscribed*. 30 So act Thou according to that which Thou art commanded, and turn away from the idolators by the leave of God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 31 And verily, those who set up, alongside God, another God, along with the falsehood of conjecture—then, by Thy Lord, We shall assuredly question them concerning the Cause, and We shall indeed judge them according to the Register, with the destined Fire, *brought forth*. 32 And verily, We know that Thy breast is constrained by that which the people vainly imagine concerning Thy Cause—so rely Thou upon the One True God and glorify Thou with the praise of Thy Lord—for sufficient is God, the All-Praised, concerning His servants—in accordance with the truth—*All-Aware*. 33 O Solace of Mine Eye! Worship Thy Lord until death cometh, in very truth—therein shalt Thou be above the Throne, amongst the ranks of those who prostrate, from the people of the Cloud, in the presence of God, the Most High—Thou hast indeed been *accounted grateful*. 34 O Concourse of Lights! By the One True God! The True Command of God hath come—so hasten it not. He sendeth down the Angels with the Command upon whomsoever God willeth amongst His servants, “*Warn the people!*”—for verily, I have been, concerning the Revelation, in very truth, *held to account*. 35 There is none other God except Him, the Self-Subsisting—For He is God, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *worthy*

of worship. 36 Yea, verily, We—We have created the heavens and the earth by the Concealed Command, according to the Mystery, from the Line of the Gate, in accordance with the truth. Exalted be God above that which the wrongdoers assert concerning the Remembrance—for He is indeed the True One within the Mother Book, Who hath ever been, round about the Truth, *true to the Command.* 37 And verily, God hath measured out the drop from humanity for humanity, and hath decreed the Command from between the Twain Waters, according to the Judgment of the Book—by the Decree of the Book—*irrevocably determined.* 38 And the cattle—We have created them according to the form of the talisman for your own selves—from them is warmth, and from them, for benefit—they have been, in accordance with the truth, within the Mother Book, *inscribed.* 39 And verily, God hath measured out the horses from the midst of the Bá, and the mules in the shape of the Wáw, and the asses upon the shape of the earth, that ye may ride them in your sojourns unto God—unto Him belongeth the Truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been, toward His servants, in very truth, *All-Seeing.* 40 And according to the Remembrance, the directing of the Pathway hath been, round about the Fire, *endeavored.* 41 O Solace of Mine Eye! Now have entered unto Thee the people of hearts, in very truth—so say: “*Do ye know what ye have done unto the Sign of the Gate—this Most Great Light, the Compliment of the Guardianship—when aforetime, with Joseph and his brother, ye were the people of awareness within the surging abyss of the twain seas—indeed ye were, according to the truth, inscribed?*” 42 For He is God—Who hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds.

90. *Súrah of Threefoldness, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
 They said, “Art thou indeed Joseph?” He said, “I am Joseph, and this is my brother. God hath indeed bestowed favor upon us. Verily, whoso is mindful of God and is patient—then indeed, God suffereth not the reward of the doers of good to be lost.” Alif–Lám–Mím–Şád 3 God—there is none other God except Him—the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting, Lord of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever lieth between them—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Exalted, Most Great*. 4 Verily, this Book is from God, the Wondrous Originator—it hath indeed been, by the very essence of the truth—*revealed, inscribed*. 5 Verily, these Verses are leaves from the Tree of the Friend, which hath *sprung forth* within the embrace of Abraham. 6 Verily, this is the Reed of Ruby which hath been *planted* within the land of holiness. 7 Verily, this is the Word of glorification, *springing forth* from the Tree of magnification above the Mount which hath indeed been *uttered*. 8 And verily, God—had He willed—would surely have guided all humankind, through the Remembrance, unto His Mighty Book—*entire*. 9 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Exalted, Most Praiseworthy*. 10 And verily, this Remembrance is the Servant within the Furqán, according to the Word of Truth—*of which they know not*—by the very essence of the truth—which hath indeed been *hidden* within the Point of the Fire. 11 And He it is Who hath sent down, from heaven, the water of mercy—from it springeth the Tree of the heart, and from it this drink—thus, within the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth, it hath indeed been *inscribed* within the precincts of the Gate. 12 Yea, verily, We—We have subjected the water into your hands, that He might cause the crops to grow thereby—within the mystery, the elixir, and the olive—around the veiled line, from the hands of the Remembrance—it hath indeed ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *extant*. 13 Thus doth God set forth His Signs, that haply the people may come to know the truth of the Remembrance within that inscribed Line, from the Concealed Mystery—*even but a little*. 14 And all are subjected by Our hands, according to the truth—and there is naught save that, by the

Command, in very truth, it hath indeed been, within the precincts of the Gate, *commissioned* thereby. 15 Yea, verily, God hath subjected for you this sea, that ye may eat therefrom the flesh of attributes along the Pathway of the Gate, according to the Remembrance of the Name of God, the Most High—*held in praise*. 16 So by My life! Verily, Thou art the Star of the Book, and the Sun of Heaven, and the Lightning of the Cloud—within the Mother Book—Thou hast indeed ever been, with Thy Lord, upon the Upright Line, within the precincts of the Fire—*enshrined*. 17 Is one who revealeth the Book, in very truth, like unto one who possesseth not power over knowledge of even a single Letter thereof? *Nay!* 18 And verily, God—He is the All-Knowing—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 19 And Thou hast indeed filled the wondrous creation, in very truth, from the bounties of the Remembrance—yet the people know not, from the grace of the Book, save *a single Alif*, beyond the Concealed Mystery, upon the squared Line, which hath indeed been, within the Mother Book, inseverable. 20 And verily, God hath encompassed, in His knowledge, all things—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Exalted, Ever-Abiding*. 21 And verily, those who call upon aught beside the Gate—they have indeed been reckoned *dead* upon the earth, *firmly affixed* within the midmost heart of the Fire. 22 O People of the Earth! Verily, your God is *the* God—One God—*there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 23 Yea, verily, We—We seal the hearts of the idolators with denial, set against the truth—and there is no doubt that God knoweth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 24 Indeed, they have schemed—those who affirmed the Book yet associated partners with the Remembrance—erelong shall We surely bring down the roof upon them, according to the Word of justice, by the leave of God, the Most High—*and that right soon*. 25 Verily, those whom the Angels seize at death—while the signs veil them from before the Gate—“*Enter ye the gates of Infernal Hellfire, abiding therein so long as the heavens and the earth endure, until such time as the Lord your God—the True One—willeth*”—for

verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 26 And when the people ask Thee, “*What hath been sent down from Thy Lord in the Book?*”—say: “*Yea—by My life!—upon Mine own Self is the Most Great Word—and within the Mother Book, that Word hath indeed been, nigh unto the Gate, unto the One True God, the Desired Goal.*” 27 And verily, the seat of the faithful is the Abode of Joy nigh unto the Gate—according to the Judgment of the Book—it hath indeed been, in accordance with the truth, *irrevocably established*. 28 And verily, God hath prepared for them therein whatsoever they desire—*sanctified*, by the leave of God, the most blessed thereof beyond all change—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 29 Say: Await ye the Most Great Day—verily, the Truth hath come, and the Angels are within the precincts thereof—and Satan hath been slain by the Most Great Edge—for the Command hath been decreed, according to the truth, within that Gate—*irrevocably ordained*. 30 Therein, enter ye the gates of Bliss *altogether*—for verily, the Judgment of the Fire hath indeed been decreed upon his affair—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 31 And the idolators from amongst the people of the Furqán say: “*Had God willed, we would not have been content, apart from the Gate, with aught*”—God hath cursed them for their spurning—is there upon the Remembrance aught save the clear proclamation?—by the Point of the Fire it hath indeed ever been *written*. 32 O People of the Earth! By the One True God! The Proof of the Remembrance is as the shining sun which the Most Gracious hath placed in heaven along the Great Circle of the earth, at the zenith—which hath ever been *exalted in honor*. 33 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from the precincts of the Shrine, upon the Temple of glorification, “*There is none other God except Him*”—so harken unto that which hath been revealed unto Thee, in very truth—for there is none that hath drawn breath in Thy remembrance, according to the Most Great Remembrance, save that We have written for them, in very truth, the Most Great Riḍwán—for verily, this grace, with God, the Most High, hath indeed ever been, within the Mother Book, *exalted in might*. 34 And verily, We—We have not revealed a single Verse except by the leave of God, in very truth,

according to that Word, *“that ye worship none but God”*—that is the Upright Faith, in very truth—and within all the Tablets, thus hath the Truth, from the hands of the Remembrance, been *written* from the Crimson Ink. 35 O Solace of Mine Eye! Strive not for the guidance of any soul—for verily, God guideth not one who followeth the pathway of the Evil One—for He is God, the Praiseworthy, in very truth—and He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 36 Verily, Our Command—when We will it, We decree it within the Book—We but say unto it, *“Be,” and it is—written* within the Mystery of this Gate. 37 And upon the Tablet, within the Mystery of the Fire—by the Fire—it hath indeed ever been *mentioned*. 38 And We have not sent any Prophet save that We intrusted Him with the Covenant concerning the Remembrance and His Day—save that the Remembrance of God and His Day, through the Most Exalted Vision, before the Angels of the Throne, hath indeed ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *openly witnessed*. 39 O People of Peace! Harken unto My Call from this Point of the Supernal Mysteries within the Crimson Ruby, beheld through the gems of the People of the Cloud, and graven within the precincts thereof by a Pen of Diamond—*Arabic Prose* from the tongue of the Primal Self, from amongst the people of the western desert, which hath indeed been, upon a palmful of the clay of the Gate, in the expanse of heaven, from Peace, *established*—according to the Command, *held in praise*— 40 *“Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me—I have created the Gardens for the people of love from My Word—this Arabian Youth, the Most Sublime, the True One, in very truth—and I have brought forth the Fire from the shadow of the Gardens for the people of repudiation, within His Word and His Book revealed from the One True God—and verily, I am the Self-Subsisting, the Witness of all the worlds—and verily, I am the Most Exalted, in very truth—I have ever been, above all the worlds, Self-Sufficient.”* 41 O Solace of Mine Eye! Erelong shall the People of the Cloud say, *“Verily, Thou art indeed the Joseph of Oneness”*—say: *“Yea, by My Lord! I am the square form within the Joseph of the Beginning, and this is My brother—the triangular form in the image of the Seal—God hath indeed bestowed favor upon Me through the Twain*

Mysteries upon the Twain Mounts, and through the Twain Names within the Twain Lights—and whoso hath faith in the Gate and remaineth patient after the Book—then verily, God suffereth not the reward of the doers of good to be lost, even to the measure of the pit of a date—in accordance with the truth—even a single thread of a date-stone.” 42 For verily, God hath ever been, over all things, *a Reckoner*.

91. *Súrah of Fourfoldness, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
 They said, "By God! God hath indeed preferred thee above us, and verily, we were surely amongst the erring." Alif-Lám-Mím-Rá-Alif. 3 God—there is none other God except Him—the True One—for He is God, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *worthy of worship*. 4 So hearken unto My Call from around the Gate, *encompassing* all directions. 5 O Solace of the Eye! Utter forth according to the melody of the Beloved, beneath the depths of Love, by the Command of Thy cherished Lord, the Everlasting—*Most Wondrous*. 6 "Lo! Verily, I am the Holy Place—I have ever been, round about the Fire, within the sea of the Seventh Paradise, *openly witnessed*. 7 And verily, I—indeed I—am the Manifested Secret, above the Line concealed beneath the flaxon, lightning-like Veil—I have ever been, round about the Throne, *inscribed*." 8 O People of Love! Harken unto My Call from the Light of the Heart, nigh unto the Farthest Mosque, round about the Throne of God, the Most High—by the very essence of the truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Ever-Abiding*. 9 "Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me. I have planted, by Mine own Hands, gardens within the land of Paradise for My Servant—from a fragment of fresh date-palm, from *red gold*. 10 "There is no portion for aught save its own self. I warn you, O My servants, of His Self"—and verily, the Word of God is indeed the Truth, for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most High, Most Great*. 11 Thou shalt find therein naught save the Voice of God, the Most High, upon the even Line—which hath ever been, at the Point of the Heart, *held in remembrance*. 12 And verily, Thou—upon the Mount—art the Point of the Gate, round about the Tree grown in the land of the Cloud, from God, the Ever-Abiding—Thou hast ever been *speaking* and *praised*. 13 And verily, Thou art the talismanic form for those upon the Mount, above the Light—Thou hast ever been *signified*. 14 And verily, Thou art the Word of the Jesuine Ones within the Gospel and the Psalms—upon the form of glorification—Thou hast ever been *inscribed*. 15 Say: Lo! I—verily I—am the Triangular Form, within the holiness of the Cloud—*squared*—I have

ever been *written*. 16 And verily, I—indeed I—am the Impregnable Name—I have ever been, at the Point of the Fire, *unifying*. 17 And verily, I—indeed I—am the Exalted Symbol—I have ever been, round about the Water, *multiplying*. 18 And verily, I—indeed I—am He Who hath ever been, in the presence of the Most Merciful, within the Mother Book—round about the Fire—*written*. 19 O Solace of Mine Eye! Behold the couches of the Throne—for verily, the Cloud and its inhabitants shall indeed gasp at the voice of this warbling Cockrell, upon this reddened Leaf sprung forth from this blessed Tree—with a gasp of repudiation—they shall slay their way from their dwellings—and verily, Thy Lord is the True One, Possessor of bounty unto humankind—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Self-Sufficient, All-Wise*. 20 O Thou Most Mighty Lord! By the One True God! The birds have indeed made me to swear, upon one of *the crimson leaves*. 21 And verily, when Thou didst command me to answer the servants, I brought them forth, in a mere blink of an eye, from the chambers wherein they had weighed within my breast for eighty-seven thousand prolonged, long-lasting years—and verily, Thou art the Knower, in very truth—for sufficient is God, and Thou, over the Concealed Mystery, as *Witness*. 22 O Solace of Mine Eye! Observe them upon a single drop of the Effusion—for verily, death hath drawn nigh unto their souls—and were it not for Thy gaze, they would assuredly be, upon the earth, in very truth, *dead*. 23 O People of the Cloud! Harken unto My Call, “*Verily, I am the Servant of God and His Most Great Remembrance—so is there aught that I call you unto apart from God, your cherished Lord? For He is the All-Powerful, Possessor of bounty unto His servants.*” 24 What aileth your souls from the Most Great Thunderstroke? Return them unto chambers wherein repose hath been established, by the Most Wondrous Command, from the One True God—and await My Command from around the Upright Alif, in very truth—for verily, the assistance of God and His Days have, within the Mother Book, indeed *drawn nigh*. 25 O People of the Earth! Have ye not beheld what God hath originated from a thing, whose shadow hath been cast within the Book—at the moment of advance, manifest at the Point—and at the

moment of retreat, *inverted* in the face, turned away from the truth? Thus hath God set forth parables for humankind, that ye might, through God, the Most High, round about the Gate, by His Praised Name, be of *the thankful*. 26 O People of the Earth! Harken unto My Call from around the Remembrance, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me. O My servants! Take not unto yourselves two gods—there is but One God—and verily, We forgive not association, in very truth, but We forgive all else beside that for whomsoever We will—and verily, the best of outcomes, in My presence, belongeth unto the sincere, round about the Gate—created, in very truth.*” 27 So follow ye this Remembrance, in very truth—for He verily standeth upon the Exalted Path, upon the Alif at rest, within the midmost heart of the Fire—*firmly established*, in very truth. 28 And unto God, the Most High, prostrateth whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is upon the earth, in very truth—and unto Him belongeth the Upright Faith, in very truth. Verily, the Remembrance—within the very Soul of that Gate—hath ever been, in very truth, *enduring*. 29 And there is not a single blessing but that it is from God—it hath been sent down upon you at this Gate. Amongst you is one who hath faith, and amongst you is one who associateth partners—and verily, the Remembrance standeth upon the Upright Balance—round about the Fire—*ever-straight*. 30 Do ye desire that ye should know that which none knoweth? None hath been granted knowledge of what the Line hath decreed for anyone. By the One True God! Ye shall assuredly be questioned, O creation, concerning what ye utter concerning the Remembrance, in other than the truth—and verily, your Lord, the Most Merciful, hath ever been, in very truth, *a Witness* over all things. 31 Do ye then assign unto God bonds based upon falsehood? And when We create for you the female, in very truth, why then do your faces remain *darkened*? Do ye disdain the creation of the Truth—while He is Praised in His doing? What aileth you that ye have not faith in the truth, and in His signs—unto God, the All-Praised—*even but a little*? 32 And verily, God hath ordained the likeness of evil for those who associate partners—for verily, unto God and His chosen ones belong the Most Exalted Likeness, within the Mother Book, in accordance with the

truth—*set forth*. 33 And verily, the likeness of the Remembrance, in the presence of God, is as the likeness of the sun at the pole of heaven—without an effusion from the clouds—amidst the concourse of the air—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 34 And verily, for every term there is that which hath been *written* within the Mother Book. 35 So when the leave cometh, they shall not delay by *nine* of ten, nor shall they advance beyond it in aught—for all, unto their nests beneath the air, have ever been, upon the Gate, *beld in suspension*. 36 And verily, amongst the people are those whose tongues have spoken falsehood concerning the Remembrance—and by God! God hath not ordained for them any good, save the infernal Fire of Hell—in the Resurrection—*promised*. 37 And God hath not sent down the Book unto Thee save that the People of the Book might know that wherein they have differed in the Faith, in other than the truth—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 38 Yea, verily, We—We have sent down this Water from the heaven of the Throne, that the faithful might revive their dead souls, in very truth—for verily, life for the people of the heart hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *written*. 39 O People of the Earth! The likeness of this manifest Water is as the likeness of Pure Milk between the twain seas: this is the abyss of the divine Decree, and that is the vast sea of Delegation—and verily, these twain are unfaithful within the Mother Book—and verily, the Alif, standing upon the Line of Equilibrium, is the Remembrance between them, according to the Pure Truth—and He standeth upon the Upright Path—by the very essence of the truth, *ever-straight*. 40 And verily, We—We have ordained within the fruits—date-palms, and some of the reeds, and the grapes—*a wholesome sweetness*— 41 That the faithful might partake of *a sweet provision*— 42 By the bounty of God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things.

92. *Súrah of Mantled Glory, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
 He said, "No reproach shall be upon you this day—God shall forgive you, for He is the Most Merciful of those who show mercy." Alif-Lám-Mím-‘Ayn-Sád.
 3 O People of Ridwán! Harken unto My Call from this Bird, beating its wings by the leave of God, within the Point of the Air of the Divine Cloud— 4 "Lo! Verily, I am the True One within the Truth. I have ascended through the air of all creation, and found naught save that I beheld it standing at that Gate, by the leave of the One True God—for God hath ever been a *Witness* unto all things. 5 "And verily, I am the Tree upon the Mount, and the Speaker speaking forth from the Manifestation of the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting, and the Cupbearer of My servants from the Spring of Camphor. Harken unto My Call from the kindled Fire of God, 'Yea, verily, I am the Dayspring within the Mystery of the inmost hearts—God hath revealed unto Me, "Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me—the True One. I have indeed chosen the Letters of the Remembrance for the Remembrance, even as I am, verily, the True One, the Most Powerful. I have ever been—there is none other God except Me—the Most Exalted, *Most Great.*" 6 O ye Faithful Ones! If ye have faith in God and His Verses, then return ye unto the Holy Land and call upon God for Our Cause—for verily, the assistance of God, within the Mother Book, hath *drawn nigh*. 7 God hath witnessed this day Thy disputation with the faithful within the House, and verily, I do boast this day of Thy Verses before the Angels of the heavens and the earth. And verily, God hath written for thy soul a recompense, according to the truth, like unto Our own selves—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 8 O ye Faithful Ones! What aileth you, that ye remember not the Most Wondrous Verses of God from your Lord? And verily, God hath ordained the dominion of the heavens and the earth for His Most Great Remembrance—for verily, God hath appointed Him, for the faithful, *Oft-Returning, Most Merciful*. 9 O Concourse of the Companions! Is there, concerning God, any room for doubt?—God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and the Revealer of Verses from the vestments of

the Sun. So by your Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—God hath not desired, for the faithful, within the likeness of this Arabian Youth, aught save that the Most Great Name of God be *a Gate most mighty*. 10 Say unto the five souls from amongst the gentlemen of the Holy Land, “*Verily, God hath chosen you, by His grace, from amidst the people, and ye are the Foremost within the Book of God. And for you, in the world to come, shall be a dominion within the Garden of Eden, in accordance with the truth—highly exalted.*” 11 And verily, We have appointed these faithful as witnesses over the people of the City. Say: “*Return ye unto your dwellings round about the House, and beseech ye God of His bounty for the deliverance of the Remembrance—for verily, the Cause of God hath, in accordance with the truth, drawn nigh.*” 12 And say concerning the fourth amongst them, “*Verily, God hath prescribed for thee, as recompense for the constancy of the twain sandals for My Most Mighty Remembrance, a twofold portion from the Most Great Mercy. And verily, for thee in the world to come is a noble station.*” 13 “*So by thy Lord! It behoveth not that there be hesitation concerning the like of this Youth, Who reciteth unto thee the Most Wondrous Verses of God from thy Lord, and purifieth thee by His grace, and teacheth thee the Book and the Wisdom through His Verses—for He is the Beauteous One, and in accordance with the truth, Immaculate.*” 14 “*For He is the One Who hath ever been, within the Mother Book, enshrined round about the Fire.*” 15 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say unto the Arabian Youth of Qazvín that God hath indeed accepted Thy arrival unto the Most Great Gate. Therefore, fear not—for verily, Thou art amongst the people of peace, and within the Mother Book thou hast ever been *written*. 16 God hath witnessed Thy disputation before the House with those twain whom We caused to journey unto the impure land, and who make claims concerning the aloof one through the stirring of the mountains, bereft of the truth. So by thy Lord! They possess no power over even a pebble, nor over a single speck, apart from God. Erelong shall We judge, within the Land of Ingathering, those who forge lies against God—for verily, God hath appointed the Remembrance from His presence as *a Witness* unto all the worlds, and unto the faithful, *a Beloved*.

17 And unto the faithless, *Most Severe*. 18 And verily, this Day have We granted, by the leave of God, unto the Cupbearer of coolness, a cooling draught from the Spring of Camphor, as recompense for His love toward the Most Great Remembrance of God—for verily, God suffereth not the reward of one who giveth water for the sake of God, the Most Exalted, to perish. And God hath ever been, concerning whatsoever ye do, *All-Aware*. Yea, verily, this day God hath enabled a Soul from the Holy Land to approach the Sacred House, and God hath prescribed for Him the reward of the martyr-witness—for verily, We suffer not the reward of one who worketh for God *a sincere and praiseworthy deed* to be lost. 19 For verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 20 O People of the Earth! Enter ye into the Holy Land by the leave of the Remembrance, and enter ye unto the Gate through the Gate—for He verily hath ever been the first to have faith in the true Remembrance of God. Therefore hath it, within the Mother Book, round about the Fire, been *written*. 21 Verily, the Remembrance hath accepted the repentance of a soul who came from the Holy Land, and God hath prescribed for Him the reward of the faithful. Verily, We suffer not the reward of one who worketh good before the Remembrance to perish—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 22 And recite unto Thy brother the tale of the sons of Adam, in very truth, when *they offered an offering*, and it was accepted from one of them, while from the other it was not accepted. Erelong shall God guide those who have faith, in accordance with the truth, unto His Most Exalted Path, *held in praise*. 23 Yea, verily, God hath guided the Night of His servant unto His Mighty Path—for God hath ever been *Compassionate* unto the faithful. 24 And verily, God hath prescribed for the faithful, by His grace, that which God hath ordained for the people of the Garden—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 25 God hath witnessed Thy disputation within the twain Sacred Precincts with the aloof one from amongst those arriving from the Holy Land—for indeed the Proof of God, after the Book, hath been perfected over all the worlds *entire*. 26 Erelong shall God guide those who endeavor for God and His chosen ones from before the Gate, by the Decree of the Book, unto that

which God hath ordained within the Mystery of the Return—*and that right soon*. 27 And verily, God hath perfected Thy proof against the one standing in the Path after the revelation of Verses from the One True God, in accordance with the Most Wondrous Truth—*Most Wondrous*. 28 Yea, verily, God hath delivered him by His grace, and God hath caused him to enter upon the Vast Path—for verily, God hath ever been *Watchful* over all things. 29 God hath indeed turned in mercy unto the Foremost who departed from the Holy Land unto the Gate of the Most Great Remembrance, and followed in the hour of solitude after a time when none were aware of Thy Most Great Cause. Erelong shall God recompense the faithful with the fairest recompense—for God hath prepared for them, within the Mother Book, *a mighty reward*. 30 And upon the solitary soul who hath stood firm upon the Path, the Decree of God hath been established in truth, for he knew, in very truth, that there is no refuge save unto the Remembrance, and that God hath ever been unto the faithful *Most Merciful*. 31 Yea, verily, God hath prescribed mercy for those who follow Thee in the hour of hardship within the Purified City—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 32 Nor hath God decreed for the people of the City of the Remembrance, nor for those dwelling round about it, that they should be left behind from the Most Great Remembrance of God, nor prefer their own selves above His Self—for verily, within the Mother Book, Thou art the very Soul of the Remembrance, and Thou hast ever been, ere the creation of the heavens and the earth, upon the earth, in very truth, within the precincts of the Fire, *written*. 33 And verily, God hath ordained for the faithful who have written that which God caused to flow from the Pen of the Remembrance in black ink, that they should efface it with sweet water—for verily, God hath forbidden the faithful to retain that page for themselves. Wherefore, be ye mindful of God, and divide not that which God hath caused to flow from the Pen of the Gate. Gather it, by the Pure Truth, and write it in the fairest script with whitened ink—for every soul upon the Path hath ever been *held*, according to the truth, *accountable*. 34 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, I found the people of Ridwán *beseeking* at the Gate, *seeking refuge*

with God, in very truth—for verily, God, Thy cherished Lord, hath ever been, unto all the worlds, *Most Generous*. 35 Wherefore sprinkle upon them *droplets* from the Camphorous Water, that their hearts may be stilled at that Gate, as *a grace* from God, the Most Exalted—for God hath ever been *Most Exalted, Most Great*. 36 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*Are ye in doubt concerning the true Cause of God? Who is it that created you from dust, then from a drop, then from a clot, then from a morsel of flesh? Is there, apart from God, any creator, in very truth? Glorified be He! He is the True One—there is none other God except Him—for God hath ever been All-Knowing, All-Aware.*” 37 Exalted is God above that which the schismatic assign concerning the Mystery of Our Name, this Most Mighty Word. We have decreed for them, for their own renderings, naught but the Fire for their own selves. And verily, the Remembrance of God—He indeed is the Most Exalted, in very truth—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 38 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God, and imagine not concerning the One True God the vain imaginings of falsehood—for verily, God hath decreed for the naysayers the Fire of the Ark, for the Decree of God hath ever been *found* within the souls of the naysayers themselves. 39 O Solace of Mine Eye! Wherefore utter from Thy tongue the Truth, by the very essence of the truth, according to the Most Wondrous Truth—for verily, the Book hath reached its Appointed Term, and God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 40 O People of the heavens and the earth! Verily, I have called you to witness for Mine own Self, and sufficient for Me is God and His chosen ones as *Witnesses* over Me aforesaid, in accordance with the Most Exalted Truth. 41 Verily, I am the Servant of God and the Word of Truth. I concern not Myself with a single letter of that Book save as the Lord My God willeth—He verily is the True One Who hath ever been *Most Exalted* and *All-Wise*. 42 O Solace of Mine Eye! Verily, the people of the Cloud have indeed spoken with the speech of the brethren of Joseph, by confessing the most grievous shortcoming. Say: “*No reproach shall be upon you this day—ere long shall God grant forgiveness unto you, should ye remain steadfast in the land of conflict*”—for verily, God, your cherished Lord, hath ever been, unto His

servants, *All-Forgiving, All-Wise.*

93. *Súrah of the Bee, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
“Take this garment of mine and cast it over the face of my father—he shall become seeing once more. And bring unto me all your household entire.”
Káf–Há–Mím–‘Ayn. 4 Yea, verily, We—We have inspired the bees, saying:
“Take ye from the mountains *palaces* for the habitation of sanctification—the Sign of this Lightning-Like One. 5 “And from the trees, a seat for glorification—the Sign of this Eastern One. And from that which they raise aloft in the pathway of Divine Unity—the pulverization of this Western One, unto God, the Most Exalted—for He is God, Who hath ever been a *Witness* unto all things. 6 “Then partake from every token, in *humility*, upon the Path of this Remembrance—this Gate.” From out of their bellies issueth forth the Water of Elixir, *unified* in its blessings though *diverse* in its hue. Therein is healing for the faithful—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 7 And God is the Creator of all things through His power—for He is God, Who hath ever been, concerning that which the people do, in accordance with the truth, *All-Aware*. 8 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God concerning that Most Great Word, made radiant by the Fire of Truth—for He hath verily, by the very essence of the truth, ever been, with God, the Most Exalted, a *Witness*. 9 O People of the Veils! Harken unto the Call of God from the tongue of the Most Great Remembrance, “Lo! Verily, I am God”—there is none other God except Him. Verily, the likeness of the Remembrance is as gold made molten by the Fire, flowing unto every unseen realm by the leave of God, the Most Exalted—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Ever-Abiding*. 10 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from round about the Shrine, from the tongue of this Tree planted upon the lofty Mount, leafed with the yellow leaves of the Inimitable One, “Lo! Verily, I am God”—there is none other God except Him. There is none that hath borne, in the Path of the Remembrance, any burden of war or aught of wealth, save that We have written for them the Garden of Eden and Ridwán, in very truth—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things.” 11 Yea, verily, We—We move the earth in the Hour according to

the Command of the Remembrance, and We restrain it, according to the truth, through the supplication proceeding from His own Self—otherwise, the earth with all its inhabitants would have become, in accordance with the truth, *beated* and *scorched*. 12 And verily, God hath preferred some above others through the knowledge of the Remembrance. Will ye then deny His bounty with lies? For He verily is the Truth from God, and hath ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *a matter concerning which ye shall be called to account*. 13 God hath made for you, from your own selves, *spouses* in very truth—and verily, God hath appointed the faithful women Leaves from the Lote-Tree within the precincts of the Gate—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 14 O Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God, and say not concerning the Mantled Mystery of God, around the Lawful Unbinding, save the truth. For verily, God hath laid upon the People of the Cloud the Mystery of Fidelity as a covenant—and God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 15 O Solace of Mine Eye! Speak forth, then, according to the melody of the Beloved nigh unto the Throne, and clothe the words in the garment of the breezes—for verily, God hath ever loved Thy Call through the Crimson Dove, laid bare—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Protector* over Thee. 16 O Concourse of Lights! Hearken unto My Call from round about the Point of Water upon the Centre of Dust, God—*there is none other God except Him*—the Lord of all the worlds—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 17 “*Lo! Verily, I am the Fire from round about the Mount—I have ever been, in very truth, speaking forth in praiseworthy exaltation*. 18 “*And verily, I am the Light above the Mount—I have ever been raised on high*. 19 “*And verily, I am the Crimson Point, rounded round about God, its Creator—and I have ever been, in very truth, beloved*. 20 “*And verily, I am the Planting of Bahá, by the Most Great Truth—I have ever been the Desired Goal above the Dayspring of the flowing Ruby, above the Mount*. 21 *And verily, I am the Splendor born of Praise—none comprehendeth the Splendor save the very Self of Praise—One, Peerless*. 22 O People of the Earth! By the One True God! Verily, God hath made the Mystery of this Gate *profound*. 23 And according to its Arabic

description, it hath ever been *elegant, openly witnessed*. 24 And verily, within these Verses are similitudes for those endowed with understanding—those who, round about the Gate, have ever been, in accordance with the truth, *prostrate in adoration*. 25 Do ye then worship, apart from God, that which possesseth *naught*? Dominion belongeth unto God, the Most Exalted, aforesaid and hereafter—within the Mother Book, it hath ever been *written*, in very truth, concerning the station of the Gate. 26 Wherefore, propound not similitudes for God, for He verily is the True One—*there is naught like unto His likeness*—for God hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 27 God hath indeed set forth the parable of two men—one standing upon the Cause, enjoining justice and beneficence; and the other standing upon the Fire, summoning by the Fire unto the Fire. Which, then, of these twain hath ever been according to the truth, if ye acknowledge even *a single Letter* from the Book? And verily, your Lord, the Most Gracious, hath ever been *All-Seeing* of that which ye do. 28 God hath this day written for His Servant *a recompense* upon the Line—a rightful portion from the white ruled Leaf—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 29 Upon the devoted servant who acteth equitably are Twain Gardens along the Great Circle of the earth—upon the Cupbearer is a chalice of water from the Water of Kawthar—for God hath been *a Witness* unto all things. 30 And verily, with God, the Unseen of the Unseens is witnessed, according to the truth—and God hath not decreed the Cause of the Remembrance save as nearer than the Command—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 31 Yea, verily, We—We have brought you forth from the wombs to render assistance unto the Truth on the Day of the Remembrance—and We have ordained for you hearing, and sight, and inmost hearts, that ye might render thanks for the Right of the Remembrance within the Upright Balance—*perfectly straight and true*. 32 And verily, We—We have subjected the birds in the atmosphere of heaven. Is there any who holdeth them fast apart from God, in very truth? Yea, verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 33 O Dayspring of the Dawn! Mention the Name of Thy Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He hath

verily ever been *Most Exalted, All-Wise*. 34 O Hour of the Dawn! Remember Thou, ere the rising of the Sun from the Dayspring of the Gate—for the Day of God hath ever been nearer than the glance, and the Judgment hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 35 O People of the Earth! Harken unto the Call of this Soul standing in the atmosphere of the Cloud, “*ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who hath made known unto Me, through that Gate, the Pathway of Communion according to the Word of Equity. That is of the grace of God upon me—for He hath verily ever been Self-Sufficient above all the worlds.*” 36 O People of the Chambers! Arise from round about the Grave, and hearken unto My Call from this Garment, steeped in My blood and pierced through by four thousand arrows from the idolatrous people amongst *My servants*. 37 “*Lo! Verily, I am the One slain at the twin throats; and verily, I am the One sacrificed by the twin swords; and verily, I am the One cast down upon the twain earths; and verily, I am the One speaking in the Twain Stations, ‘There is none other God except God, alone—there is none other God except Him’—so glorified be God, the Most Exalted—He beside Whom there is none other God except Him.*” For He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 38 Verily, God hath inspired unto Me, within a thread from that Garment, reddened with purified blood, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me.*” 39 O People of Paradise! Take ye My Shirt, the Sign of this Most Great Remembrance, and cast it upon the face of the Proof, your Imám, until He gazeth upon you with your own sight—for your sight this day, God willing, hath ever been, through that Gate, in accordance with the truth, *keen* and *piercing*. 40 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*Lo! Verily, I am the House—I have ever been, in very truth, raised on high. And verily, I am the Lamp within the Niche—I have ever been, by the One True God, in accordance with the truth, radiant.*” 41 “*And verily, I am the Fire within the Light, upon the Light of the Mount, in the Land of Joy—I have ever been hidden round about the Fire.*” 42 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say unto the faithful from amongst the people of the earth and the heavens: “*Bring ye unto Me your household, from amongst those who have been of the People of Effacement unto the Gathering, by the leave of God, the Most*

Exalted. For verily, God hath desired your recompense through this Gate, according to the Most Great Truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been Knowledgeable of all things.”

94. *Súrah of Proclamation, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And when the caravan had departed, their father said, "Verily, I perceive the fragrance of Joseph—were it not that ye would deem me doting."

Alif-Lám-Mím. 3 God hath indeed revealed unto Thee the Book as *a clarification* of all things, and as *guidance* and *mercy* unto those endowed with understanding—those who have ever *stood steadfast* round about the Gate. 4 O People of the Throne! Circumambulate the House, and hearken unto My Call from that crimsoned Chamber, from a fresh shard of carnelian, without any indication of limitation—if ye be, round about the Throne, *prostrate in devotion*. 5 "Lo! Verily, I am God"—*there is none other God except Him*—your Originator within the creation, upon the Upright Line within the precincts of that Water. 6 "Yea, verily, I have ever been, in very truth, a *Witness* unto all the worlds." 7 "Verily, this Remembrance is the Pathway of those severed from all else unto Me in every Tablet, according to the truth—*written, in very truth, by My Hands*." 8 O People of Earth and Heaven! I call God to witness, and I call you to witness, I am not, nor is this Servant, aught save the Servant of God and His Word, summoning you unto the Pure Faith by the leave of God, the All-Praised—and sufficient are God and His Loved Ones, concerning Me and concerning this My Remembrance, according to the truth, as *Witness*. 9 By the One True God! None claimeth, concerning Us, in very truth, aught beside that, save that God shall curse them, and all the Angels and the faithful from amongst the people of the earth—and God hath decreed for them, in the world to come, no *protector* by any decree save the burning heat of the Fire. 10 Verily, the likeness of certain Verses within this Book is as the likeness of the Word of the Mount from God within the Furqán. And We send down naught save in very truth, from the Presence of God, the One, the Incomparable, the Peerless—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 11 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: Verily, I am the Servant of God and the Most Great Word. There is none that passeth by My Self, even the slightest thing, in very truth, save that the Most Gracious, and the Angels, and the

faithful have indeed sent blessings upon them—the truth, in very truth, through God—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Merciful* unto the faithful. 12 And whosoever imagineth aught by falsehood, We shall, in very truth, tear them asunder on the Day of Resurrection with every manner of rending—for verily, God hath ever been *All-Seeing* of that which ye do. 13 Yea, verily, God hath ordained the hides of cattle for the people as *raiment*, according to the truth, within *appointed bounds*. 14 And from their wool, their fur, and their hair, He hath ordained *provisions of knowledge* for the people of this world, until that appointed hour as *a fixed term*. 15 Verily, God hath not wondrously originated aught, save that He hath created, within the Throne, the likeness thereof—*openly witnessed* even as the shadow. 16 And there is naught save that it hath ever been, within the Book, a paired mate—*irrevocably established*, in accordance with the truth. 17 And upon Thee lieth naught save the true conveyance unto the Truth—for verily, God hath ever been, over Thee, *a Helper* and *a Witness*. 18 For indeed, the people have recognized the Blessing of God, like the sun at the point of zenith—yet they deny it according to the vain desire of Satan, “*What have I to do with these heedless ones from amongst the People of the Book?*” Erelong shall God judge, in very truth, between them and the Solace of Mine Eye, through this Persian Youth—the True One, the Eye of Humanity—and sufficient is God, the All-Knowing, *Powerful*. 19 Verily, on the Day of Separation, God shall raise up from every nation *a witness* over the people of the earth—and verily, this Remembrance is indeed a Witness from God over all creation concerning that which ye have wrought within your innermost secrets and your outward affairs. And verily, God—He is the True One—hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 20 On that Day, the transgressors shall behold their partners whom they call upon apart from God, and they shall say, “*Our Lord! These are our partners whom we called upon apart from Thee—send down upon them a double portion of chastisement, for that they barred us from the Pathway of God, the Most High.*” This is that which hath ever been, upon the Throne, in the Presence of God, the Ever-Abiding—*upright* and *firmly established*. 21 So We answered their

supplication, and We have indeed sent down upon them a double portion of chastisement—for verily, God wrongeth not the people by so much as *the thread of a date-stone*. 22 O ye Faithful Ones! Verily, this Remembrance, in very truth, commandeth you naught save by justice, beneficence, and the return, in very truth, unto Riḍwán. And He, by God, hath indeed forbidden you, in many places of the Book, from indecency, abomination, and transgression—for He is, by the Lord your God, Knowledgeable of the stations of Command and prohibition. Be ye mindful of God concerning His Cause, for He hath ever been, in the Presence of God, within every Tablet, *All-Knowing* and *All-Wise*. 23 And fulfill ye the Covenant of God concerning His Remembrance, and break not the Sign of Divine Oneness after its confirmation—for the Mystery of God, concerning His Right, hath ever been *most forbidding*, and in accordance with the truth, *exalted in might*. 24 And had so God willed, He would have made you, round about the Remembrance, *a single nation*—but God leadeth astray whomsoever He willeth, and guideth whomsoever He willeth—and He is the All-Wise, in very truth—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 25 And barter not the Covenant of God for the price of a token unto Jibt and Ṭāghút—for verily, the Covenant of God within this Most Great Gate hath indeed ever been, within the Mother Book, *most august*. 26 By God! That which is with you shall pass away, while that which is with the Remembrance shall endure with God—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 27 And none hath wrought in the Pathway of the Remembrance, in very truth—whether male or female—save that their reward hath indeed been inscribed within this Book, in very truth—for the Decree within that Gate hath ever been *irrevocably ordained*. 28 Yea, verily, We—We have raised the degrees of the Gates by the Most Great Power of God, in very truth—and verily, this Remembrance is indeed the One intended by the All-Knowing in the Presence of the All-Wise—for He is God, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *Praiseworthy*. 29 And verily, this True Remembrance from the Presence of God is indeed the Truth—and God hath written for one who visiteth Him the Visitation of Us, the People of the House. He is the

All-Praised, for God hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 30 Yea, verily, God hath reckoned parables for those who recognize not the Remembrance through the Gate—there, for their own selves, hath befallen a tide of parables—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 31 Verily, those who work evil in the pathways of falsehood—We have indeed ordained for them repentance proceeding from the Truth—erelong shall ye find God, your True Protector, *All-Forgiving, All-Bounteous*. 32 Verily, this is the Great Circle set upright upon the Pathways of the Path, *interwoven* by the Thread of Justice. 33 Verily, this Faith—the religion of Abraham—within the Mother Book, hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *upright* and *true*. 34 And verily, the Remembrance, in very truth, hath ever stood upon the Upright Faith, within the precincts of the Fire—*perfectly straight* according to the Most Great Truth. 35 Yea, verily, We—We have ordained the Sabbath for those who differed concerning the Remembrance—erelong shall God judge between them on the Day of Resurrection, *in secret*, in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 36 O Solace of Mine Eye! Call Thou unto the Most Mighty Pathway of God, with wisdom—for verily, the Lord Thy God—He is the True One—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto the faithful. 37 Yea, verily, We—We have ordained admonition for the oceanic ones from amongst the People of the Water, in very truth—and We have decreed disputation for the terrestrial ones from amongst the People of Surrender, by the Most Pure Truth, in accordance with *the Most Great Truth*. 38 And verily, the Remembrance, as He willeth by the leave of the One True God, hath ever been, in very truth, *commissioned by the Command*. 39 O Solace of Mine Eye! Be Thou patient, but be not patient save through God—and grieve not over their corrupt inclinations—for verily, I am the True One, the All-Encompassing, from behind Thee—for verily, the Lord Thy God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 40 O Solace of Mine Eye! By the One True God! We have sufficed, concerning Thy True Cause, with the testimony of God, His Angels, and those endowed with knowledge from amongst His creation—for verily, God hath ever been *All-Aware* of His faithful servants. 41 O People of the

Throne! Hearken unto My Call from the Dayspring of the sun and its setting-place, and from the Point of the zenith at its center, and from the White Line in the black night as it beameth forth, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me, the Ever-Living—I have ever been, in very truth, Self-Subsisting.*”⁴² And when death had departed, the spirits from amongst the People of the Gate crossed over unto your father, the Most Great Master, who speaketh the Truth, in very truth, “*Verily, I perceive the fragrance of the Remembrance from your inmost hearts—and verily, this day, ye shall indeed dwell, by the leave of God, the Most High, within the shadow of the Throne.*”

95. *Súrah of Knowledge, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
They said, "By God! Thou art indeed steeped within thine ancient bewilderment." *Tā-Yá-'Ayn.* 3 God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—is the True One—for He is God, the Lord of all the worlds, Who hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *Ever-Abiding.* 4 And verily, as for the servants of God, God hath not ordained for Satan any *authority* over them in aught whatsoever, in very truth. 5 O People of the Earth! Hath not the Most Gracious sufficed you, by the very essence of the truth, as *Trustee?* 6 Deem ye yourselves secure from the Most Great Chastisement, that ye should take, apart from the Gate, according to the truth—yet bereft of truth—a *trustee?* 7 Deem ye yourselves secure from the chastisement of the world to come, or from the raging wind in this world? Be ye mindful of God, and let not your own selves beguile you—for death is indeed true, so unto God—your cherished Lord—*turn,* for He hath ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *a Helper.* 8 Whosoever is bereft of the Covenant concerning the Remembrance shall, in the world to come, be *deprived,* in very truth, of the Encounter with the One True God. 9 And verily, We—We shall summon the people on that Day by their Imám—then whosoever We gift not their Book, hath ever been *numbered* amongst the Foremost within the Mother Book. 10 And whosoever We give the Book of the Remembrance into their right hand—these are amongst the Companions of the Gate, round about the Gate—they have ever been *remembered* in accordance with the truth. 11 But as for one who is given their Book into their left hand, they shall call out for *utter destruction,* and shall be given to drink from the Water of Zaqqúm by the hands of harsh Angels, within the Fire, from amongst the people of the Fire, by the leave of God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 12 By the One True God! None hath overstepped concerning this Youth beyond a single Letter of Servitude, but that God, in very truth, hath cursed them—and the Angels and those endowed with knowledge are, by the Truth, quit of this soul—and according to the Judgment of the Gate, their refuge hath ever

been the Fire—*irrevocably decreed*, by the very essence of the truth. 13 And verily, this Book is a commentary upon the essential interpretation from the Presence of God, the All-Wise—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Ever-Abiding*. 14 None knoweth its essential interpretation save God, and whomsoever We will, according to the truth. Ask ye, therefore, the Remembrance, in very truth, concerning its essential interpretation—for God hath taught Him, in a palmful of dust, the Knowledge of the Book, in accordance with the truth, *entire*. 15 This is the Custom of God for those whom We sent ere Thee from amongst the Gate—and Thou shalt never find, for Our Customs, according to the truth, within Thy true Self, in very truth, any *alteration*. 16 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: The Truth hath come, *truly*, from the Presence of the One True God, and God hath caused falsehood to perish through justice—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 17 And God hath sent down the Verses, in very truth, according to the Most Great Truth—and there is no share for the faithful therein save *healing* and *resignation*. 18 And We have ordained for the heedless ones therein naught but the Fire, within a Valley which hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *seething*. 19 And verily, We—We have ordained deeds upon souls, for each according to its own shape—for verily, the Lord your God hath ever been, in very truth, *a Witness* unto all things. 20 Verily, God hath ordained the exaltation from His Command within the precincts of the Gate, in very truth—and naught cometh unto you, from the Most Gracious, of the Knowledge of the Remembrance, save but *a little*. 21 Say: By the One True God! Were the Two Weighty Hosts to gather together, in very truth, to bring forth the like of this Book from God, they would never be able—even were We to send down upon them the likeness of their own selves, for all things whereon the name of “*aught*” hath been named, by thousands upon thousands. Glorified, then, be the One True God! Is any other than God able to bring forth the like of this Furqán? Nay—and in very truth, nay! For God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 22 And when the heedless ones question Thee concerning the ornament of speech and the transformation of a thing within its form, say: Verily, my Lord,

had He willed, hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 23 Am I aught save a human being from the Truth unto creation? I have ever been, round about equity, by the leave of God, *an Upright Gate*. 24 And whomsoever God guideth, is guided round about the Gate; and whomsoever God leadeth astray is in the Fire—from the Fire unto the Fire—and hath ever been *entering* into the Fire—and wretched is the Fire as *a place of arrival*. 25 God hath created the heavens and the earth by His Power, and hath revealed the Book, in very truth, within His Judgment—yet humanity hath ever been, within the Judgment of the Book, *languid*. 26 And We did indeed grant unto the Remembrance all the Verses within that Gate, from the Gate, for the Book, from the Presence of the True One—for verily, I know, from around the Gate, they have ever been *far removed* from the Gate. 27 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God concerning the Day when We shall bring you, according to the truth, round about the Path, *gathered as a mingled throng*. 28 And We decreed unto the People of the Divine Cloud, “*Ye shall surely strike within your chambers twice, round about the Twain Names which have ever been the Truth, in very truth, Most Exalted, All-Praised.*” 29 When the Promise cometh, We shall indeed raise up against you *servants* possessed of pure knowledge from the Truth—and verily, Our Promise hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *fulfilled* according to the truth. 30 Yea, verily, God hath ordained for Our Servant a Return upon the Return—ere long shall they witness the Command of God in the latter Return, with the keen eye—*openly witnessed* in accordance with the truth, in very truth. 31 And verily, We—by the leave of the One True God, in very truth—have caused you to enter upon the Prayer-Hall, even as We caused you to enter the first time, to lay low whatsoever hath been exalted—laying it *utterly waste*. 32 And verily, the Fire hath ever been, by the leave of God, the Most High, *an enclosing prison* for those who reject faith, in very truth. 33 Verily, this Book is from the Presence of God, through the Most Great Truth, that it might convey the people unto the summit of knowledge by the grace of God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 34 Verily, knowledge with God hath ever been the Knowledge of the Truth and His

Verses, *perfectly upright* upon the Stable Path, round about the Remembrance. 35 And verily, those who reject faith in the Remembrance after the Book—We have prepared for them, in the Land of Iron, by the New Truth, *a most great Fire*. 36 O People of the Divine Cloud! Harken unto My Call from the Point of Ice, within the Pole of the Mountain of Cold, which hath been stationed upon the Fire, which hath ever *stood* within the Heart of the Remembrance. 37 Say: Blessed is whosoever is within the Fire—*verily, there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Exalted, All-Wise*. 38 O Thou Point of Ice within My Heart! 39 Say: O People of the Morn! Be ye mindful of God, and say not concerning the Remembrance that He hath ever been *stationed* beneath the shadow of the Ancient of Days. 40 By the One True God! God hath created Him for His own Self, and the shadow hath been lifted from *His Temple*. 41 For He is the Light of God throughout the heavens and the earth of *the inmost hearts*. 42 And God hath ordained no likeness for His Light in that Station—no *similitude* set forth, no *parable* struck.

96. *Súrah of Fighting I, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

For when the glad tidings came, he cast it upon his face, whereupon he returned seeing. Alif–Lám–Mím–Şád. 3 O ye Faithful Ones! Verily, God hath prescribed for you battle in the Path of this Most Mighty Remembrance, in very truth, according to the Command above the command—for the Command hath ever been *exalted in might* within the Mother Book. 4 O ye who have faith! When ye encounter a faction from amongst the faithless, make firm your inmost hearts upon the meeting of the world to come and its delights—and remember God and place your trust in Him. Verily, God is the True One, and God hath ever been Dominant over the world to come—yet the people read not, from the knowledge of the Book, even a portion of the Letter *written* within that Gate. 5 O ye Faithful Ones! Be not like those who went forth from their homes to render assistance unto the Truth, but when they reached the Command, Satan turned them back from the Pathway of God, and they said, “*There is none who shall prevail over us this day.*” Yet when they beheld the faction of the heedless ones, turning backward before the war, they said, according to the truth, “*Verily, we have seen from the Truth that which ye have not beheld. Verily, we fear God, the Lord of all worlds, with a mighty fear.*” 6 These are they who behold the Angels—how they strike at their faces with the sword—for the Command hath been decreed, and the Command within that Gate hath ever been *irrevocably decreed*. 7 Verily, the worst of souls before God is one who breaketh their covenant after pledging, and who violateth His command after the taking of His command—for verily, God hath ever been, in very truth, *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 8 *Whosoever hath willed aught hath willed only for their own self*—and verily, *might belongeth unto God and unto His trusted ones*—and that Judgment hath ever been *written* within the Mother Book. 9 And verily, *many* amongst the people desire not the Truth save through deceit—and sufficient unto Thee is God as Thy Reckoner—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—and He is God Who hath strengthened Thee through His Word—for He is God, Who hath ever

been *Mighty, Wise*. 10 God hath indeed united the faithful for His Remembrance, but these heedless ones shall possess no power over aught of the Command. Verily, Judgment belongeth unto none save the One True God—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Powerful*. 11 O Solace of Mine Eye! Sufficient unto Thee are God, His Angels, and whosoever hath followed Thee from amongst the former faithful—*few though they be*—according to the Firm Truth. 12 O Solace of Mine Eye! Exhort the faithful unto battle before Us, for God hath guaranteed the Garden unto them, in very truth—for verily, the Promise of God hath ever been *fulfilled* according to the Firm Covenant within that Gate. 13 O Faithful Ones! Why fear ye being slain? For verily, God—the True One—is with you wheresoever ye may be. Set, therefore, your desire upon the Most Great Reward of God and the meeting with your True Lord—for verily, the Abode of the world to come, with the Lord your God, hath ever been, in accordance with the Most Great Truth, *beld in praise*. 14 Verily, those who have faith, and have emigrated with the Remembrance, and have striven with their wealth and their own selves in the Pathway of God—these are they who, upon the Upright Covenant, have been *written* amongst the companions of the Garden, *abiding therein forevermore*. 15 And amongst the faithful, some are guardians unto others, according to the Covenant within the Most Great Remembrance. Be ye mindful of God against violation thereof, for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 16 This is a Book from God unto the Remembrance, in very truth, that ye slay not the heedless ones during four of the sacred months, that the people may know the sanctity of the Remembrance, in very truth, after the Book—for verily, God hath ever been *Compassionate* unto the faithful. 17 O People of the Book! Slay not the heedless ones in the Sacred Month, nor within the Ka'bah, the Sacred House, nor in that which the Remembrance forbiddeth you after the Book—for God hath willed justice for you, by the very essence of the truth, though ye know not, from the knowledge of the Book, *aught* from even some portion thereof. 18 O People of the Earth! By the One True God! God hath not revealed the Book save, in very truth, that ye may bear witness unto the Right of the

Remembrance through the Remembrance, and that ye may assuredly render Him assistance concerning the Command upon the Day of War. And know ye, according to the truth, that God shall question you concerning His Cause on the Day of Resurrection, in very truth, made openly witnessed—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 19 O People of the Remembrance! Be ye *faithful* through God, and *content*, according to the truth, with His irrevocable Decree. 20 For verily, God hath decreed for every soul *a taste* of death—for there hath never been any *turning back* for the True Judgment of the Lord your God, in very truth. 21 And verily, those who fight in the Pathway of the One True God—they live in the Presence of God, and God provideth for them, within the Garden of Eden, from the water of Salsabíl, *in abundance*. 22 And for them therein is whatsoever their souls have desired, according to the Cause—and they gaze not save unto their Lord, the One True God—for He hath verily ever been *Powerful* over all things. 23 O ye Faithful Ones! When the Remembrance calleth, from the Presence of the One True God, unto battle, be ye gathered round the Truth, encircling it, and be ye amongst those content with His Judgment, that ye may indeed be *written* within the Mother Book amongst the Companions of the Gate. And reject ye not the Command of God amidst you from Our Presence, for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 24 But should ye not answer Our Remembrance, then await Our seizure, according to the truth—for We have ever been, in accordance with the truth, *Powerful* over all things. 25 Erelong shall We gather those who turn away, on the Day of Resurrection, upon the Path, round about the Fire—*blind*. 26 O People of the East and the West! Go ye forth from your homes to render assistance unto God, in very truth—for verily, the victory of God hath ever been *nigh* within the Mother Book. 27 And verily, We—We have appointed Our Remembrance over you, from Our own Selves, in accordance with the truth, as *a Guardian*. 28 Set, therefore, your desire upon God, in very truth—for verily, God hath ever been *All-Seeing* of whatsoever ye do. 29 O ye People! Why, then, do ye fear, when the One True God is your Guardian Lord, and He is ever with you? *Whithersoever ye turn, there is the*

Face of God—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 30 And verily, God hath preferred those who strive over those who remain seated, with a bounty which none beside Him can encompass—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 31 O Servants of the Most Gracious! Fear ye the Day when Our Servant shall call amongst you, in accordance with the truth, unto the One True God, as *a consecrated offering*. 32 And whosoever is slain in the Pathway of God, in very truth, their reward hath been laid upon God—for His Judgment hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Book of God, from around the Gate. 33 O ye Faithful Ones! March ye with the Hosts of God in the Army of Truth, for verily, God hath ever been with you, in accordance with the truth, as *a Helper*. 34 And follow not your vain desires after the Knowledge hath come unto you from your Lord within this Book, concerning the station of the Remembrance, in very truth, *made manifest* through the Firm Truth. 35 Be ye mindful, O servants of God, of the Day when Our Servant shall call amidst you with the Word of Magnification, by the very essence of the truth, through a voice from the Truth, *made faint*. 36 O Dwellers of the Realm on High! Arise from your holy seats, for the Most Great Remembrance hath desired to walk throughout the land of your recognition, and He is the One Who calleth from before God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 37 O Servants of the Most Gracious! Verily, God hath inspired Me through the White Line from the Dayspring of Dawn, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me.*” 38 Harken ye unto the Call of the Most Great Counsel—this is from the Lord your God, Lord of the Truth—for He hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 39 And there is none who hath come with the Crimson Garment from amongst the garments of the Gate, upon the face of their inmost heart, save that their eye hath returned, by the leave of God, *seeing* in accordance with the truth. 40 Thereupon shall all creation gaze toward the hem of the garment, yet point not unto the One True God, by aught—whereupon, at that moment, such a one hath been *written* amongst the People of the Gate, round about the Fire. 41 For He is God, *a Witness* unto all things. 42 Yea, verily, God hath

ever been *Knowledgeable* of all the worlds.

97. *Súrah of Fighting II, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
He said, “Did I not say unto you that I know from God that which ye know not?” Alif–Lám–Mím–Sín. 4 O ye People! Respond unto the Summoner of God, in very truth, and gather ye upon the Most Great Word, round about the Remembrance—for God hath indeed *accounted* Him, within the Mother Book, as one from Us, in accordance with the truth. 5 Contend ye against those who associate partners with God—save during four of the Sacred Months. Then, when the Sacred Months have passed, contend ye against those who associate partners with God wheresoever ye find them—seize them and confine them, according to the truth. Erelong shall ye find your deeds, with God, within the Kingdom of the Land of Eden, *held in praise*. 6 *And should one amongst the faithful seek Thy protection, then grant protection, that they may hearken unto the Speech of God* within this Book—thereupon hath their judgment, within the Mother Book, been *irrevocably ordained*. 7 And God hath not appointed, for those who associate partners with Him, any covenant with Our adherents, by their entry unto the Sacred City. These are the faithless—having no faith in God nor in His Verses—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 8 O Thou Beloved! Rouse the faithful unto battle, should there be amongst you ten steadfast men, they shall, by the leave of God, overcome *a thousand*. 9 Yea, verily, God shall strengthen them, through Our supplication, with *a mighty* strength, in accordance with the truth, from before the Gate. 10 These are they whose hearts God hath created from plates of iron—and there is no soul but that God hath placed within them the strength of forty men—such as were, upon the earth, *gallant* and, in accordance with the truth, *strong*. 11 Be patient, O People of Patience, for God hath ever been with you in that Gate, in accordance with the truth, as *a Watcher*. 12 Never shall ye attain unto righteousness until ye expend your very selves for Our own Selves, in the Path of God, the Most High, according to the Firm Truth, as *a true expenditure*. 13 And let not Satan grieve you through his whispered counsel, for God hath indeed barred his path against those who place their

trust in Him—for verily, God hath ever been *All-Seeing* of His faithful servants. 14 So let not knowledge of God within that Book beguile you, in defiance of the truth, with *delusion*. 15 Contend ye against those who associate partners with God in the Path of God, wheresoever God hath granted you leave from the Tongue of the Gate—and turn ye not aside from the Command of God, for should ye turn aside, ye shall possess *naught*, in accordance with the truth, nor shall ye find, on the Day of Resurrection, apart from God, the Most High, according to the Certain Truth, any *helper*. 16 And verily, God defendeth those who have faith from the word of association—for verily, the Lord your God, the Most Gracious, loveth not any treacherous one, who hath been, within the Mother Book, *a rejector of faith*. 17 Yea, verily, those who have gone forth from their homes without the leave of God have indeed rendered their deeds vain, without knowledge—nor have they recited, from the knowledge of the Book, even *a weightless Letter*. 18 And were it not for the repelling of the people by God, some by means of others, in accordance with the truth, the souls of the faithful would indeed have been altered, and not a single one would mention the Name of God at the Gate of the Remembrance, according to the Faithful Truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been, according to the truth, *All-Aware* of His servants. 19 And verily, God hath prescribed for you, in very truth, that, should ye be established upon the earth, ye establish the Prayer, render alms, and contend against those who associate partners with God in the Path of God, according to the Pure Truth, *yearning* toward the Faith of God, the Most High—for God hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 20 O ye Faithful Ones! Strive ye in God with the striving due unto Him, and be ye helpers of the Faith, standing steadfast—for verily, God hath chosen you, and He is your Protector. Hold ye fast, *entire*, unto the Most Great Cord of God, in accordance with the Firm Truth. 21 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Praiseworthy*. 22 Yea, verily, God hath ordained, from amongst the faithful, distinguished personages who were true to that which We had covenanted upon them: amongst them is one who hath fulfilled their vow, and amongst them is one who awaiteth—and thou shalt find no *alteration*

in the Judgment of the Lord Thy God, in accordance with the truth. 23 And sufficient is God for the faithful in battle—for God hath ever been, concerning their own selves and that which ye have acquired, in accordance with the truth, *All-Knowing* and *a Helper*. 24 And it is not for any faithful man nor faithful woman, when God hath decreed *a matter* from the Tongue of the Gate, that there should remain for them any preference arising from their own desires—for God hath ever been *Mighty, Strong*. 25 Verily, those who obey God through Our Remembrance, and fear God, and fear *none* save God—God hath sufficed them, in accordance with the truth—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 26 Is not God sufficient for His Servant? God surely sufficeth, in accordance with the truth, as *a Reckoner*. 27 O ye People! Be mindful of God on the Day when the Remembrance shall call out, from before God, amidst you—*sorely constrained* in the Command, *severe*. 28 Gather ye, then, at the Corner, and circumambulate the House, *affirming the Oneness* of God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Exalted, Most Great*. 29 And deprive not your own selves of that which God hath ordained for you within the Mother Book, in this Exalted Gate, *preserved*. 30 And choose not for your own selves the Calf, apart from the One True God, the Most High, in very truth, as *a helper*. 31 Nor shall ye find, on the Day of the Overwhelming Event, apart from God, in accordance with the truth, any *guardian*. 32 And know ye that God hath prescribed battle for you, in accordance with the truth—*a Command* upon the Command, *severe* according to that which God hath ordained within the Mother Book. 33 And verily, those who contend in the Pathway of God fear none save the One True God, in accordance with the truth—for the Command concerning the faithful hath ever been, with God, the Most High, *irrevocably ordained*. 34 And verily, God hath purchased from the faithful their very selves, in that, for them, within that Gate, there is *a Soul* Who hath ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *held in praise*. 35 And verily, those who bear witness in Our Path shall erelong meet the Lord their God, in the Garden of Eternity—*well-pleased* and *rejoicing*. 36 And when the crier calleth out unto battle, then respond

ye unto God and His Remembrance—for We—We shall aid you with a victory ye have not *beheld*. 37 And hasten ye unto the Most Great Ridwán of God and settle not within this *vain* and *perishing* life. 38 For this Most Great Gate, in the sight of the One True God, hath ever been a Sea of *Return*. 39 O Concourse of the Faithful! Subdue ye the lands and their people unto the Pure Faith of God, and accept not tribute from the rejecters of faith—for the Faith belongeth unto God, and within the Mother Book, unto the One True God, hath it ever been *written*, in accordance with the truth. 40 O ye Faithful Ones! Should ye perish in the Path of God, or be slain by the leave of the Remembrance, unto God, your Maker, shall ye surely be gathered, for He is the Self-Sufficient, the Powerful—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 41 O People of the Earth! Fight ye in the Pathway of God, the Most High, against those who fight against you, and turn not aside, at the very heart, from the very heart of Truth—and be ye, through the One True God, *helpers of His Faith, patient and steadfast*. 42 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say unto the faithful, “*Did I not reveal unto you, within the Book of the Remembrance, ‘Verily, I know from God, concerning the Right of the Most Great Remembrance and Our Word, that which not a single thing knoweth?’*” Yea, verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things.

98. *Súrah of Striving I, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

They said, "O our father! Implore forgiveness for us for our sins—verily, we have been amongst the erring." Alif-Lám-Mím-'Ayn-Qáf. 3 O People of the Earth! Hearken ye unto My Call, for the True One, in very truth, saith, "*Were the people to know what God hath prepared for them in the Pathway of this Remembrance, they would not accept for themselves the life on this world and all that is therein—even were God to create for them seven thousand like unto it, apart from His Command—save that God is indeed the True One, and whatsoever is other than Him is indeed falsehood.*" Yea, verily, God hath prepared for those martyred for their testimony in His Path *Gardens*, in accordance with the truth—*most great*. 4 Ye shall find therein no *remembrance* save the Pure Remembrance of God—and therein shall ye have purified companions, and whatsoever ye yourselves desire, and that which your thoughts cannot encompass—as *a bounty* from God upon you. And verily, that is indeed the Most Mighty Bounty within the Book of God, which hath ever been *written* by the Hands of the Remembrance from the Crimson Reckoning. 5 O People of the Remembrance! Should ye obey those who have rejected faith, they will abandon you in battle—thereupon, blame ye none but your own selves. Yea, verily, God hath set forth His ordinances in detail unto you—be ye mindful of God, and be ye the best helpers of God, the Incomparable, *held in praise*. 6 And verily, those who strive in the pathway of the Evil One—God hath ordained for them in the world to come naught save *a helper* from the Fire. 7 O Servants of the Most Gracious! Respond ye unto the Caller of God, from before the Gate, *nigh at hand*. 8 And be ye mindful of a Day that shall summon you—with your very own selves and your wealth—in accordance with the truth, *alone*. 9 For verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 10 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 11 Verily, God is the Protector of the faithful. Seek ye, then, bounty from the presence of one other than God? Glorified be God, the Most Mighty! Say: Verily, the Bounty is in Our Hands—We single out therewith whomsoever We please, and We withdraw it from

whomsoever We please—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 12 O Armies of Truth! When ye stand firm in battle against the heedless ones, fear ye not their multitude; for We have indeed written dread of you upon their hearts. Slay ye the heedless ones, and leave not upon the earth, by the very essence of the truth, any dweller from amongst those who have rejected faith— 13 Until the earth and whosoever is thereon be purified for the Long-Awaited Remnant of God—and work ye for God, the All-Praised, along the Pathway of the Gate—*held in praise*. 14 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God, and turn not away from the Remembrance after the ascendancy of the heedless ones over you. For verily, God hath ordained for you, after grief, an abiding relief. And think not of God, in defiance of truth, with the thought of ignorance, nor say ye before the Remembrance, “*Have we any share in the Command?*” Know ye not that the Command belongeth wholly unto God? Were ye not to fight in the Pathway of the Remembrance, then verily We would originate *another creation* who would fight in the Path of the One True God, *seeking* His reward—for God knoweth, while ye know *naught* of the knowledge of the Book *save but a little*. 15 O Concourse of Lovers! Be ye mindful of God on a Day when the Remembrance shall arise at the meeting of the twain hosts, while His Herald crieth out with the Magnification, “*O People of the Ingathering! Hasten ye unto God, and contend against those who set the Book upon their own temples—for by your Lord, verily, I—I am the True Book, and these heedless ones know not of the knowledge of the Book even a smidgeon of a single Letter.*” 16 And reckon not those who are slain or die in the Path of the Remembrance as *dead*. For the One True God, in very truth, saith, “*They are alive with God*”—and God provideth them, from Our Presence, with *fresh flesh* and *pure water* from the Camphorous Spring. 17 Verily, those who respond unto the Remembrance after His Call and render Him assistance until the appointed term inscribed—these are the Companions of the Garden—therein, according to the Decree of the Book, shall they *abide eternally forevermore, everlastingly*. 18 O ye Faithful Ones! Leave the heedless ones altogether, and say: “*God sufficeth us, and excellent is the Trustee—and excellent is the Remembrance, the Most*

Mighty Helper, as a Support.” 19 And when Thou didst summon the faithful unto battle, Thou didst behold the hypocrites turning the faithful away from Thee, without sanction, through the conjecture of Satan—*a grievous turning away.* 20 How, then, shall it be when calamity toucheth them from before the Remembrance, because of what their hands have sent before? They come unto Thee and swear by God, the Most High, “*We intended naught, according to the truth, save goodness and reconciliation.*” 21 God hath indeed known what their hearts have concealed of hypocrisy, in very truth. Wherefore, cover them with Thy grace before the people, and warn them concerning the Most Great Remembrance of God, and announce unto them Glad Tidings of the Most Mighty Name. And speak unto them, before their very faces, with justice, according to the Firm Truth—*eloquently.* 22 That haply they may remember, through the Most Wondrous Verses of God, in accordance with the Faithful Truth—*even but a little.* 23 And when they wronged their own selves, inform them that they came unto Thee that Thou mightest implore forgiveness for them—for by Thy Lord, there is none that hath come unto Thee in truthfulness, while Thou implorest forgiveness of God on their behalf, save that they would find God *Oft-Returning* and, according to the truth, *Most Merciful.* 24 Nay, by Thy Self! The heedless ones shall not have faith in Thee until Thou judgest concerning their own selves by the Decree of the Book—thereupon shall they find for themselves no *helper* apart from resignation—*wholly resigned.* 25 And verily, when We prescribed for the faithful, “*Slay your own selves in the Pathway of the Most Great Remembrance, for the Lord your God, the True One,*” they did it not save a few from amongst the Foremost. Know ye not that God hath placed the Bounty within this Path? And verily, We ordain from His Presence, for the faithful, *a reward*—in accordance with the truth—*most mighty.* 26 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of the Lord your God, and follow the Light of God which God hath sent down with Me, in very truth—for this is the Path before the Most Gracious, and it hath ever been *perfectly straight* within the Point of the Fire. 27 And verily, those who follow the Most Great Remembrance of God—these are

the Companions of the Garden within the Mother Book, together with the Prophets, the Truthful Ones, the Martyr-Witnesses, and the Righteous—excellent is the reward before God, and excellent the Station as *a final abode*. 28 That is the Most Great Bounty of God for those who desire God and His loved ones, by the very essence of the Most Great Truth—for sufficient is God, in accordance with the truth, as *Knower* of His faithful servants. 29 O People of the Earth! God hath written no calamity for any soul save by reason of what their own hands have sent before, through remoteness from the Remembrance. So beseech ye God through the Remembrance, that ye may be with the faithful in the Pathway of God, the Most High, as *witnesses*. 30 Verily, those who contend in the Pathway of the Remembrance, in very truth, and are slain or overcome—We shall indeed bestow upon them, by the leave of God, on the Day of Resurrection, *a reward* from before the Remembrance, in accordance with the truth—*most mighty*. 31 And God hath not prescribed battle for those rendered powerless amongst men, nor children, nor women, nor upon the sick, nor upon the blind, nor upon the deaf. Yea, verily, God hath desired ease for you—wherefore, set your desire toward the Truth, and purchase ye the Garden by being slain in the Pathway of the Remembrance, and be ye well-pleased with God, the All-Praised, *patient* and *content*. 32 And verily, those who contend in Thy Path are, in very truth, the loved ones within the Book of God—but as for those who contend in the path of the Evil One, these are the people of the Fire. Contend ye against the faction of Satan, for the stratagem of Satan hath ever been, by the Decree of the Book, *feeble*. 33 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God, and lay not severity upon the Remembrance in the very midst of battle, on account of a little remembrance—for the enjoyment of this world is little, and verily, with God, for you in the world to come, is a goodly final abode—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 34 Clash, then, in the Pathway of God—for verily, God hath enjoined upon the people of the East and the West to render assistance unto Thee, until Thou hast purified the lands and whosoever is thereon. And verily, the Lord your God, the Most Gracious, is ever *a*

Witness unto all things. 35 O Solace of Mine Eye! Should some amongst those who reject faith render Thee no assistance, grieve not—for I am with Thee, and have ever been, in accordance with the truth, *a Witness*. 36 And verily, God hath prepared for those who have rejected faith the heat of iron and a most grievous chastisement—*most severe* indeed. 37 O People of the Earth! If the abode of the world to come is purely yours, apart from the People of the Remembrance, then set your desire toward God, if ye are assured within your very own selves through martyrdom before the Remembrance—and be ye *well-pleased* with God, the Most High, and *openly witnessed*. 38 O People of the Earth! Associate naught with God, and resign your faces unto God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*. For verily, those who are slain in the Pathway of God by the leave of the Remembrance are doers of good before the Gate—and verily, their reward is with their Lord, and no sorrow shall be upon their own selves, nor hath God ordained *fear* upon them on the Day of Resurrection—in accordance with the truth. 39 And within that Gate have they ever been, in accordance with the truth, *held in praise*. 40 O People of the Vast Crimson Sea, billowing and clashing! Take ye the helms of the ships with the Hands of the One True God—for verily, the Remembrance hath desired to join you unto His Word of Justice, by Our leave—for He is the Fire which hath ever been, within the Pole of the Water, *true to the Command*. 41 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say unto the noble lord, al-Ḥusayn al-‘Alawí, “*Fear not, for thou hast ever been openly witnessed before the Gate, in very truth.*” 42 O Most Great Sea of God, and whosoever is thereon! Harken ye unto My Call from every direction within the very midst of the Water, and efface ye every direction through the negation of indications—for verily, God hath inspired Me within that Snow-White Point, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me—and I have ever been, in very truth, the One Who is worshipped.*”

99. *Súrah of Striving II, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

He said, “*I shall implore forgiveness for you from My Lord—verily, He is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.*” Alif–Lám–Mím–Rá–Alif. 3 O People of the Earth! Say not, in defiance of truth, of whosoever is slain in the Pathway of the Remembrance of God, the Most Exalted, that they are *dead*. 4 For by your Lord! Verily, they are *the Living Ones* in Our Presence—and We shall assuredly repay them their reward, fairer than that which they had wrought—the Living Ones within the True Faith of God, *sincere* and *firm*. 5 And verily, We—We have revealed unto Thee their testimony. Say: “*Verily, we belong unto God, and verily, unto Him shall we return.*” 6 Upon these shall be blessings from their Lord, and forgiveness, and the Most Great Ridwán from God—and verily, God hath written their names upon the Preserved Tablet by His Hands—*hidden, treasured, enshrined* within the precincts of the Gate. 7 O ye Faithful Ones! Turn ye repentantly unto the Remembrance of God in your midst, for God hath sealed forgiveness within this Gate—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 8 Deprive not your own selves of that which God hath ordained for you within the Book, unto an appointed term. And when the Promise of God cometh, ye shall possess no power for your own selves over aught of good—not even *the least portion* thereof—for the Judgment within the Mother Book hath ever been, by the leave of the Gate, *irrevocably ordained*. 9 And verily, were these twain Furqáns from one other than God, there would assuredly be found therein, in accordance with the truth, *much discrepancy*. 10 And verily, God hath commanded justice and beneficence, and that ye consume not the wealth of the people save according to the Balance—and verily, that is a Judgment which hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 11 And verily, God hath ever been *Beloved* unto those who strive in His Path. 12 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 13 And He is God, Who hath ever been *Watchful* over the faithful. 14 For He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 15 And verily, God hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 16 For He is God, Who hath ever

been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 17 And verily, the chastisement of God hath ever been *most grievous* upon those who sit idle. 18 And verily, God hath prescribed the Garden for His Servant, in accordance with the truth—for verily, the Judgment within the Mother Book hath ever been, in very truth, *irrevocably ordained*. 19 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say unto the noble lord, Ḥusayn the ‘Alawí, “Fear not, for thou hast ever been, in very truth, *openly witnessed in the Presence of the Gate*.” 20 *Contend against the idolators wherever ye find them*—save nigh unto the Sacred Mosque and the sanctuaries of your true Imáms. And should they commit aggression against God by contending against you, then contend ye against them—such is their recompense from the Lord their God, for that they had *rejected faith* in the Verses of God, the Most Exalted, bereft of truth. 21 And sedition is more severe than slaughter in the sight of thy Lord—wherefore contend ye against the idolators until there be no sedition, and the Faith within this Gate belongeth wholly unto God, the Most Exalted—*pure and undefiled*. 22 And expend your wealth in the Pathway of God, and be wholesome—for verily, God hath ever been *Watchful* with the pious. 23 And whatsoever good ye perform, shall assuredly be found with God *written* within the Mother Book. 24 Yea, verily, God hath prescribed battle for you within His Faith—*sincere* unto God, in accordance with the Firm Truth—*firmly established*. 25 Or have ye reckoned that ye shall enter the Garden after having turned away from battle? For by your Lord! None shall enter the Garden save whoso had been *foremost* in the Covenant of Our Remembrance—for the Judgment within the Mother Book hath ever been *irrevocably ordained*. 26 And when the crier calleth out amidst you unto battle, then hasten ye unto the Garden—for verily, it and its dwellers are longing for your own selves. Erelong shall ye find, within Paradise, the Kingdom of God—*everlasting, abiding, and exalted in might*. 27 O ye Faithful Ones! Ye know not, in this world, your stations which God hath ordained for you within the Garden of Eternity. For by your Lord! Verily, God hath prepared for the sincere amongst you *a Spirit*, in accordance with the truth—*ever great*. 28 O People of the Earth! Mount ye upon marked steeds and upon beasts of

burden, and march ye unto the Army of Truth. How many a small company hath overcome *a great one* by the leave of God! And upon God let the faithful place their trust—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 29 And set your desire, O People of the Lands of Persia, toward the True Remembrance of God, and gladden your own selves, for Our own Selves, with the Garden—before there cometh a Day wherein there shall be no bargain, nor friendship, nor intercession—for the Fire, on that Day, shall indeed *encompass* the wrongdoers. 30 God—*there is none other God except Him, the Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting*—there is naught like unto Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *the One worthy of worship*. 31 Neither slumber nor sleep overtaketh Him—and *there is none other God except Him*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 32 And verily, We—We shall intercede on the Day of Resurrection, by the leave of God, for whoso hath borne witness before the Hands of this Our Remembrance, and hath been amongst His vicegerents upon the earth. And they encompass naught of Our Knowledge save for whom We have willed, even as God hath willed concerning His Servant and His Remembrance. His own Self embraceth the heavens and the earth, and the preservation of them wearieth Him not—for He is the Most High within the Book of God, in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Exalted, Most Mighty*. 33 There is no compulsion in the Upright Faith—its guidance hath filled all horizons and souls. Whoso rejecteth the Evil One and hath faith in this Our Remembrance hath surely had faith in God and His Verses, and hath grasped the Most Firm Handle, which shall never break—for He is God, Who hath ever been *All-Hearing, All-Knowing*. 34 Yea, verily, We—We have appointed Thee a Guardian for the faithful, that Thou mayest bring them forth from the land of rejection unto Our Guardianship. And as for those who have rejected faith in Our Servant, God hath appointed Satan their guardian, and they have ever been amongst the people of the Fire, even as they were created for the Fire, unto the Fire—*most wondrously*. 35 And verily, We—We have favored Thee above many of the servants, by the leave of God, the Most Great.

Wherefore fight in the Pathway of the One True God—for verily, We have confirmed Thee as truthful, by the leave of God, in Thy true actions. And were God to remove the veil from all, none would desire, concerning Thy portion in God, even an atom of aught—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto Thee. 36 O Solace of Mine Eye! Resound the Magnification over Thine own Self, and say unto the faithful, “*Purify ye your garments for your own selves until the Day of War, for verily, the appointed term of God is assuredly coming.*” For He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 37 Say: When the Trumpet is sounded, that shall be the Day of Coming Forth—and that Day hath ever been *openly witnessed* within the Mother Book, by the very essence of the truth. 38 Yea, verily, that Day hath ever been, in very truth, *easy* for the faithful. 39 And verily, that Day hath ever been *difficult* for those who associate partners with God, in defiance of truth. 40 Say: Await ye the Most Great Chastisement of God on the Day of Separation—for verily, the Fire in its entirety is yours, in accordance with the truth, and God hath prepared over it the Gate, by the very essence of the truth—*nineteen*. 41 O Angels of the Fire! Cause these heedless ones to taste the fruit of the Fire from the Tree of Fire—for God hath ordained for them therein neither *salvation* nor *departure*, in accordance with the truth—*forevermore*. 42 And verily, Thou hast *hosts* of the Angels, in very truth—and verily, the True One, round about the War, hath ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *a Witness*.

100. Súrah of Striving III, comprising forty-two Verses

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And when they entered in unto Joseph, he drew his parents unto himself and said, "Enter ye Egypt, God willing, safe and secure."

Alif-Lám-Mím-‘Ayn-Há-Lám. 3 O ye Faithful Ones! Prostrate yourselves before your Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—and enter ye wholly into the Peace. Place ye your trust in God, for verily the Remembrance is indeed the True One, and He is God, Who hath ever been *Watchful* over all things. 4 O ye Faithful Ones! Purify the Holy Land of its impurities, for it hath ever been consecrated unto God alone, apart from the people; and contend ye against the heedless wheresoever ye find them, by the leave of *the Remembrance*. 5 And take ye not any protector for your own selves from amongst these heedless ones, for God hath willed, through their rejection of faith, their wandering astray. Whomsoever God causeth to stray, they shall have no protector, nor hath God ordained for them, within the Mother Book, any *helper*. 6 O People of the Remembrance! Be ye mindful of God concerning the Day when the Remembrance will have arisen with the Magnification in the very midst of battle, at the meeting of the twain assemblies, "*Grieve ye not, but receive Glad Tidings of the Garden.*" Wherefore, turn ye not away from the One True God, for verily God hath prescribed for those who turn away, in the Resurrection, *a most great Fire*. 7 It hath indeed been kindled from their own selves and encompassed them—this day they shall never find, for their own selves, any *supporter* apart from God, the Most High. 8 O People of the Earth! Why suppose ye, concerning one who hath cast peace unto you from the Presence of the Remembrance, that they were not of *the faithful*? 9 Yea, verily, God hath made the tongues of the faithful *mirrors* of their inmost hearts—for verily, the Lord your God, the Most Gracious, hath ever been *All-Aware* of that which the wrongdoers work. 10 And verily, God hath not prescribed for the one who striveth the like of one who sitteth idle. God hath favored the one who striveth above those who sit idle with a Grace which none knoweth save God—for verily, the Grace of your Lord, the Most Gracious, hath ever been, in very truth, *most*

mighty within the Book of God, the Most High. 11 O People of the Earth! Let not Satan beguile you into sitting idle, away from ascent unto the Lord your God, the One worthy of worship—for verily, the provision of this world is vain, while the reward of the world to come, with God, hath ever been *most great* within the Mother Book. 12 And whosoever desireth to go forth from their house, *migrating* unto the Remembrance for God alone—then, by the One True God, the reward of the world to come hath been written for them—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 13 O People of the Earth! Guard ye the Middle Prayer with the Most Great Remembrance, for verily the Remembrance restraineth you from Jibt and Ṭāghút, and calleth you unto the One True God—for He is the Most High, and He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 14 O ye Faithful Ones! When the Book cometh unto you from the Presence of the Remembrance, detach yourselves unto the One True God, and purchase armaments for your own selves for the Day of Jumu’ah—for verily, battle hath ever been appointed for the faithful, by the leave of God, within this, His Most Great Book, in accordance with the truth, at its *appointed time*. 15 O ye Faithful Ones! Whosoever amongst you renounceth this Most Great Remembrance, ere long shall God bring forth a people who will love Him, even as they love the Truth—most honored amongst the faithful are those who strive in the Pathway of God along the Great Circle of the earth, and who fear not, in very truth, *one thing* or *another*, in accordance with the truth. 16 That is the Most Great Grace of God, He bestoweth it upon whomsoever He willeth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 17 O People of the Earth! When the crier calleth out unto prayer with the Remembrance, then set your desire toward the One True God—for verily, God hath prepared for the sincere amongst you a reward which hath no limit with Him, and God increaseth whomsoever He willeth from His Grace—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 18 Set your desire, therefore, toward the Most Great Riḍwán, and be well-pleased with being slain in the Pathway of the Remembrance, until ye find your cherished Lord, *faithful* to the promise and, in accordance with the truth, *most bounteous*. 19 O

People of the Earth! Contend ye against the heedless by the Judgment of the Book after the leave of the Gate—ere long shall God judge between you and the Remembrance upon the Plain of Ingathering, with equity, *irrevocably ordained*. 20 By My Might and My Glory! There is none that hath been slain in His Path, save that their reward hath come to rest upon the Book, in accordance with the truth, *enshrined*. 21 And verily, I waste not the reward of those who strive in the Path of the Truth. And verily, I have planted, with Mine own Hands, *trees* after the form of Bahá, and upon the leaves, *birds* of crimson pearl, glorifying God by night and by day—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 22 And verily, *many* amongst the People of the Book dispute with Thee after the Verses, as though they were being driven unto the Fire. Wherefore turn away from them, and place Thy trust in the Lord Thy God, for He hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 23 God desired, through the Remembrance, to establish the Truth, according to the truth, and to annul falsehood, in very truth—for verily, God—He is the True One, and God hath ever been *All-Aware* of His faithful servants. 24 O ye Faithful Ones! Seek ye not aid, in the land of war, from aught whatsoever—rather, place ye your trust in God. For verily, God hath prescribed upon Himself, in very truth, your victory, and God hath commanded, in very truth, *thousands* of the Angels to descend for your assistance. They say, “*Verily, victory, in its entirety, is in the Hand of God—for He is God, Who hath ever been Powerful over all things.*” 25 And verily, We—We have sent down upon you from heaven *pure water*— 26 That ye may remove from your own selves the vain desires of Satan, and that ye may drink, through the remembrance of this Most Great Martyrdom, *a cool and wholesome draught*. 27 And verily, We—We command the Angels, “*Cast terror into the hearts of the heedless ones, and make firm the faithful upon the Pure Path, by the Upright Line from the Standing Alif—perfectly straight.*” 28 O Angels of God! Strike ye at the necks of these heedless ones by the leave of God, for they have ever opposed the Remembrance with lies. Such are the companions of the Fire, and they have ever been, in accordance with the truth, *written*. 29 O ye Faithful Ones! When ye meet the heedless ones in

the land of war, turn not your backs unto them. And whoso turneth his back upon them without sanction hath surely returned laden with wrath from God—their refuge hath ever been Hell, and wretched is the Fire as *a destination*. 30 And Thou didst not will when Thou didst will, but God slew them by His Power—for He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 31 O Concurrence of Lights! Hearken unto the Call of God from round about the Throne, “*Lo! Verily, I am God*”—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*. There is none that beareth heaviness in the Pathway of this Most Great Soul, save that We prescribe for them the slaying of souls in the Path of the One True God, in accordance with the truth—*entire*.” 32 Set your desire, therefore, toward the Most Great Reward of God, and obey ye the Remembrance in the Command at the Magnification—for verily, the Lord your God, the Most Gracious, hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 33 Verily, the worst of creatures in the sight of God, within the Mother Book, are the deaf and the dumb—those who, when they hear these Verses, comprehend them not, and suppose concerning the Most Great Remembrance *a lie*, in defiance of truth, *wrought of delusion*. 34 O Concurrence of the Faithful! Respond ye unto God in the Call of the Remembrance from My Presence—for verily, God interposeth between a person and their own soul, for God hath ever been *Watchful* over all things. 35 O People of the Earth! Betray not God and the Remembrance—for when ye do so, ye betray your own selves. And verily, God—He is the Self-Sufficient, the Possessor of Mercy. Neither your wealth nor your children in your midst is aught but a trial for your own selves. Be ye mindful of God, then—for verily, the gathering unto God, the Most High, hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *written*. 36 O People of Bliss! Hearken unto My Call from this verdant Leaf, sprung forth from the Divine Tree of Eternity within the breast of this Remembrance, according to the Most Great Name of God, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me, the Most High—and verily, I have ever been Knowledgeable of all the worlds*.” 37 O People of the Station! Enter ye the Egypt of Divine Oneness, God willing—for verily, Joseph, upon the Throne of the inmost heart, hath ever been, by the very essence

of the truth, *established* and *enshrined*. 38 And within the Pole of the Fire hath He ever been, in very truth, *openly witnessed*. 39 O God, our Lord! Verily, my father hath died, in very truth, and beheld Me not upon the Most Great Word. Inspire him, then, O my Master, with My Cause in his seat amongst the Angels of the Throne—make him firm upon the Most Great Word through Thy bounty, and write his name amongst those who have ever been *held in praise* within the Balance of the Remembrance, round about the Gate. 40 And write, O God, for him and for my mother that which beseemeth Thee. Verily, Thou art the Lord of Bounty, in very truth, and Thou hast ever been *Powerful* over all things. 41 O Solace of the Eye! Say unto Thy parents, by the leave of God, and unto the People of the Gate, “*Enter ye the land of Egypt, God willing, in very truth, that ye may assuredly be made secure from the Fire, in very truth.*” 42 For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things.

101. Súrah of Fighting III, comprising forty-two Verses

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

*And he raised his parents upon the Throne, and they fell down before Him in prostration. And he said, "O my father! This is the interpretation of my vision aforetime. My Lord hath indeed made it true, and He hath shown goodness unto me when He brought me forth from the prison, and brought you from the desert, after Satan had stirred discord between me and my brethren. Verily, my Lord is Subtle in whatsoever He willeth—verily, He is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. Alif-Lám-Mím. 4 God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—for He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 5 O Solace of Mine Eye! When those who have associated partners with God devise against Thee concerning Thy Cause, turn Thou away from them—for We have indeed judged between them on the Day of Ingathering by the Most Great Fire. Yea, verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 6 Then shall those who associate partners with God say, "O God! If this Remembrance assuredly be the Truth from Thy Presence, send down upon us from heaven *a chastisement*, in accordance with the truth. 7 "That we may behold it!" God hath cursed them for their rejection of faith. Have they not known that God was not to chastise them while the Most Great Path was amongst them, nor while they were seeking forgiveness unto God? And verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 8 And verily, those who emigrated with the Remembrance for the Most Great Jihád—God, their cherished Lord, hath ordained for them the goodly enjoyment of this world—and the reward of the world to come, with God, the Great, hath ever been *preserved* within the Mother Book, by the very essence of the truth, in this Gate. 9 O ye Faithful Ones! Contend ye against those who associate partners with God, all together, after the leave of the Remembrance, until the Faith in its entirety belongeth wholly unto God. And should they desist, then verily, the Lord your God, the True One, hath ever been *Well-Aware* of that which they do. 10 O ye who have faith! When ye meet a company of the rejecters of faith, make steadfast your inmost hearts through the Encounter of the world to come and its bliss—and remember ye God, and place your trust upon Him. For*

verily, God—He is the True One—and He hath ever *prevailed* over His Cause—yet the people read not, from the Book, even *a portion* of the *written* Letter. 11 And obey ye the Remembrance in the Cause, and dispute not in any matter before His Countenance, lest the Wind depart from your own selves. Be patient, then, for verily, God—He is the True One—and God hath ever been, with those who are patient, *Watchful*. 12 O ye Faithful Ones! Be ye not as those who went forth from their homes to render assistance unto the Truth, yet when they reached the place, Satan turned them aside from the Path of God, and they said, “*None shall overcome us this day.*” But when they beheld the company of those who associate partners with God, turning backward from the war, they said, according to the truth, “*Verily, we behold the Truth which ye behold not. Verily, we greatly fear God, the Lord of all worlds.*” 13 These shall behold the Angels—how they strike their faces with the sword. The Command hath been decreed—for the Command hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 14 And verily, We change not, for any people, aught of the bounty, save after their own selves have first preceded in changing toward Our bounties. Taste ye, then, the chastisement of the Raging Inferno—verily, the One True God is your Lord, Who hath ever been *Strong* and *Severe*. 15 Erelong shall We destroy the wrongdoers, after the likeness of the people of Pharaoh, with justice—by the most severe chastisement and by a *mighty* stroke of an exemplary punishment. 16 Verily, the worst of souls, in the sight of God, is the one who breaketh their pledge after the Covenant, and violateth His Command after having taken hold of His Cause—for verily, God hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds. 17 Whosoever willeth aught, hath willed it, in very truth, for their own self—and verily, Might belongeth unto God and unto His chosen ones. This hath ever been *written* within the Mother Book, by the very essence of the truth. 18 And grieve Thou not over the conjecture of those who deny, within Thy Presence, and place Thy trust upon God. He verily is the All-Hearing—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, All-Knowing*. 19 O People of the Earth! Whatsoever ye expend in the Pathway of the One True God, ye shall assuredly find *preserved* upon the

hands of the Keepers. 20 For verily, *many* amongst the people desire not the Truth save through deception. Yet sufficient for Thee is God—*He beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—and He is the One Who hath strengthened Thee through His Word—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 21 God hath joined the hearts of the faithful through His Remembrance—and these shall never be able to accomplish aught of the Command. Judgment belongeth unto none save the One True God—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise*. 22 O Solace of Mine Eye! Sufficient for Thee is God, and His Angels, and those *few* of the faithful who have followed Thee. 23 O Solace of Mine Eye! Urge Thou the faithful unto battle before Thy very hands, for verily, God hath guaranteed unto them the Garden, in very truth—and verily, the Promise of God, according to the Most Great Covenant, hath ever been *fulfilled* within the Mother Book. 24 O ye Faithful Ones! Why fear ye being slain? For verily, God—He is the True One—is with you wheresoever ye may be. Set your desire, then, upon the Most Great Reward of God and the Encounter with your True Lord—for verily, the Abode of the world to come hath ever been, in the sight of the Lord your God, the Most Gracious, *beld in praise*. 25 Verily, those who have faith, and emigrated with the Remembrance, and strove with their wealth and their own selves in the Pathway of God—these are they who have ever been upon the Most Great Covenant—and amongst the Companions of the Garden, *abiding forevermore*, have they ever been *written*, in accordance with the truth. 26 And amongst the faithful, some are guardians one unto another according to the Covenant of the Remembrance. Be ye mindful of God against violation thereof, for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 27 And verily, God hath prescribed for the faithful emigrants the forgiveness of the Remembrance and the Most Great Riḍwán, *irrevocably ordained* by the Judgment of the Book. 28 And verily, We—We have ordained that kindred relations, some above others, are nearer in right than others, according to that which God hath ordained, *inscribed* within the Mother Book. 29 This is a Book from God unto the Remembrance, in very truth, *that ye contend ye not against those who associate partners with*

God for four months, that the people may know the sanctity of the Remembrance after the Book—for verily, God hath ever been *Compassionate* unto the faithful. 30 O People of the Book! Contend ye not against those who associate partners with God during the Sacred Month, nor within the precincts of the Ka'bah, the Sacred House, and transgress naught of that from which the Remembrance forbiddeth you after the Book—for verily, God hath desired justice, in very truth, for you, though ye know *naught* of the knowledge of the Book save but *a little*. 31 O ye Faithful Ones! God hath not revealed any Sign within the Book, nor upon the horizons, save that they may know, in very truth, that the Remembrance is indeed the True One from God—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 32 O People of the Remembrance! Be ye *faithful* unto God, and *well-pleased* with His Decree, according to the truth—for verily, God hath ordained for every soul *a taste* of death, and there hath never been any *turning back* from the True Decree of God, in accordance with the truth. 33 O People of the Earth! By your True Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—God hath left no Proof for any soul after the Remembrance. Be ye, then, *patient* in God, the All-Praised, according to the Faithful Truth. 34 O ye Faithful Ones! Should ye be steadfast, according to the truth, in your claim concerning the Most Great Deliverance, then follow ye this Most Great Remembrance in very truth. For verily, whoso rendereth assistance in His Cause is as one who rendereth assistance in My Cause—for God hath ever been *Well-Aware* of all things. 35 O ye Faithful Ones! When the True One granteth leave, in very truth, then set your desire upon the Day of the Most Great Pilgrimage, and turn not aside in aught from the True Cause—for verily, God, His Angels, and His Messengers are quit of those who turn away. And verily, the Mystery is the Truth, and the Remembrance is indeed with this—for He is the True One, Who hath ever been *revered* upon the Upright Path. 36 And God hath not ordained any *covenant* for those who associate partners with God after the Book—for God wrongeth not the people in aught. So when the sacred months have passed, contend ye against those who associate partners with God, according to the

Upright Faith, and follow not the footsteps of Satan—for verily, God hath prepared, in the Resurrection, in very truth, *a most great Fire* for those who turn away. 37 Verily, should these souls repent, and turn unto the Remembrance, and establish the Prayer, and render assistance unto the Truth with their wealth and their very own selves, then shall God forgive them—for God hath ever been *Watchful* over all things. And He hath not desired that those who associate partners with God should maintain the Prayer-Halls of the Remembrance—for verily, God is indeed Self-Sufficient above all the worlds *entire*. 38 And We—We prescribe for the faithful that they maintain the Prayer-Halls of God through rendering assistance unto the Remembrance. Is, then, one who assisteth the Remembrance like unto one who maintaineth *a house*, according to the truth? Nay! Then again, nay! Whoso assisteth the Remembrance is as one who hath faith in God and the Last Day—and in the world to come, upon the verdant settle, hath ever been, in very truth, *abiding* and *beloved*. 39 O Solace of Mine Eye! Speak Thou by Our leave, and fear not—for verily, Thy Word, in the Presence of God, the Most High, hath ever been, in accordance with the Most Exalted Truth, *Most Great*. 40 O People of Clarity! Gaze ye upon Me within the surging abyss of effacement. Verily, God hath revealed unto Me, *“I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me. And when I had raised Thy twain parents upon the Throne, I said unto them, ‘Fall ye down in prostration unto God, before the Gate, in praiseworthy adoration.’”* 41 For He had ever been *written* within the Mother Book, in the sight of God, the Most High, as amongst the first of those who prostrate. 42 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say unto Thy twain primal Parents, within the twain radiant Lights, the Twain Lights, within the Twain Latter Mysteries, from the Twain Primal Lines on the Right, *“O My Father! This is the Mystery of the interpretation of My vision for humankind, within My true vision. My Lord hath indeed made it true—for God hath shown goodness unto My adherents when He brought them forth from concealment after the setting of the Moon, and after Satan had stirred discord between Myself and them, without any indication toward the Holy Land. Now—ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who*

*bath lifted grief from them by His power, as He willeth. He verily is the All-Knowing—for He is God, Who hath ever been **Mighty, Wise.**”*

102. *Súrah of Fighting IV, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
 “My Lord! Thou hast indeed bestowed upon Me something of Kingship, and taught Me something of the interpretation of Narratives. O Originator of the heavens and the earth! Thou art My Guardian in this world and the world to come. Cause Me to die wholly resigned in faith, and join Me unto the righteous.” Káf-Há-Yá‘Ayn-Şád. 3 O People of the Remembrance! Strive ye in the Most Mighty Pathway of God—this Remembrance belongeth unto the One True God—for verily, God hath prepared, for those who strive amongst you, degrees of mercy—and verily, the bounty of God upon those who strive hath ever been *abundant* within the Mother Book. 4 O ye Faithful Ones! Do ye love women, children, and wealth more than being slain in the Pathway of the Remembrance? Lo! Verily, the Remembrance of God is indeed true, and this world is *overturned*, and hath not God ordained for it any abiding, according to the truth—*forever* and *ever*. 5 And verily, the Abode of the world to come, for those who desire God and His loved ones, *endureth* through the endurance of the Most Gracious—for this bounty is the Most Great Bounty of God, which hath ever been *most mighty* within the Mother Book. 6 And God hath indeed rendered you assistance in many trials—then God sent down the tranquility of the Remembrance upon your hearts, that ye might *render thanks* unto God, the Most High, within a precinct of the Gate. 7 O People of Faith! By the One True God! Those who associate partners with God are naught but defilement—wherefore, permit them not to enter the Sacred Prayer-Hall, nor the Sacred House, unless they have faith in God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—and follow the Pathway of Truth, in very truth, in their speech. Thereupon shall entrance be made permissible for them by the leave of God—for verily, God hath ever been *a Reckoner* over all things. 8 And contend ye against those who have not faith in God, nor in His loved ones, and who forbid not that which God and His loved ones have forbidden—for these are they who have ever been *written* within the Mother Book along the extremity of association. 9 And verily, *many* amongst the people consume the wealth of

the faithful through falsehood, and hoard up gold and silver for their own selves, apart from the Self of the Remembrance, in the pathway of war—these are they who, in very truth, have ever been *written* amongst the People of the Ark. 10 Verily, the number of months in the Book of God is twelve *months*. 11 And God hath ordained from them four Sacred Months—for the decree hath ever been *enshrined* within the Book of God, round about the Fire. 12 Yea, verily, God hath prescribed within the Mother Book, from amongst the Sacred Months, the month of Muḥarram for Thy Self—in accordance with the truth—*bidden* and *treasured*. 13 And according to the Decree of the Book, the ordinance of the Month of God, the Most High, hath ever been, in very truth, *irrevocably ordained*. 14 O ye Faithful Ones! Contend ye against those who associate partners with God, *all together*, even as they repel the Remembrance *all together*, and purify ye the earth for the Proof, and be ye mindful of God—for verily, the Remembrance hath ever been *a Reckoner* with the faithful. 15 And when Thou didst say unto the faithful, “*Go ye forth in the Pure Pathway of God,*” the earth, with its adornment, weighed them down. Are ye content with the life of this world in place of the Most Great Remembrance? What aileth you, that ye ponder not the Furqán, *revealed* in accordance with the truth? 16 Yea, verily, God hath aided, through His Remembrance, whomsoever He willeth among His servants—and verily, the second of twain was indeed *faithless* in the Cave. And God hath made the wicked word the least, while the Word of God is exalted. Yea, verily, God hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, prevailing over His Cause—for verily, God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 17 O ye Faithful Ones! By the One True God! If ye knew what I know concerning the Right of this Remembrance, ye would not turn back from being slain before Him, in very truth—save that the Kingdom of God in the world to come, with God, hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *great indeed*. 18 And when the faithful seek Thy leave to remain seated, say: “*Verily, My Covenant with God is indeed true*”—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most High, Most Great*. 19 O ye Faithful Ones! Attribute not the act unto God, nor unto your own selves, for the Kingdom is *unique*

within His Hands, in very truth. Wherefore say: “*Naught shall befall us save what God hath written for us, in very truth. He is our Protector—for He is God, Who hath ever been Watchful over all things.*” 20 And verily, this is indeed one of the twain most excellent outcomes, which hath ever been *inscribed* within the Mother Book, round about the Fire. 21 O ye Faithful Ones! Were ye to expend the treasures of the earth in the Pathways of God, bereft of the Covenant of the Remembrance, never would God accept aught from you, and on the Day of Separation ye shall *approach* nigh unto the Fire—and wretched is the Fire as *a place of arrival*. 22 And marvel ye not at the abundance of wealth and children amongst those who associate partners with God—for verily, God hath desired to chastise them in the life of this world, and in the world to come, God hath prepared for them, in accordance with the truth, *a mighty chastisement*. 23 Those who associate partners with God have rejoiced in their wealth, in opposition to the Most Great Remembrance of God within their own selves, and they have loathed to strive in the Pathway of the Remembrance through love—for they have gathered for war, that they might *stealthily* manifest a partner with God within their own selves against the Most Great Remembrance, in defiance of the truth. 24 Say unto those who associate partners with God, “*By your Lord! Verily, the fire from the Fire is surely more intense in heat upon you than the act of association in the Pathway of the Remembrance. Await ye, therefore—for verily, God hath ever been, with the faithful, a Witness.*” 25 And verily, those who go not forth with the Remembrance, but sit with those who remain seated in the Fire, and who repel the Book and the Remembrance—God shall never accept their plea. And should any amongst them perish, pray Thou not over them, nor stand Thou beside their grave—for verily, they have been *written*, within this Book, amongst those who associate partners with God. 26 O People of the Earth! Let not the abundance of wealth and children amongst some of those who reject faith astonish you—for verily, God hath sworn, in accordance with the truth, that were the world, in the sight of God, to hold any worth, even to the measure of aught, He would have ordained that those who reject faith attain *a draught* of water. Yet verily, God hath

desired to chastise them in this world and the world to come—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 27 O Solace of Mine Eye! When the Command cometh from My Presence, summon ye the people unto battle—for verily, God hath treasured up, for Thy Day, *distinguished personages* like unto mountains in strength, and these have ever been *openly witnessed* within the Mother Book under the Name of the Most Exalted Remembrance of God. 28 And when a soul from amongst the faithful cometh unto Thee, seeking Thy leave to remain seated, say: “*Verily, my Lord hath covenanted with Me concerning battle, and God accepteth no excuse from any, save from the weak amongst you.*” So set ye your desire upon the Most Great Garden—for verily, the world is *perishing*, and the world to come, in the presence of God, the Ever-Abiding, hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *mighty* within the Mother Book. 29 And if they desire discord, then grant them leave to remain seated, and impose not upon those of kinship save through the most upright contentment. And make ye known unto them that the Word of God—He indeed—is the Most Great—and verily, the one who striveth in the Pathway of God hath indeed been *undeviating* upon the Upright Path. 30 O People of the Earth! By the One True God! God hath not revealed the Book save in very truth, that ye may bear witness to the Right of the Remembrance through the Remembrance, and that ye might render Him assistance in the Cause upon the Day of War. And know ye, according to the truth, that God shall assuredly question you concerning His Cause on the Day of Resurrection, in very truth, before the witnesses—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 31 And verily, those who migrated with the Remembrance for striving—God, their cherished Lord, hath indeed ordained for them an enjoyment from this world—and the reward of the world to come, in the presence of God, the Most Great, hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *appointed* through this Gate by the very essence of the truth. 32 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from above the Throne, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me. By My Might, I say, there is none that hath been slain in the Path of this Remembrance save that their*

reward hath fallen upon Me.” And verily, God shall requite them with the fairest recompense, through a most beautiful return—for verily, His Decree hath ever been *raised aloft* within the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth. 33 And when those who excuse themselves from amongst the Arabs come, seeking that Thou grant them leave for the depths, say: *“Unto God belongeth the conclusive Proof, in very truth.”* And God hath not lifted the Decree of battle save from the weak amongst the men, and from those who are unable to go forth in the Path of Truth, and upon the sick there is a right that they not be made to stand for being slain. God expoundeth the ordinances of the Book unto you, that ye may be *thankful* unto God, the All-Praised. 34 And verily, God hath written, for those who desire to go forth with the Remembrance for the assistance of the Truth, yet are unable through lack of power, the reward of those who strive—for verily, God hath ever been *Watchful* over all things. 35 And verily, God hath written for the foremost amongst the emigrants and the helpers—those who followed the Remembrance with the excellence of resignation, in the Hour of the Bá—Gardens beneath which rivers flow, abiding therein *forevermore*—that indeed is the Most Great Triumph—for the Decree hath ever been *written* within the Mother Book in the Name of the Gate. 36 O Solace of Mine Eye! Purchase Thou the souls of the faithful with the Garden—for verily, God hath aforetime purchased the souls of those who strive through the Most Great Name, and the Promise of God hath ever been *fulfilled* within the Mother Book. 37 Excellent is the bargain with God, together with the Most Great Remembrance, from aforetime—for verily, the Covenant of God hath ever been *a matter to be answered for* within the Mother Book. 38 O People of the Earth! Contend ye against the worshippers of idols, and of al-Lát and al-‘Uzzá, and leave not upon the earth even *a single dweller* from amongst those who reject faith—in accordance with the truth. 39 Yea, verily, God hath desired the purification of the earth and whosoever is upon it, for Himself, the True One—*purely*, according to the knowledge of the Book, by the very essence of the truth, and that *right soon*. 40 For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 41 And He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds.

42 Yea, verily, God hath ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds.

103. *Súrah of Pilgrimage, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
That is from the tidings of the Unseen, which We inspire unto thee—and
thou wast not with them when they gathered their affair together, while they
were devising their scheme. Alif-Lám-Mím-‘Ayn. 3 God—beside Whom
there is none other God except Him—hath sent down the Book unto the
people—therein is the elucidation of all things, as a mercy and
Glad-Tiding unto a people who have faith in God and in His Verses,
according to the Most Great Truth—for God hath ever been Powerful over
all things. 4 And He is the One Who created the human being from an
extract of clay, and breathed into him His Spirit, according to the truth,
that humankind might be mentioned, within the Mother Book, according
to the Word of the Most Exalted Remembrance. 5 And We—We have
indeed sent down the Remembrance in the Night of Destiny, that the
people might bear witness that God hath ever been Powerful over all
things. 6 Therein is every Command distinguished, which hath been, from
the Presence of God, irrevocably ordained within the Mother Book. 7 And
verily, God hath created for you a Night, according to the Mystery of the
Gate, around the Fire—irrevocably ordained. 8 Which hath ever been,
within the Mother Book, better than a thousand months—which hath
ever been written, in very truth, from round about the Gate. 9 And verily,
God hath caused the Day of Ghadír and the Night of Destiny to be held in
remembrance within the Sea of Love, round about the Fire, from the
Presence of the Remembrance. 10 Yea, verily, God hath prescribed for you
the Prayer of Ghadír and the fast thereof, by the Most Great Truth—and
the deed performed upon that Day hath ever been written within the
Mother Book as the ordinance of the Age, according to the Decree of the
Gate. 11 O People of the East and the West! Go ye forth from your
dwellings for the Visitation of the Most Great House of God, according to
an irrevocable Decree from your Lord, that ye may be written, within the
Mother Book, round about the Gate, according to the Most Great
Covenant of God. 12 O ye Faithful Ones! Visit ye Our Grandsire Ḥusayn
in the Land of al-Ṭáff, for verily, God hath accepted from those who visit

Him, through their visitation of Him, according to the truth, unto His own Self—for that is the Most Great Attainment—and the permission hath ever been *written* in every Tablet by the Hands of the Most Gracious. 13 And verily, God hath forbidden you to enter the Sanctuary save through the Gate—for that Decree is true indeed within the Book of God, and the Command hath ever been *inscribed* within the Mother Book, round about the Fire. 14 And know ye the Word of your allotted Age within that Most Great Gate, and seek ye the good in very truth, lest ye earn sin by taking the Calf in place of God—for verily, the Command of God hath ever been *Mighty* within the Mother Book. 15 And expend ye from pure refinements of conduct and from sincere wealth in the Pathway of God unto His loved ones—and whoso concealeth a testimony from their own self concerning another soul hath ever been, in the sight of God, within the Mother Book, *turned back* from round about the Gate. 16 Yea, verily, God hath forbidden giving unto those who associate partners with God, the Most High, save in the station of a goodly deed, for that hath been raised aloft by the leave of God within His Book—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 17 O Concourse of Jinn and humankind! Await ye the Most Great Command of God from the Presence of this Our Servant, this Arabian Youth, Who hath ever been, within the Mother Book, *exalted* under the Name of God, the Most High. 18 And seek ye relief from the Lord your God, the True One—for verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 19 O People of the Earth! God hath made commerce lawful for you within His Book, and *usury* hath been forbidden unto you. 20 Whosoever taketh usury from any soul, even to the measure of *an atom*, God shall cause them to taste, on the Day of Resurrection, from round about the Fire, according to the weight of a mighty mountain—and in the world to come they shall have no comforter, nor shall they find for their own self, on the Day of Resurrection, any *guardian* or *helper* apart from God. 21 Save one who repenteth and returneth it unto its source—then shall God forgive whomsoever He willeth from amongst His servants—for He verily is the Mighty, and He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Merciful* unto the

faithful. 22 O ye Faithful Ones! Verily, God hath prescribed for you the Prayer with the Remembrance on the Day of Friday, in accordance with the Most Great Truth— 23 That ye may be *written*, within the Mother Book, in the books of those who pray, round about the Gate. 24 And commemorate ye God on the Night of Friday with *a remembrance*, in accordance with the truth—*highly praised*. 25 Yea, verily, God hath accepted your deeds on the Night of Friday and its Day, from each week of yours, according to the Right of the Gate, by the leave of God, the Most High—*held in praise*. 26 O Servants of the Most Gracious! Verily, God, and His Angels, and His Messengers send blessings upon Our adherents—wherefore send ye blessings upon them at the dawning-place of their mention, and resign their Cause unto God, the Most High—*Praiseworthy*. 27 O ye Faithful Ones! Eat ye of that which God hath provided for you—*lawful* and *wholesome*. 28 And approach not usury, nor aught of that which God hath forbidden in His Book aforesaid and within this Book—for whoso doeth that hath borne, in the Days of the Gate, according to the Decree of the Book, *a manifest sin*. 29 O ye Faithful Ones! Have faith, and render not your own selves, by reason of the state whereon ye had stood upon the earth without excuse in the Truth, *solitary* and bereft of truth. 30 For that, in the sight of the One True God, your Creator, hath never been *held in praise* within the Mother Book. 31 And marry ye the faithful women from among those whom God hath made chaste according to the Covenant of the Book, by the Pure Truth—for verily, the Lord your God hath ever been *Most Merciful* unto the faithful. 32 And verily, God hath decreed divorce within the Book for those who love women without obedience unto the Most Gracious—for verily, God hath ever been *Aware* of His faithful servants. 33 And We—We have indeed placed mutual estrangement between those who comprehend not the True Faith of God, nor recite the Book of God along the Pathways of the Gate—such are the people of the Fire, according to that which God hath firmly established within the Mother Book—*irrevocably decreed*. 34 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say unto the faithful, “*If ye divorce women before touching them, concerning that waiting-period which God hath ordained for*

them, then provide for them according to the Decree of the Book, in accordance with the Decree of the Furqán—held in praise.” 35 Verily, God, and His Angels, and His loved ones from amongst creation have sent blessings upon Our foremost adherents—those who were, unto the Oft-Returning Ones in that Gate, unto the twain Ancient Names, in accordance with the truth, from the Decree of the Book, *sincere in repentance*. 36 O ye who have faith! Send ye blessings upon Our adherents at the sign of their mention, for the purification of your own selves, according to the truth, after the Word of Magnification unto the One True God—a *remembrance*, by the very essence of the truth, *most beautiful*. 37 And know ye that, from your spoils, *a fifth* belongeth unto God, and unto His Messenger, and unto the Kindred, according to the Decree of the Mystery of the Há, within the Mother Book—it hath ever been *written* round about the Fire, by the very essence of the truth. 38 What aileth you that ye return not the Right of God and Our Right unto this Our Most Great Word in your midst? Yea, verily, God hath appointed the Remembrance, over all the worlds, from His own Self and from Our own Selves, *a Guardian* according to the truth—for the Decree hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Preserved Tablet. 39 O Center of the Káf within the Word of Command! Harken unto My Call from round about the Gate, upon that Sacred City, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me*.” 40 “*There is naught but that I have created for it a likeness in the heavens and the earth, that creation may bear witness that their cherished Lord is such that there is naught like unto Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been All-Hearing, All-Seeing.*” 41 Verily, that interpretation is from the tidings of the Divine Cloud, *written* upon the Leaf of the Inmost Heart, by the leave of God, the Most High, round about the Fire. 42 Yea, verily, God hath inspired Thee with the tidings of the Unseen—and Thou art indeed, according to the Most Great Truth, present amongst them as they divide their word upon lying falsehood—and verily, God hath ever been *severe* upon Thee, by the very essence of the truth.

104. *Súrah of Limitations, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
And most of the people, though thou shouldst be eager, will not have faith—and thou dost not ask of them any recompense for it. It is naught but a Remembrance unto all the worlds. T̄á-Há. 3 O ye Faithful Ones! Set your faces toward the Ka'bah, by the leave of God, the All-Praised, according to the Word of the Gate, according to the Most Great Truth, from the Mystery of the Fire—perfectly straight and held in praise. 4 And when the people come unto Thee that they may learn knowledge, say: “Render not the Decree of God void for your own selves, concerning that which God hath ordained for Me within the Book, in accordance with the truth, from the Point of the Fire—irrevocably ordained.” 5 And ask ye God of His bounty, nigh unto the Gate, by the Most Pure Truth—erelong shall ye find God, for your own selves, All-Knowing in counsel, in accordance with the truth, Powerful in the most wondrous origination. 6 Be ye mindful, then, of God, concerning the Day whereon ye shall question Him, because of your vain wickednesses, concerning that which is bereft of truth— 7 Have ye not known that God hath ever Encompassed all things? 8 O ye people! When ye desire purification and find no water, then perform tayammum with pure earth, in purity—wholesome and worthy of praise. 9 And God hath not placed any hardship within your Faith—yet erelong shall God question you concerning that which ye earn with your own hands, and ye shall never find, for your own selves, on the Day of Separation, any comforter apart from God, the Most High. 10 And eat ye of that which ye have gained as spoil—lawful and wholesome—unto the One True God, from your Lord, by the leave of God—and be ye mindful of God concerning His chastisement, according to the Most Great Truth, for verily, the chastisement of God hath ever been severe within the Mother Book. 11 Do ye desire the provision of this world, while God desireth the world to come? What aileth you, that ye are not assured of the One True God? For He is God, Who hath ever been Powerful over all things. 12 O ye who have faith! Establish the Prayer and render the Alms, even as God hath aforetime set forth the bounds within His Book. 13 And verily, God

hath made this Book the interpretation of the Book—and God hath set forth no bounds within either save from the ordinances of the Gate, that haply the people may come unto Us, from the Pathway of God, in very truth, through the Most Great Truth, in *crowds*. 14 Yea, verily, God hath prescribed for the drinker of wine eighty lashes according to the truth, and should the like thereof be committed thereafter, then upon the fourth time, according to the truth, their severance. That, verily, is a Decree from God within the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth, which hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* from the presence of the Gate. 15 Yea, verily, We—We have decreed concerning the bondservant half that of the freeborn, and God hath prescribed, upon the eighth time, their severance, according to the Most Great Truth—and that Decree hath ever been *inscribed* from before God within the Mother Book. 16 O Servants of the Most Gracious! Shun ye the defilement of idols, and shun ye the speech of falsehood, that ye may assuredly become *knowledgeable* through the Verses of God, the Most High, within that Gate, by the Firm Truth, according to the Faithful Truth. 17 Yea, verily, God hath forbidden diversion and idle sport, and the practice of chess and backgammon, according to the Decree of the Book, *irrevocably established*. 18 And for all that He hath forbidden, God hath appointed within the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth, the penalty for the one who committeth it—upon the Path, within the Book of God, it hath indeed ever been *a station* whereof, in accordance with the truth, *all shall be questioned*. 19 And verily, God hath forbidden the ruler, in very truth, to carry out the penalty upon one when there resteth upon his own neck *a penalty* from God, in very truth—even though it be *concealed* before God within the Mother Book. 20 And verily, God hath prescribed for any soul upon whose neck there have been *many penalties*, that the proceeding begin with the lesser, until the decree arrive at the severance, in accordance with the Most Pure Truth—indeed the Decree hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 21 And verily, those who commit wicked deeds and seek forgiveness of God within their inmost selves, along the Pathways of the Gate—it is not for them to reveal, concerning their own selves, the shameful things which

God hath covered for them, by a bounty from that Most Great Gate—for God hath ever been *Oft-Returning, Most Merciful* unto His servants who seek forgiveness. 22 Yea, verily, God hath decreed for the fornicator and the fornicatress, after four testimonies by God, one hundred lashes, in accordance with the truth, and let not the judge be seized with compassion toward either of them—for the decree hath indeed ever been, for men, *an upright standing*, and for women, within concealment upon concealment, *a veil*. 23 And verily, that decree is from before God, incumbent upon the faithful, true indeed—for the Command, by the very essence of the truth, hath ever been *irrevocably established* within the Mother Book. 24 And verily, God hath prescribed for the thief, male and female, that the judge sever their hands as *a recompense* for their deed, in accordance with the truth, within the Mother Book—for God hath ever been, toward His servants, in accordance with the truth, *a Witness*. 25 And verily, We—We have set forth in detail some of the ordinances within this Book, concerning that wherein some amongst the people differed, without sanction, that ye may become *knowledgeable* through the Verses of God and His ordinances within that Gate, according to the Most Pure, Firm Truth. 26 And verily, God hath appointed the ordinances from Muḥammad and His Trustees, according to the Most Great Truth, *prescribed* and *irrevocably established* in every Tablet until the Day of Resurrection. 27 Know ye that God hath forbidden every deed save after His Remembrance—wherefore, remember ye God, your Creator, with *a Remembrance* at the Gate, by the very essence of the truth, *in abundance*. 28 And glorify Him at the Gate, *morning* and *evening*. 29 And We—We have appointed for every nation *a rite*, that they may mention the Name of God over it, from their Lord, along the Pathways of the Gate, in very truth, in accordance with the Firm Truth—*greatly*. 30 Wherefore, make ye retreat within the Sacred House, according to the Most Great Word, and be ye, through God, the Most High, in all circumstances, *well-pleasing*, and, in accordance with the truth, *worthy of praise*. 31 And know ye that God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the True One*—hath prescribed for the faithful, in this House, the pilgrimage of the

House during the Sacred Month, which hath ever been *written* amongst the months of sanctity before God, the Most High. 32 Yea, verily, God hath decreed the circumambulation round about the House, according to a Mystery from the Letters of the Gate, even as God hath ordained within the Mother Book: seven indications, *held in praise*. 33 And verily, God hath forbidden unto the one in consecration those things which have veiled them from this Most Great Gate—for verily, all such hath ever been *spurned* within the Book of God. 34 Wherefore, magnify ye God at the Sacred Monument and at Miná, along the Pathways of the Gate, according to that which God hath ordained within the Mother Book—a *magnification*, in accordance with the truth, *raised aloft*. 35 And raise ye your voices with the Remembrance of the Most Gracious in the pathway of the pilgrimage, according to the Most Pure Truth—for verily, God hath ever been *All-Hearing, All-Knowing*. 36 O ye Faithful Ones! Remember ye God at ‘Arafát and during the Days of Tashrīq, according to the Most Great Word, by that which God hath ordained within the Mother Book, from the Point of the Fire—*irrevocably ordained*. 37 And remember ye your Creator during the numbered days, and at the Sacred Standing, along the Pathways of the Gate, from the Most Great Word of God within the Mother Book—this which hath ever been *written* before God. 38 We have indeed set forth the ordinances in detail within this Book, according to the Mystery of the Furqán, by the leave of God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 39 God hath permitted trade and forbidden usury, in very truth, that ye may assuredly be made *witnesses* through His ordinances within the Faith of these Twain Gates, upraised upon the Fire and the Water. 40 O Servants of the Most Gracious! Be ye mindful concerning the property of the orphan, and concerning whatsoever God hath forbidden from the Point of the Gate—*irrevocably established*. 41 Yea, verily, We—We have ordained the Word upon most of the people—yet the people have *but little* faith in Our Verses, in accordance with the truth. 42 And verily, We—We have sanctified the faithful, in accordance with the Most Great Truth, and We have asked of them no recompense apart from this Remembrance—for He

verily is the Remembrance upon the Fire, within the Fire, for all the worlds
entire.

105. *Súrah of the Commandments III, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
And how many a Sign in the heavens and the earth do they pass by, while
they turn away therefrom. Alif-Lám-Mím-‘Ayn-Rá-Álif. 3 O Servants
of the Most Gracious! Seek ye forgiveness of your Lord, the Most
Gracious—beside Whom there is none other God except Him—by night and
by day, along the Pathways of the Gate, by the very essence of the truth, in
praiseworthy exaltation. And partake ye not of that which hath been made
lawful, save but a little. 4 O ye Faithful Ones! Fast ye the Most Great
Month of God, according to that which God hath ordained for you within
the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth, unto completion. 5 And
indulge ye not in conjecture concerning that whereof ye have no
knowledge. Wherefore, God, your Protector, hath ever been Aware of
whatsoever ye do. 6 Yea, verily, God hath forbidden you to eat of that over
which the Name of God hath not been mentioned, for this hath ever been
written within the Mother Book, by the Decree of the Gate, as a
transgression from Satan. 7 And verily, God hath permitted unto you that
whereunto ye are driven by necessity, within the bounds of repose for your
own selves. For verily, God hath desired ease for you—for He is God, Who
hath ever been Self-Sufficient above all the worlds. 8 Yea, verily, God hath
ordained for the poor a share in the wealth of the rich, according to that
which God hath decreed within the Judgment of the Book—irrevocably
ordained. 9 And verily, God hath forbidden that the faithful soul should
backbite another soul in aught of any word, in accordance with the truth,
even a little. 10 Be ye mindful of God, for verily, God hath ordained that
all hearts be between Our Fingers, and the Decree hath ever been
irrevocably ordained within the Mother Book. 11 And verily, God hath set
forth His ordinances in detail within this Book, that haply the people may
be well-pleased with God and with His Verses within this Most Great Gate,
according to the Most Exalted Truth. 12 And verily, We—We have placed
rancor within the breasts of those who have not faith in Our Verses, in
accordance with the truth, and the Command of God hath ever been
irrevocably ordained within the Mother Book. 13 Yea, verily, God hath

made obligatory for you the Lesser Pilgrimage. Complete ye your rites even as God hath defined them aforetime within His Book, and never shall ye find, in Our custom concerning this or that, in accordance with the truth, *the least difference* in aught whatsoever. 14 And whoso passeth beyond the Limit of God in His Book, then the Limit of God for such a one is in the Book, according to the Limit, by the Most Great Limit, in accordance with the Pure Truth—for God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 15 Yea, verily, God hath forbidden you wine, games of chance, idols, and divining arrows. All such is a defilement from the work of Satan. Shun ye it, for it verily hath ever been *rejected* within the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth. 16 And consume ye not raisins after they have begun to seethe, whether by sun or by fire—for the Decree hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 17 O ye Faithful Ones! Take ye the hunt in the Pathway of God, according to the Pathway of the Book, in accordance with the truth, as *a beneficence*. 18 And say: O ye Faithful Ones! Purify ye the animal, by the leave of God, as *one who remembereth, resigned in faith, turned* toward the Ka'bah, the House of God, according to the Word of the Gate, even as God hath ordained within the Mother Book—*irrevocably ordained*. 19 And verily, God hath made lawful for the people, from the catch of the sea, that wherein there are scales. And whatsoever God hath created of fish whose belly is not level with its head hath ever been, within the Mother Book, according to the Judgment of the Book, *lawful* for some, *prescribed* according to the Decree of the Book. 20 And verily, God hath decreed, concerning the purification of the fish, that it be brought forth from the water *alive*. That is a firmly established Decree, *irrevocably fixed* according to the Judgment of the Book. 21 For the Decree hath ever been *written* within the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth, within that Gate. 22 Yea, verily, God hath made lawful unto you, from the hunt of the land, that which remaineth *alive*. 23 And approach ye not the hunt of the Sanctuary, for God hath appointed it *secure* within the precinct of the House. 24 And verily, God hath forbidden the flesh of the dog and the swine, and whatsoever amongst the animals hath been reckoned, according to the Judgment of the Gate, as

beasts of prey. 25 Yea, verily, We—We have set forth in detail for you, within this Book, the ordinances of the Book, that ye may become *discerning* in the Faith of God within this Gate, in accordance with the truth. 26 Slay ye whatsoever God hath made *harmful* unto the human being from amongst the animals, wheresoever ye find them, whether from the small creatures of the earth or from the beasts of prey, as *mandated* according to the Decree of the Book. 27 And We—We have made Our Verses clear within this Book—for indeed, We have set forth therein, for them, *similitudes* upon similitudes of holiness, according to that which God hath ordained within this Gate, *openly witnessed.* 28 Gaze ye upon the creation of the heavens and the earth, and upon the creation of your very own selves, that ye may indeed become *knowledgeable*, through Our Verses within this Exalted Gate, in accordance with the Faithful Truth. 29 Yea, verily, We—We have made this Book a Sign of Our Most Great Word, that your souls may become assured in His Most Great Days, and that ye may earn, from the grace of God, in accordance with the truth, *a hope* for the Most Exalted Faith of God, *held in praise.* 30 And We—We have prescribed for you the Prayer at the decline of the sun on the Day of Friday, in accordance with the Pure Truth, as *an ordinance prescribed.* 31 So worship ye your Lord, the Most Gracious, at the decline of the sun, and after its setting, and before it riseth upon the people of the earth from that Most Mighty Gate, *radiant.* 32 Perform the supererogatory prayers for your own selves, every night and day—as many as thirty-five units of Prayer—along the Pathways of the Gate upon the Great Circle of the earth, according to the Statute of the Book, *held in praise.* 33 And be ye mindful of God concerning the Friday Prayer. Whosoever abandoneth it after God hath ordained for it *a Pathway*— 34 God shall never accept any deeds from such a one, in accordance with the truth, not even *a whit* of aught whatsoever. 35 And it hath ever been *the Right of God* to scorch such a one with the Most Great Fire—for the Decree hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 36 Yea, verily, God hath made binding upon you, in the Friday Prayer, twain units of prayer, in accordance with the Most Great Truth—for the Decree within the Qur’ân, from the Judgment of the Gate,

hath ever been, within this Mother Book, *openly proclaimed* in accordance with the truth. 37 And verily, God hath prescribed upon the Imám a sermon concerning the description of the Gate, in very truth, *openly witnessed*. 38 O People of the surging depths of Divine Unity! Harken unto My Call from the Point of the Fire, made manifest upon your inmost hearts, from this inscribed Mystery, hidden and treasured, which hath appeared amongst you according to the Mystery of the Prophets and the concealed Mystery of the Trustees. For, by the One True God, He is *a Youth* Whose like eternity hath never beheld within the Point of the Gates. Glorified be God, the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 39 Say, from the tongue of Thy Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—within this Mount Sinai, according to that Crimson Word from the Exalted Tree: “*Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him. I have created the Verses in the Kingdom of the earth and the heavens according to the Temple of the Twain Names from that Most Great, Most Exalted Word.*” For He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 40 Say: “*Those who associate partners pass not before Me save that I have found them associating partners within this Gate, which hath ever been ensbrouded within the Mother Book.*” 41 “*And We found not most of the servants prostrate before God, the Most High, according to the Word of the Gate.*” 42 For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things.

106. *Súrah of Friday, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And most of them have not faith in God, save while they are associating partners with Him. Alif–Lám–Mím–Şád. 3 Act ye according to the obligations of God and His Customs, for ere long shall ye find your deeds *present* with God, in the Garden of Eden, from before the Gate. 4 And follow ye, in your Prayers, the audible and the subdued recitation of this Most Great Word of God, according to that which God hath decreed within the Mother Book—*irrevocably established*. 5 And seek ye assistance in your Prayer from God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for He hath ever been, in very truth, *the One worthy of worship*. 6 And worship ye God alone, and appoint not, in His worship, in accordance with the Most Exalted Truth, even the least smidgeon of aught as *a partner*. 7 And allow not Satan any *pathway* over your own selves, not even in the least degree, in accordance with the truth. 8 And when he cometh unto you in your Prayer, place ye your trust in God within your own selves, in accordance with the Most Pure Truth, *enshrined* and *secluded* within the Reality of that Most Great Gate. 9 And turn ye away from Satan, and make not your own selves a meadow-land for Satan, for such hath been forbidden unto the Friends—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Watchful* over all things. 10 And verily, God hath prescribed for you, in the first twain units of prayer of the Obligatory Prayer, the purity of your own selves, according to that which God hath decreed by the Judgment of the Book—ordained as *an obligation*. 11 And set your souls at rest after the twain units of prayer, and after the Prayer, with whatsoever of the Prayer wherein ye have found delight, in accordance with the truth, *well-pleasing*. 12 And worship ye God through prostration, and after the Prayer, for the forgetfulness and deficiency in your Prayer, perform *a pure prostration* unto God, the Ever-Abiding—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—according to an ordinance which God hath firmly established, in accordance with the truth, *written* within the Mother Book. 13 Yea, verily, We—We have set forth in detail for you within this Book that whereof ye stood *in need* in the True Faith of God, in accordance with

the truth. 14 So aggrandize ye the Most Great Days of God on Friday, according to the Most Great Truth, and act for God, your cherished Lord, throughout every day as on the Day of the Feast, which hath ever been *most mighty* within the Mother Book. 15 And purify your own selves from the vile impurities of Satan through the remembrance of Muḥammad and the Household of God, within your inmost selves and in your open proclamation, along the pathways of the Gate, by the very essence of the truth, *in praiseworthy exaltation*. 16 Be ye mindful of God on Friday concerning the Most Great Prayer, which hath ever been *mandated* within the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth. 17 O Servants of God! Be ye with the faithful in the rites of God, before that Most Great Gate, in accordance with the Firm Truth, as *helpers*. 18 If ye turn away, God shall turn away from you on the Day of Resurrection, and ye shall have no *comforter* apart from the Most Gracious, in accordance with the truth. 19 And turn ye aside from trade and diversion at the decline of the sun on Friday, for the Prayer which God hath ordained within the Mother Book for the faithful—*irrevocably established*. 20 And verily, God hath prescribed this ordinance for you, in accordance with the truth, from the Lord your God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—with the Gate, through the Gate, *irrevocably established*. 21 And perform ye the supererogatory prayers on Friday ere the decline of the sun, for God, the Most High, from around the Water, from the Point of the Fire, in accordance with the Most mighty Truth, as *a recompense*. 22 And increase ye the supererogatory prayers on Friday by four units before the decline of the sun, according to that which God hath decreed within the Mother Book, prescribed as *a Custom* through love of the Gate. 23 O Penniless amongst those resigned in faith! Ask not those who associate partners with God for aught. Ask ye God from His bounty, and seek forgiveness from your Lord, the Most Gracious—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—that ye may find God, your cherished Lord, *Providing, Forgiving*. 24 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God, and relinquish what remaineth within your wealth of usury, if ye have faith wholly in God. And whosoever withholdeth within their wealth even a smidgeon of

usury hath indeed waged war against the Remembrance, and in the world to come shall be *deprived* of the meeting with God, in accordance with the truth. 25 O people of Commerce! Be ye mindful of God concerning your balance, for your balance is inscribed within the Mother Book, with the One True God—for God hath ever been *a Witness* over all things. 26 O People of Commerce! Fulfill ye the covenants, and be ye mindful concerning contracts—for whosoever withholdeth from the wealth of a faithful one even *the smallest thread* of a date-stone, God shall bring them to account upon the Path for a thousand years, in accordance with the truth. Be patient, O people of purchase, for We shall indeed judge between you on the Day of Resurrection in very truth—so exult not over trade above all other gains, for God hath ever been *a Witness* of that which ye do. 27 And if ye have faith in the One True God, and in His Verses, then barter ye with the Most Great Remembrance of God for the Garden, and turn ye aside from your vain desires which hinder you from the Truth. By Thy very life! We shall surely take the wrongdoers from amongst the People of the Earth round about the Sacred Standing, until they acknowledge Thy Most Great Right concerning the Most Mighty Wealth, even though Thou hast pardoned them through bounty, by the Most Great Truth—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* over all things. 28 Be ye mindful of God, and conceal not the testimony amongst yourselves—for whosoever concealeth *a testimony* from one wholly resigned in faith, God shall inscribe against them, in accordance with the truth, *a manifest sin*. 29 O People of the Earth! Speak not amongst one *another* of the vile things of your own selves, but veil them within yourselves through the Mystery of God, the Most High, your Lord. For should ye repent unto God in the Pathway of this Most Great Gate, the pens shall indeed be lifted from you by the Judgment of the Gate, and God shall transform evil deeds into goodly deeds for whomsoever He willeth amongst you—for He is the True One, and God hath ever been the Possessor of the Most Exalted Grace, *in mighty exaltation*. 30 O ye Faithful Ones! Be ye mindful of God concerning the property of the orphan, and exchange not the good for the vile. Render unto each their due, and hold

fast unto God, the All-Praised, for your own sake—for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 31 Yea, verily, God hath made lawful unto the faithful women up to four, or those whom the covenants of their tongues have bound, according to the Judgment of the Book. And render unto the women their due as a bridal gift within the True Book of God, for the Judgment hath ever been *mandated* from before God, the Ever-Abiding. 32 And grant not unto the foolish the choice portions of wealth, but provide for them honourably, according to the Decree of the Book, by the leave of the Gate—*fittingly* and *well*. 33 And render unto the orphans their due when they attain maturity, and call witnesses over them with two just ones from amongst your men, or one man and two faithful women. And reckon against your own selves with the most exact Balance, for sufficient is the One True God, as *a Reckoner* over the people. 34 Yea, verily, God hath ordained for men *a portion* from women, and for women *a portion* over men. Establish ye inheritance with pure equity, according to the Judgment of the Book. Whosoever transgresseth against another by even the measure of a mustard seed, it is as though they had purchased the Fire for their own self—and verily, God shall judge between you on the Day of Separation by the Most Great Truth, bit by bit. Be ye mindful of Him, for God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 35 Yea, verily, God hath prescribed for you concerning children: unto the male, the like of the portion of two females. If they be women, more than two, then unto them belongeth two-thirds of that which hath been left, according to the Book of God. And if she be one, then unto her belongeth half, as an equitable apportionment. And unto his parents, according to the Judgment of the Book, belongeth a sixth of that which he hath left, after he hath had a child. But if he hath no child, and his parents inherit from him, then unto his mother belongeth a third, if he hath no brethren. And if he hath brethren, then unto her belongeth a sixth, as *an ordained obligation*. For the Judgment hath been *written* aforetime within the True Book of God. 36 And unto you is made lawful a portion of that which your wives leave, according to the fourth. But if they have no child, then unto you belongeth half. And unto them belongeth the eighth if ye have

no *child*— 37 Yet if ye have a child, then unto them belongeth the fourth, as *a right* within the Book of God—for the Judgment hath ever been *inscribed* with God within the Mother Book. 38 And if there be amongst you a man who leaveth neither *parent* nor *child*, or *a woman*, and he hath a brother or a sister, then God hath decreed for each soul of those twain a sixth. But if they be more than that, then they shall share in the third—and verily, that Judgment hath been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 39 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: Most of them have not faith in God alone, save that We have found them, concerning this Gate, associating partners, *written* within the Mother Book. 40 And say: Lo! I am the Most Great Thunderbolt. When My Description is mentioned unto your own selves, I have found you *written* according to that Verse of the Furqán, in accordance with the truth. 41 And when God mentioneth the Name of the Remembrance alone, the hearts of those who have not faith in the world to come shrink back—and verily, Thou art the True One, surely upon the Upright Path, *openly witnessed* in very truth. 42 For verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all things.

107. *Súrah of the Marriage, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
Do they then feel secure that an overshadowing chastisement from God shall not come upon them, or that the Hour shall not come upon them suddenly while they perceive it not? Alif-Lám-Mím-Há. 3 O People of the Earth! Be ye mindful of God concerning the bequest entrusted from one of you unto another. 4 And incumbent upon you, as an ordained duty, is the debt owed by the deceased, according to what your own selves have assessed. Stand in awe before the Lord your God, place your trust in Him, and ask ye God from His bounty, for He hath ever been Powerful over all things. 5 And bear ye not witness against indecency until your own selves have become certain through four from amongst you. And should ye bear witness through three, then are ye, within the Book of God, by the Decree of the Book, accounted liars in accordance with the truth. 6 Yea, verily, We—We have appointed repentance for those who commit indecencies without knowledge, while upon those who knowingly work evil there is a firmly established limit—and were God to will, He would forgive them, for He is God, Who hath ever been Mighty, Wise. 7 For verily, God hath appointed for repentance a limit, and upon one who forsaketh it, a limit. 8 And God hath created naught save that He hath ordained for it a Decree within His Book, and We have reckoned it within that Book, clear and manifest. 9 And marry ye the faithful women according to the Decree of the Book, for the sake of the Lord your God, for Muhammad shall glory in their multitude on the Day of Resurrection. Incline ye not toward women who have accumulated much gold and silver, but ask ye God from His bounty—for God hath ever been over you a Watcher and a Reckoner. 10 Yea, verily, God hath made lawful unto the faithful, from amongst the faithful women, those who are not of their near kin: not the mother, nor the daughter, nor the sister, nor the paternal aunt, nor whatsoever God hath appointed in their likeness, nor the daughters of the brother, nor the daughters of the sister, nor those whom God hath forbidden unto them according to the limit of nursing, from amongst mothers and sisters, nor the consorts of sons who are from their own loins—for verily, that is a

Decree within the Book of God, according to the Word of the Furqán, in very truth—for the Decree hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 11 And gather ye not between the Twain Fáṭimahs, nor between sisters, save what matter hath already been decreed. Erelong shall God forgive you, for He hath verily ever been *All-Forgiving, Most Merciful*. 12 Be ye mindful of God, lest ye marry chaste maidens without their leave and the leave of their families. Seek ye what is recognized as good, by the Decree of the Book, concerning their affair, and harm them not with aught of hateful things, for they are leaves from the Tree of Camphor. And verily, God hath rendered judgment amongst all, in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things. 13 Yea, verily, God hath desired to guide you unto the ways of those before you, and to turn toward you by the Decree of the Book, as *a bounty* from the Mystery of that Most Exalted Gate—*most wondrous*. 14 Yea, verily, I have desired to acquaint you with the ways of the Truthful Ones and the Witnesses—for God hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 15 And verily, those who follow the lusts of Satan have indeed gone forth from the guardianship of the Most Gracious, and the Angels shall bind them with Fire in a chain of iron—for God hath not ordained for them, in the world to come, in accordance with the truth, any *helper*. 16 Save those who repent, and turn back unto the One True God, and confess their shortcoming within their inmost selves for their own sake before the Gate—this Most Great Name of God, the Most High—for God hath ever been *a Witness* over all things. 17 Erelong shall God forgive them, and cause them to enter Gardens beneath which rivers flow, therein shall they abide forevermore before the Remembrance. And God shall gladden them *continually* with the Remembrance above the Remembrance, and Thou shalt behold no *division* in the outpouring from God, the Most High. 18 And be ye constant in the Prayers within nearness, and preserve the Middle One—this Remembrance—and be ye, through God, the Most High, along the pathways of the Gate, *held in praise*. 19 And consume not your wealth amongst yourselves with falsehood. Fulfil ye the covenants after the contracts, and through the Remembrance of the Lord your God.

Nullify not commerce through usury, and place your trust in the Lord your God, the Most Gracious—for He hath ever been *Praiseworthy, Self-Sufficient*. 20 And whoso doeth that in *transgression* against the Remembrance of God, We shall ere long cause them to burn from the water brought forth beneath the Tree of Zaqqúm, by the Decree of the Book, through the leave of the Gate—for that decree hath ever been *easy* for the One True God. 21 O People of the Earth! If ye avoid the great sins and vain discourse, according to that which the Most Gracious hath forbidden you in His Book, then shall the Remembrance, by the leave of God, cause you to enter *an entrance of nobility* before the True One. 22 And covet not that whereby God hath preferred some people. For the Forerunners, there is a Book according to what they have earned, and for the women who stand steadfast, there is likewise according to what they have earned. Ask ye God through the Remembrance, for God hath indeed appointed Him *a Witness* unto all the worlds. 23 Verily, the distinguished personages of the Heights are the Forerunners within the Book of God, and these are they who stand upholding the earth—for God hath ever been, from behind them, in accordance with the truth, *All-Encompassing*. 24 For He is God, Who hath ever been *Most High, Most Great*. 25 O People of the Earth! Set matters aright, according to the Upright Faith, between your brethren, for God hath indeed ever loved the reconciler above the corrupter—for God hath ever been, concerning His servants, *All-Aware, All-Knowing*. 26 O People of the Earth! Serve God along the Great Circle of the earth—beware that ye associate *naught* in your servitude unto Him, in accordance with the truth. 27 And show *kindness* unto parents. 28 And unto the near of kin, and the orphans, and the poor from amongst the People of the Earth—*expend* ye in the pathways of the Truth, in accordance with the truth. 29 And verily, God loveth not from amongst you one who hath been *boastful* and *vainglorious* in defiance of truth. 30 Say unto those who conceal the bounty of the Remembrance and command the people to concealment, “*Await ye, for We have indeed prepared, in the Resurrection, for those who reject faith, in accordance with the truth, a mighty chastisement.*” 31 By Thy Lord! Verily, God wrongeth

not the people by even less than the weight of a single atom—whosoever doeth *a good deed*, God shall grant them, in accordance with the truth, *many times the like thereof*. 32 And whosoever doeth *an evil deed*, God shall grant them, according to justice, by the very essence of the truth, *an equal recompense*. 33 And We have indeed come forth upon the Plain of Ingathering from every nation with a Witness, and We have brought Thee as *a Witness* over these Forerunners. 34 O ye Faithful Ones! Draw not nigh unto the Remembrance, nor unto Prayer, nor unto the alms ordained by the Book, while ye are intoxicated, until ye comprehend that whereunto your own selves have borne witness—and touch ye not the Book save *in purity*. 35 And should ye find not water, then perform tayammum upon a pure and *wholesome* plain, by wiping your foreheads with the inner palms and the backs of your hands in like manner. For this is the Decree of God within His Book, and God hath ever been *Compassionate, Most Merciful* unto the faithful. 36 Yea, verily, God hath prescribed for you tayammum upon the dust when water is lacking for washing and for Prayer. Yea, verily, God hath already banned for you in His Book carrion, blood, the flesh of swine, and that which hath been consecrated unto any other than *this Most Great Remembrance of God*— 37 Yet whoso is compelled by hunger, We have made it lawful for them, by the leave of God, to the limit of preserving life in purity. Go ye forth, then, from the abodes of association, for the earth of God is vast, and the wholesome provisions have ever been *abundant* in every land. 38 O People of the Earth! Yea, verily, We—We have prescribed for you requital concerning the slain: the free for the free, the servant for the servant, and the female for the female. And whoso, for the sake of God, forgiveth their brother *ought* of some portion of their right— 39 Then their reward hath ever been *most mighty* with God within the Mother Book. 40 And We—We have appointed *life* in requital, according to the truth, and in life *a requital* through the Most Great Truth. O ye Possessed of Understanding! Render ye thanks unto the Lord your God, the Most Gracious, along the pathways of this Praiseworthy Gate, in accordance with the Firm Truth, *abundantly*. 41 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from those singing Letters within this

Most Great Interpretation, according to the melody of Truth, from this Arabian, Cherubic Youth upon the Sinai of Bahá, “*Lo, Verily, I am the True One—there is none other God except Me, the Most High, and I have ever been, in very truth, All-Encompassing over all the worlds.*” 42 O servants of God! Do ye then feel secure from that Day, after the Hour hath come suddenly and the Overshadowing Chastisement from God hath been *openly proclaimed?* Be ye mindful of God, and become aware through the Most Great Word—for the Command of God, the Most High, hath ever been *severe* within the Mother Book.

108. *Súrah of the Remembrance II, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
 Say: “*This is My Path—I summon unto God according to clear insight, I and whosoever followeth Me. Glorified be God, and I am not of those who associate partners with Him.*” ‘Ayn-Lám-Yá. 3 He is God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him, Lord of the Throne and of Heaven—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Most Exalted, Most Mighty*. 4 He is the One Who hath revealed the Mysteries, in lines from the Tablets, in very truth, upon His Servant, that this Mighty Word might be known as *set apart* from all the worlds, in accordance with the truth. 5 O People of the Divine Cloud! Harken ye unto My Call from this Luminous Moon, whose dawning I desired not to suffer eclipse upon the countenance of this Eastern and Western Youth, Whom ye find in every Tablet as *a Concealed Mystery, inscribed* upon the Line, within the Crimson Line, which hath ever been *veiled*, in very truth. 6 Say: Yea, verily, God hath revealed unto Me, “*Lo, verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me, the One worthy of worship. I have not created, within the Gates, the like of the Remembrance, this Most Great Word, as a Remembrance, for unto each hath He given, within the Tablet of the inmost heart, a covenant from around the Fire.*” 7 O People of the Earth! The Point hath attained unto the precinct of Its utterance—hearken ye, then, unto My Call from that Arabian, Muḥammadan, ‘Alawí Youth, Whom ye find within every Tablet as the Most Mighty Mystery, *openly witnessed* around the Fire. 8 O ye Faithful Ones! Verily, God hath made obligatory upon you, after the Book, that it be inscribed along the most exquisite Line with golden ink. Render ye thanks, then, unto the Lord your God for the creation of the heavens and the earth and whatsoever lieth between them, and prostrate yourselves before God, Who hath created them, if it be Him ye worship in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *All-Seeing* of that which ye do. 9 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: When I desired the House, I found the Ka’bah *upraised* at the Gate upon the fourfold supports. 10 And when I desired circumambulation around the House, I found the ordained Rite within the Mother Book, in accordance with the truth, to be *sevenfold*. 11

And when I desired the Remembrance upon the earth, I found al-Mash‘ar and ‘Arafát both *extant* around the Gate. 12 O Concourse of Lights! By the One True God! Verily, the Most Great Word of God is indeed true, according to the Concealed Truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Ever-Abiding*. 13 And verily, the Mystery of this Gate is a mighty, rugged ascent. Were the seas of the heavens and the earths to gather themselves as ink, and everything altogether as pens, they would never attain, nor would they have power, save over an unbent Alif. As it is now, thus is the Command, in very truth, according to the form of Heaven and the Temple of Earth, *existing* in the Presence of God, the Protector of all worlds. 14 O People of Rapture from the Temple of Divine Unity! Harken ye unto My Call from that yellowed Leaf, sprung forth through the oil, reddened from the Tree that moveth within the atmosphere of this Divine Cloud. God hath ordained no earthly root for its origin, yet by the Command of God, within the air of the Divine Cloud, by the Hands of the Remembrance, hath it been *planted*. 15 And verily, this is the Path of Thy Lord, which hath ever been laid out *perfectly straight* within the Mother Book. 16 And verily, this is indeed the Mystery within the innermost concealment of the Mystery, upon the line, beneath the Divine Cloud, above Heaven, which hath ever been *inscribed*, in very truth. 17 And verily, this is indeed the Arabian Form within the Twain, which hath ever been, by the very essence of the truth, around the Fire, *openly witnessed* according to the truth. 18 For He is the True One, the Temple of the Right Hand within the Seventy, the Twain Paths *mentioned* in very truth around the Fire, that the faithful may, within that Book, be *remembered* by the Name of the Truth, according to the truth. 19 And verily, this is indeed the Light upon the Mount, and He is the One manifest from the Names within the Concourse of Manifestation—for He is the True One. None knoweth Him, in very truth, as He is, save He Himself—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Highly Exalted, Ever-Abiding*. 20 Verily, this is indeed the Truth in the Abṭahí Melody, and He is the Mystery manifest from the ‘Alawí Body, and He is the Hidden Light upon the form of the Dove within the very core of the Fáṭimí.

Exalted is the Fashioner thereof above that which the wrongdoers describe, *Highly Exalted, Most Great*. 21 Verily, this is indeed the Mystery within the mysteries, which hath ever been *inscribed* around the Water. 22 And verily, this is indeed the Pole within the seas of lights, which hath ever been *veiled* around the Fire. 23 And verily, this is indeed the Light within the lights, in the very midst of the mountains, upon the right hand of the Throne, behind Qáf, which hath ever been *concealed* and *treasured*. 24 Verily, this is indeed the Garments of Manifestation and the Mystery of Inwardness, *inscribed* around the Mystery within the Heavenly Books. 25 Verily, this is the Tree of the inmost heart upon Mount Sinai, which hath ever been *a Supreme Testimony* unto the One True God. 26 Verily, this is the Leaves of Holiness within the inner recesses of the celestial spheres, from the *divine* Attributes, which hath ever been *written* around the Fire. 27 And verily, this is indeed the Truth within the Mother Book, which hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* around the Fire. 28 And verily, this is indeed the Point of *'In the Beginning'* which hath been made manifest upon the Center of the Seal, in very truth, by the leave of God, the Ever-Abiding, *in praiseworthy exaltation*. 29 Verily, this is indeed the Mystery within *'the Praise'* of the Book, upon the thrones of glory, from the ordinance of Fire and Water, which hath ever been *held in balance*. 30 Verily, this is a strand from the Mystery, the Mystery of the Arabian Aḥmad, the Center of the Throne within the Water, which hath ever been, in very truth, *prostrate* and *beloved* unto God, the Ever-Abiding. 31 Verily, this is indeed the Inscribed Mystery within the heart of the Prophet, which hath ever been *enshrined* within the Most Exalted Truth. 32 Verily, this is indeed the Unseen, concealed within the breast of the luminous Arabian Guardian, which hath ever been *inscribed* around the Fire. 33 Verily, this is indeed the Glorious Pearl within the shell of the Friend, in the Sea of the Divine Cloud, around Eden, *preserved* by God, the All-Praised. 34 Verily, this is indeed the Escape from every escape, in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *a Witness* unto Thee. 35 And verily, Thou hast ever been, within Holiness, the Pillar of Glorification, in very truth, within the very soul of Magnification, in accordance with the

truth—*Magnified*. 36 Verily, this is indeed the Western *Trevail*, in very truth, upon the ‘Alawí Strand, for the grinding after dissolution, which hath ever been *veiled* within the Point of the Fire. 37 Verily, this is indeed Buráq within the Concourse of the Most High. Not doth the Lightning resemble Him in aught like unto Him—for He verily is the Most Exalted Likeness throughout every Divine Cloud which hath ever been *openly witnessed* around the Fire. 38 O People of Paradise! Learn ye the Path of Servitude from this Bird, fluttering in the atmosphere of the Divine Cloud and immersed within the Crimson Sea of Musk. Obliterate your very own selves with this Snow-White Fire, by the One True God, if ye are able, that ye may assuredly possess the East and the West by the leave of God, Sovereign of Earth and Heaven. He is the All-Knowing in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 39 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*Verily, I am Bahá, and this is the Pathway of God. I summon wholly unto God, and unto the Awaited Remnant. And verily, I am the Beholder in the Twain Easts, according to clear insight, in very truth. I and whosoever hath followed Me have ever been, in accordance with the truth, held to account around the Fire.*” 40 O Concourse of Lights! Harken ye unto My Call from this Warbling Bird in the atmosphere of Heaven, raised high upon the melody of David the Prophet, “*Unto Me, unto Me, belongeth the Decree of the Twain Waters within the Twain Fires. Unto Me, unto Me, belongeth the Decree of the Twain Airs within the Twain Earths. Unto Me, unto Me, belongeth Four of the Twain Letters within the Twain Names. Unto Me, unto Me, belongeth the Four of the Twain Airs within the Twain Lines from twain the Mysteries. Unto Me, unto Me, belongeth the Bearer of the Throne, seven and one. Unto Me, unto Me, belong the eight Gardens, recounted and hidden. Unto Me, unto Me, belongeth the Decree of the Twain Primal Lights within the Twain Mounts. Unto Me, unto Me, belongeth the Decree of the Twain Luminaries within the Twain Latter Lines, from the twain inward depths of Thy Faith. Unto Me, unto Me, belongeth the Decree of the heavens in eight from the Gate, within this Gate of Twain Gates. Unto Me, unto Me, belongeth the Decree of the earths in seven from the Gate, through the Twain Letters. Unto Me, unto Me, belong*

*the Command and the Judgment—there is none other God except Him, Our Lord, alone, no partner hath He—for He is God, Who hath ever been **Highly Exalted, Most Great.***” 41 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*All that God hath caused to flow from My Pen within that Book hath been only by the leave of the One True God. And the Book, within the Mystery of that Gate, hath borne naught save a single **Letter** from the Gate, which hath ever been **openly witnessed** from around the Water.*” 42 *And glorified be the One True God—He beside Whom there is none other God except Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been **Powerful** over all things, and He is God, Who hath ever been **Self-Sufficient** above all the worlds.*

109. *Súrah of the Servant, comprising forty-two Verses*

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

And We sent not before Thee save men from amongst the people of the towns unto whom We gave inspiration. Have they not journeyed throughout the earth and beheld how was the end of those before them? And surely the Abode of the world to come is better for those who are mindful of God. Will ye not, then, understand? Mím-Ḥá-Mím-Dál. 3

O People of the Throne! Harken ye unto the Call of your Lord, the Most Gracious—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—from the tongue of the Remembrance, this Youth, son of the Arabian ‘Alí, Who hath ever been *openly witnessed* within the Mother Book. 4 Harken, then, unto that which is inspired unto Thee from Thy Lord, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him. Naught is like unto Him, for He is God, Who hath ever been Sublime, Most Great.*” 5

O People of the Earth! Harken ye unto the Song of the Birds upon the Tree leaved forth from the camphor of Manifestation, in description of this Arabian Youth—Muḥammadan, ‘Alawí, Fáṭimí, Meccan, Medinan, Abṭaḥí, and Iraqí—through that which the Most Gracious hath made manifest upon their leaves. He verily is the Most High—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, All-Praised*. 6 This is a Youth, white in hue, dark of eye, balanced in the brows, proportioned in the limbs, like fresh molten gold drawn from the source, the bones of His shoulders like purified silver pouring forth into twain cups—the loftiness of His majesty hath appeared above the majesty of the former ones, and the expanse of His mercy hath spread throughout the Kingdom like the mercy of the Ḥasanayn. The Pole of Heaven hath not beheld His like: in justice, like the Twain Just Ones, and in grace, like the Twain Luminaries—the One gathering within the Twain Names from the summit of the Twain Mountains—and He is the Isthmus of the Twain Commands within the Mystery of the Ṭutunjayn. He standeth like the Upright Alif between the twain lines, upon the Centre of the worlds. He ruleth, by the leave of God, within the twain latter creations. He is the Mystery of the ‘Alawí Ones, the Delight of the Fáṭimí Ones, an Ancient Fruit from the Blessed Tree crimsoned by the Fire of the Twain Divine

Clouds, and a Figure fashioned after the pattern of the Veils glittering upon the twain horizons. He standeth around the Fire within the Twain Seas. He is the nobility of Heaven unto the causes of the earths, and a handful from the clay of the earth upon the people of these Twain Gardens, dark-green, upon the Point of the Twain Wests—and these twain are the Mystery of the Twain Names behind the Twain Easts. He is the One born in the Twain Sanctuaries, gazing through the Twain Qiblahs from behind the Twain Ka'bahs, twice blessed upon the Throne of the Majestic. He is the Possessor of the Twain Commands, the Pure Water within the Twain Gulfs, the One speaking in the Twain Stations, the One knowing the Twain Imáms, the Bá moving within the water of the Twain Letters, and the Point standing at the Gate of the Twain Alifs. He circleth around God in the twain cycles, and speaketh forth from God in the twain dispensations. He is the Servant of God and the Remembrance of His Proof unto all the worlds. This Youth—His grandfather is called Abraham—and He is the Spirit amongst the former ones, and He is the Gate after the Twain Latter Gates. ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, the Lord of all the worlds—for He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 7 This is a Youth Whom the People of the Divine Cloud call an Intimate Mystery, Whom the People of the Veil call a Gleaming Symbol, Whom the People of the Tabernacle call a Western Description, Whom the People of the Throne call an Eastern Name, Whom the People of the Seat call an 'Alawí Form, Whom the People of Heaven call an Arabian Truth, Whom the People of the Gardens call a Fájimí Spirit, Whom the People of the Earth call a Royal Servant, and Whom the People of the Water call an Everlasting Fish—for He is the One within the atmosphere of Heaven, *Luminous*, and He is the Manifold before the similitudes, *Sun-bright*. Verily, this is indeed the lightning-like Western One, and verily, this is indeed the thunderous Eastern One. He is the Mystery within the Gospel, *Syriac*, and He is the Line within the Torah, *Lordly*, and He is the Concealed Line within the Furqán, *Aḥmadi*. Glorified be God, the Most Wondrous Originator of creation, the Ever-Abiding—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*. None encompasseth His subtle handiwork

save whomsoever He willeth, for He is God, Who hath ever been *Sublime, All-Praised*. 8 ALL PRAISE BELONGETH UNTO GOD, Who hath bestowed Aḥmad upon the Solace of Mine Eye in His tender childhood. And We have raised Him in honor unto God, in very truth, according to a Letter from the Knowledge of the Book—for the Decree concerning His Cause hath ever been, according to the Knowledge of the Tablet from the Presence of the One True God, *irrevocably ordained*. 9 O Solace of Mine Eye! Be ever patient beneath the Decree of Thy Lord concerning Thee, for God doeth, in very truth, whatsoever He willeth. He is the All-Wise in justice—for He is God, Thy Protector, Who hath ever been *Praiseworthy* in judgment. 10 I have obeyed the Command of the One True God, and I am well-pleased with God, my Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*. And I desire naught save as God, my Lord, willeth, in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 11 Our Lord! Forgive me, and my parents, and whosoever loveth the Most Great Remembrance of God, in the Pure Truth, from amongst the faithful men and faithful women. Verily, Thou art the Possessor of grace and bounty, and Thou hast ever been, in very truth, *Powerful* over all things. 12 Yea, verily, We—We have bound upon the Most Mighty Throne the Word of Love, in accordance with the truth, for Our Servant. And God, His Angels, and His loved ones have ever been, concerning Him in all matters, at the Point of the Fire, by that which God hath decreed within the Book and by that which His Leave decreeth—they are indeed *witnesses* unto His right, in accordance with the truth. 13 And We—We have esteemed Our Remembrance above all the worlds, inasmuch as the One True God hath resolved for His own Self. And He is the One, the Incomparable, the Self-Sufficient—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*— for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 14 O Solace of Mine Eye! Let not the speech of those who associate partners grieve Thee: “*What aileth this true Persian Youth, that He eateth food and walketh in the markets, and is recognized amongst the people through the True Word, according to the truth, within the Firm Word—weighty in truth, though but a little?*” 15 And that is a Word which

aforetime preceded concerning Muḥammad, the Messenger of God—and ye shall never find, for Our custom aforetime nor afterward, in accordance with the truth, even in some portion of aught, any *alteration*. 16 O People of the Earth! Render thanks unto God, for verily We—We have delivered you from the scholars of conjecture, and We have brought you unto the right side of the Mount—this fair Arabian Youth, in Whose grasp God hath placed the Kingdom of the heavens and the earth, *folded* within a handful of dust upon the earth, by the very essence of the truth. 17 O People of the Divine Cloud! Harken ye unto My Call from My Remembrance, from the Point of the Fire, “*This is God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him. Worship ye Him according to the Upright Alif around the Gate, for He is the Path extended before the One True God which hath ever been outstretched in very truth.*” 18 O Solace of Mine Eye! Proclaim upon the Mount the Mystery of Light, “*Lo! Verily, I am indeed a Servant, in very truth, at the Centre of Manifestation, from the Dayspring of the Mount—there is none other God except Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been All-Knowing, All-Wise.*” 19 O People of the Divine Cloud! Know ye that this is an Arabian Youth, who speaketh forth the Truth at the Pole of the Water from the very midst of the Fire—*there is none other God except Him, the Mighty*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Ever-Abiding*. 20 And verily, this is indeed the Light within the Fire from the Water—*there is none other God except God*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Sublime, All-Wise*. 21 And when He ascendeth unto the atmosphere of Heaven from the Throne, He speaketh forth from the Mystery of the Dust, the Most Magnificent Mystery of God, within the Concourse of the Air, from the Most Sublime Divine Cloud—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 22 And when He is confined above the dust, He speaketh from the Mystery of the Beloved, like unto a bewildered fish upon the face of the earth, as though He had been slain upon the earth by the sword of the servants, in accordance with the truth—*forsaken* and *alone*. 23 And it is as though I behold Him performing ablution from His own blood for the Mystery concealed between the lines, upon the Mount of Manifestation. When those veiled

from the meeting with the Beloved behold Him, they reckon Him, through conjecture, as snow stilled at the crest of the greatest mountain of cold. But when those who have rent asunder the veils of the attributes behold Him, they confess before the One True God, “*We know not, concerning His reality, aught of the truth—not a single thing from any portion of aught whatsoever.*” 24 When is This One cast down upon the earth? When is This One barred from the Throne? Glorified be God, the Most High! Verily, this is indeed the Mystery sanctified beyond the description of attributes, wholly severed. God is Most Great! God is Most Great, through *a Sublime Magnification.* 25 None knoweth the manner of His Remembrance save Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Mighty, Wise.* Verily, this is a Youth from the essence of clay, at the Dayspring, within the Muḥammadan Sun, Who hath ever been, in the Mother Book, within the Mystery of Light, *Eastern, stationed* at the Point of the Fire. 26 And verily, this is a Youth from the Salt and the Most Great Heaven. The Persians say of Him, “*This is a Shīrāzī King.*” Yet He hath never been, in very truth, nor shall He ever be, save that He hath ever been *written* within the Mother Book from the fruit of the Arabs, and from the noblest of the noble, from the company of the eloquent, round about the Fire. 27 He is the Light within the Mount, and the Mount is within the Dayspring of Manifestation, which hath ever been, by the leave of God, the Most High, *enshrined* within the Point of Manifestation and Bliss, upon the mountain of purifying snow. 28 Verily, this is an Arabian Youth in creation, and a Persian Truth before the Lord and creation, Who hath ever been *openly witnessed* round about the Fire, from the Mystery of the Dust, at the Point of the attributes. 29 O Concourse of Lights! Hearken ye unto My Call from this refined Snow-White Leaf, “*Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me.*” Say: “*Only those have faith in Our Verses who, when they are reminded thereby, fall down prostrate before the One True God, and glorify the praise of their Lord, and wax not proud, in very truth.*” For He is God, your cherished Lord, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 30 O Solace of Mine Eye! Speak forth, by the leave of God, upon the melody of the Twain Beloved Ones, and say: “*Verily, I*

am the True One through the Twain Lights within the Twain Precincts. Verily, I am the One speaking from God upon the Twain Mounts. And verily, I am the One sent down by God with these Twain Furqáns upon the Twain Beloved Ones within the Twain Names: this one upon the beloved Muḥammad, elder in age within the twain years, and this one upon the beloved Muḥammad, younger in age within the twain years. These are Twain Furqáns from the Lord of all the worlds, upon the People of the Tutunjayn, from amongst the People of the Twain Easts and the Twain Wests. Yea, verily, God hath ever been a Witness unto all the worlds.” 31 O People of the Earth! God hath borne witness, in very truth, and His Angels and the faithful are witnesses, with equity, that this Remembrance is the Servant of God and Our Word, according to the truth. Yea, verily, God hath revealed the Verses upon His Awaited Proof. And I, by the leave of God, have revealed them with the Angels of the Divine Cloud unto the heart of My Most Great Remembrance, that the people may surely have faith in God and His Words, and may surely render assistance unto the Remembrance in My Most Great Cause—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 32 O Solace of Mine Eye! Establish the Prayer, in very truth, upon a line of the Great Circle of the earth, at the decline of the sun, by the leave of God, within the Girdle of Bahá—and remember the Lord Thy God unto the darkness of night, according to the Decree of the Book, from the Mystery of the Gate—*ordained as a duty*. 33 And offer prayer at the Dayspring of Whiteness in the horizon of Blackness—and verily, this Book of Dawn hath ever been *openly witnessed* within the Mother Book. 34 And arise by night unto the Ancient Remembrance of Thy Lord—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*—for Thou art, in very truth, the Station Worthy of Praise within the Mother Book, and Thou hast ever been, in accordance with the truth, *the One intended* before God. 35 And say: “My Lord! Cause me to enter into the abyss of wondrous amazement within the Station of Thy love, and forgive whosoever entereth this Gate, in very truth, through the places of the Command from Thine Attribute. And appoint me, from Thy Presence, *a sovereign authority over the Cause, for Thou hast ever been Powerful over all*

things.” 36 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*I am naught save a Sign of that Hidden, Most Sacred Name within the Abyss of Oneness. And verily, association, when one turneth away from the Most Great Word—which God hath appointed with Me, in accordance with the truth—hath indeed ever existed above the earth.*” 37 O People of the Divine Cloud! Harken ye unto My Call from the Lamp within the whitened Lamp, this Glass within the crimsoned Glass, here beside the Stone of the saffron earth, within the House of the Gate, which hath ever *spoken forth*, in very truth. 38 “*Lo! Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Him. I have established the heavens and the earth around that Word, from a Letter like unto it. Wherefore obey ye My Word, for I am the True One—there is none other God except Me, the Most High. By the One True God, I have ever Encompassed all the worlds.*” 39 And hearken ye unto that Most Mighty Interpretation from the tongue of this magnificent Human Being, Whom I have nurtured in Mine own Hands, and Whom, in reality, the air of human nature hath not touched. He verily is the True One, according to the truth, and concerning His station, the Decree of the Fire hath ever been *written* within the Mother Book. 40 And say, according to the truth, “*We sent none ere Thee save men unto whom We gave inspiration: ‘Be ye of the people of that blessed town, and conceal yourselves within the land of the inmost heart through rendering assistance unto Him.’ And know ye that for those who associate partners with Him, the chastisement of the world to come hath ever been written upon the Fire, within the Fire—indeed, by the Fire.*” 41 For He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things—for verily, God hath ever *Encompassed* all the worlds. 42 And verily, by God, Thou hast ever been *Self-Sufficient* above all the worlds.

110. Súrah of the Foremost, comprising forty-two Verses
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
Until, when the Messengers had despaired and imagined that they had been
accounted liars, Our assistance came unto them. Then whosoever We willed
was delivered, but Our chastisement shall not be turned back from the people
of transgression. Alif-Lám-Mím-Ṭá-'Ayn. 3 The Remembrance of God
is within the Blessed Tree. Harken, then, unto the Call of God, "Lo!
Verily, I am God—beside Whom there is none other God except Me—and I
*am the Most High. I have ever been *Supreme*." 4 Yea, verily, We—We have*
appointed for the very first one to have faith in Our Servant from several of
*the most grandiose bounties, from that which had been *irrevocably decreed**
within the Mother Book, round about the Fire. 5 And verily, We—We
*have appointed Him, nigh unto the Remembrance, *written* within the*
Point of the Line from amongst the Lines of the Foremost Ones. 6 O thou
Gate! Take this, and fill thyself from the Water of Camphour of the
Manifestation. And be thou for God as a refined fragment of iron made
*glowing hot by the Ancient Fire—*a Helper*, in accordance with the truth,*
*by the Most Wondrous Leave, *firm* and *strong*. 7 And ask ye the*
Remembrance through the Pathway of the Gate—for verily, the Gates,
according to the Knowledge brought nigh within the Upraised,
*Far-Removed Line, have ever been *held answerable* before the Gate, in*
accordance with the truth. 8 Yea, verily, God is with those who enter the
Gate through the Gate, and with those who, through the Book and the
Most Great Remembrance, abide round about the Gate upon this Most
Great Path—who have ever been, in accordance with the truth,
**well-pleasing*. 9 God hath, this day, guided His Servant upon His Most*
Exalted Path, within the precincts of that Most Exalted Gate, in
*accordance with the truth, *held in praise*. 10 And verily, We—We have*
*ordained for Him in the world to come, in accordance with the truth, *a**
**lofty Kingship* within the Garden of Eden, round about the Holy*
Sanctuary. 11 Therein is the Most Great Name of God
*remembered—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him, the**
**Ever-Living, the Self-Subsisting, the True One*—for He is God, Who hath*

ever been *Powerful* over all things. 12 And verily, We—We have ordained for the second one to have faith in Our Servant, and for the third, and for whoso followed Him from amongst the latter ones, *a Book* from the Most Great Mercy, which hath ever been *inscribed* round about the Gate, by the very essence of the truth. 13 Yea, verily, We—We have ordained between Thee and the faithful manifest towns, and We have ordained therein the journey, by the leave of the One True God, in very truth. Let them, therefore, assuredly journey therein by nights and days, gazing toward the One True God, from the Decree of the Book, through that which God hath ordained within the precincts of the Gate—*irrevocably ordained*. 14 That ye may seek of Our bounty from that which God hath ordained for you within this Gate, from blessed, treasured towns round about the Fire, *concealed* by the Most Great Truth, according to the Most Mighty Truth. 15 And indeed, there have come down unto Thee this day distinguished personages from the Holy Land. Say: “*Return ye unto your dwellings, and ask ye God of His bounty. For verily, the assistance of God hath ever been nigh unto the faithful within that Gate, in accordance with the truth.*” 16 And follow ye not that which Satan casteth into your own selves. God hath promised you the Garden, while Satan summoneth you unto the Fire. Which, then, of the twain stations hath greater claim to security, if ye have ever been *held in praise* within the Most Exalted Faith of God, in accordance with the truth? 17 The Remembrance of God amongst you hath never been like the likeness of any of your learned men. By your Lord! Verily, He is the True One from the Presence of God. He hath ever been *upright, wholly resigned in faith, and steadfast* as befitting the Upright Faith, within the Point of the Fire, round about the Water. 18 O ye Faithful Ones! Why shroud ye the Remembrance in denial? Will ye not ponder the Book and its essential interpretation? Verily, the Lord your God—He indeed is the True One, and verily, the Remembrance is from the Presence of God, the Most High, the True One—for the Cause of God hath ever been *written* within the Mother Book, round about the Fire, by the Hands of the Remembrance. 19 And none from amongst the People of the Book shall have faith in the Remembrance of God, save such as the

loving providence of their Lord hath already overtaken. Verily, the guidance is the guidance of God, and verily, God hath placed the bounty in Thy hands. We single out through Our mercy whomsoever We will, and verily, God—He is the True One, the Possessor of Mighty Grace—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 20 O People! Lo, God hath placed between you and Our Verses within that Gate, according to justice, in very truth, *a Veil concealed* round about the Water. 21 And verily, for you in the Resurrection there is *an appointed meeting* upon the Most Great Path, in very truth, round about the Fire, where ye shall be *held answerable*. 22 Erelong shall God teach you the Remembrance of Our Servant on that Day, in accordance with the truth, *openly witnessed* at the very heart of the Fire. 23 By your Lord! Ye shall surely gasp, and ye shall surely be thunderstruck, and ye shall surely say, “*Would that we had been as naught upon the earth!*” 24 “*Verily, our remoteness upon this Path is as the remoteness of the twain Easts.*” This day thou beholdest no *comforter*, before God, the Self-Sufficient, apart from the Remembrance of God, the Most High, in accordance with the truth. 25 Thereupon the Lord your God, the True One, said: “*O My servants! Did not the Truth and His Verses come unto you from every quarter, from Our Presence, in accordance with the truth—exalted and firm?*” 26 By your Lord, the Most Gracious! Ye shall surely say, “*We had indeed been heedless of this, after the Snow had come unto us from the cold, snowy Mountain, in accordance with the truth, by the leave of God, the Most High.*” For He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 27 Yea, verily, We—We have lifted from you, by the leave of God, the Most High, on that Day, your covering. Thus your sight this day, God willing, hath ever been *iron-sharp* within the Mother Book, from round about the Gate. 28 And verily, when these faithful ones come unto Thee in very truth, ask Thou forgiveness of God for them. Erelong shall they find God—their cherished Lord—*Oft-Returning* at the Gate, *Most Merciful*. 29 And those who rejected faith said, “*Lord, return me unto the world, according to a renewed Remembrance from Thy True Covenant, held in the Hands of the Remembrance, in accordance with the truth.*” 30 That ye might surely have faith in Him and surely render Him

assistance, in accordance with the truth, concerning that from which, in the abode of this world, we had been *deprived* in His Cause, without sanction. 31 Thereupon God, the Most High, said, “*Was not Our Book recited amongst you, according to the Most Great Truth, that ye should take not two Gods, twain? He is but one God. Taste ye, then, from the heat of your association with God, the Most High, in accordance with the truth—this mighty Fire—according to that which had been irrevocably ordained within the Judgment of the Book, from the Decree of the Gate.*” 32 Then the Fire rent through their foreheads and their sides as the Angel crieth out amongst them, “*This is what ye treasured up for your own selves, while ye withheld it from the Self of the One True God, without sanction.*” For God hath ever been *Aware* of that which ye do. 33 “*Did not God warn you of His own Self within the House? What aileth you that ye have not faith in God, the All-Praised, and in His Most Wondrous Verses, in accordance with the truth?*” For verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* of that which ye do. 34 Yea, verily, We—We warned you through Our own Selves, that ye might be *discerning* through the Most Exalted Remembrance of God, within the Mystery of this Gate. 35 O servants of the Most Gracious! Know ye that God created you not, nor raised you up, save as a single soul. Set, then, your desire toward the Cause of God, which We have revealed amidst you according to the Most Great Truth. Erelong shall ye gaze upon Our Verses in the Land of the Promised Return, in accordance with the truth, and that *right soon*. 36 Yea, verily, We—We have commanded you to return unto your dwellings, that ye may know that God knoweth whosoever is in the heavens and whosoever is upon the earth, while ye know *naught* of the Knowledge of the Book, in accordance with the truth, even *the least* thereof. 37 And verily, those who hear the Verses from the Presence of the one True God are *blessed* according to the Most Great Truth—and yet perceive naught of Our Verses, erelong shall We inform you of that which ye earn for your own selves on the Day of Resurrection. There, ye shall find no *mighty command* apart from Our Command, in accordance with the truth. 38 O People of the Throne! Harken unto My Call from this Arabian Youth, Who speaketh not from desire, but from the Revelation of

His Lord, the Most High. God hath indeed conveyed Him unto the Station of Nearness, or nearer still, and hath raised Him aloft upon His Word for the Mystery of the Response, from His very own Self unto His own Self—for verily, God hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things. 39 O Word of God! Harken unto My Call, “*Lo! Verily, I am the True One—there is none other God except Him. I have ever been Thy hearing, when there was no hearing save My Hearing. I have ever been Thine eye, when there was no eye save Mine Eye. I have ever been Thy hand, when there was no hand save My Hand. I have ever been Thy Manifestation over the hidden, and Thy Hidden, according to the truth, when there was neither manifest nor hidden save My True Self. Lo! Verily, I am God—there is none other God except Me, the Most High, Who hath ever been, in very truth, Supreme.*” 40 Harken, then, unto that Most Great Interpretation from the Presence of the Ancient of Days, Thy Mighty Lord, in accordance with the truth, *most wondrous*. 41 And indeed, the people had despaired of the Gates concerning the Most Great Word, and imagined that they had refuted the Remembrance. Yet Our assistance came unto them, this Arabian Youth, *Abṭahí*, Meccan, Medinan, Who hath ever been *steadfast* upon the Pure Path, in accordance with the truth. 42 Thus do We deliver through Him whomsoever We will, and Our chastisement shall not be turned back from the people who turn away from Our Word. And verily, the Remembrance hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *beld in praise* at the cynosure of the Fire, in very truth—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Reckoner* over all things. Yea, verily, God hath ever been *Powerful* over all things.

111. *Súrah of the Faithful, comprising forty-two Verses*
In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful
*In their stories there hath indeed been a lesson for those endowed with understanding. It was not a narration forged, but rather a confirmation of that which lay before it, an exposition of all things, and a guidance and mercy unto a people who have faith. Alif-Lám-Mím. 3 Yea, verily, We—We have appointed between you and the blessed towns beyond this Gate pure souls, who summon the people unto the Most Great Faith of God and fear naught apart from the One True God. These indeed have ever been *written* within the Mother Book as the Companions of Ridwán. 4 And We—We have made this Book as Verses for those endowed with understanding, who glorify God by night and by day and grow not weary of the Command of the One True God, from before the Gate—not by so much as a mote, nor even to the measure of *a thread upon a date-stone*. 5 O ye endowed with sight from amongst the People of the Gate! This is Our Book, speaking unto you in very truth. Do ye suppose that God hath appointed beyond it blessed towns? By the One True God! Apart from them ye have no guardian. What aileth you? How do ye not behold the Verses of God, the Most High, as *most wondrous*? 6 By God! After your rejection of faith, We shall assuredly cause you to taste of the most severe chastisement of God—from the Judgment of the Book, according to the Decree of the Gate—*a most mighty Fire*. 7 Then shall ye surely find your works, on the Day of Resurrection, upon the Earth of the Ingathering, in very truth, as *dust scattered abroad*. 8 And indeed, there came unto Thee men from this holy land of God, and they had sought the Command of God *in haste*, in defiance of the Decree of the Book concerning the Gate. 9 Say: Return ye unto your dwellings, and remember ye God in your inmost hearts and openly, along the pathways of the Gate, by the very essence of the truth, from the Point of the Fire—*abundantly*. 10 By God! The Command hath indeed come unto you from Our Presence, *suddenly*, upon the purified earth, through the Most Great Word, by the very essence of the truth—*nigh at hand*. 11 Thereupon, the people gaze toward God, the Most High, from the pathways of the Gate, in accordance with the truth,*

with *great intensity*. 12 Erelong shall God forgive you for that which ye have wrought without the leave of God, away from the Gate and in defiance of truth—for God hath ever been *Oft-Returning, Most Merciful* unto the faithful. 13 Who, then, can secure you apart from the Gate, before God, the Most High, other than this Gate concerning whom the people shall, in very truth, be *held accountable*? 14 Erelong shall God chastise you on the Day of Resurrection from the heat of the Tree brought forth in the land of Sijjín, which hath ever been, within the Mother Book, by the Decree of the Gate, *Zaqqúm*. 15 Shall We not turn you over by night and by day? What aileth you? How walk ye upon the earth of God in defiance of truth, and have not faith in Our Verses, in accordance with the Pure Truth—*a faithful Surety*? 16 He is God—*beside Whom there is none other God except Him*. God hath appointed none on this Day of yours, apart from His Servant, in accordance with the truth, from His Presence, as *a Witness* unto all the worlds. 17 Say: O People of the Euphrates! There is no abiding-place for you. Return ye, therefore, unto your dwellings, and await the Most Great Command of God, in accordance with the truth—*nigh at hand*. 18 For by your Lord! The Truth hath indeed come unto you, right between your right and left hands, with the Most Great Clear Signs, in accordance with the weighty truth, *repeatedly renewed*. 19 Yet ye perceive not Our Verses, in accordance with the truth, though the Most Gracious hath promised you through His Remembrance within this Most Great Gate—for the Command hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* within the Mother Book. 20 And if ye would become assured, in very truth, concerning your own selves, what aileth you that ye are unable to gain even *a little* good from this Gate, the Most High, the Great? 21 O Thou Beloved! Hearken unto My Call from God, Thy cherished Lord, from Thy Most Great Self, God—*there is none other God except Him*: “O My servants! Prostrate yourselves before God and worship Him in the Pathway of this Most Great Gate. Make use of pure perfume, to the extent ye are able, for the Prayer and at all other times. Dispatch unto the Most Great Remembrance the finest thereof, and take ye for your own selves *a ring* of red agate, bearing the Name of the Gate, that ye may indeed be remembered

before God, the Ever-Abiding, within the precincts of this Most Exalted Gate.” 22 Yea, We—We guide whomsoever of Our servants hath faith in God and His Verses, in accordance with the truth, and such a one hath ever been, from this Gate, in accordance with the truth, *well-pleasing*. 23 Woe, then, unto those who write Our Names with their own hands, while those upon whom they call apart from God, the Most High, in accordance with the truth, are naught but *duplicates*. Then, when the Remembrance cometh unto them with the Remembrance, Satan veileth them from the Remembrance, after they had heard the Most Wondrous Word of God from the Tongue of the Gate, *openly witnessed*. 24 And verily, the faithful are they who say, *“He verily is the True One from God.”* For He is God, Who hath ever been *Knowledgeable* of all things. 25 O People of the Divine Cloud! Harken ye unto My Call from this luminous Moon, for whose rising I have willed no eclipse upon the face of this Eastern and Western Youth, Whom ye find in every Tablet as *a Mystery, concealed* within the Mystery, inscribed upon the line, within the crimson line, Who hath ever been, in very truth, *veiled* round about the Fire. 26 Say: Verily, God hath revealed unto Me, *“Lo! Verily, I am God. There is none other God except Me, the One Worthy of Worship. I have created naught amongst the Gates like the Remembrance, the Most Great Word, as a Remembrance, and unto each hath He bestowed, on the Day of Return, round about the Fire, that which hath been foretold and covenanted.”* 27 And indeed, I have sent down this Book, in very truth. In its stories, there is *a lesson* for those endowed with understanding from amongst the People of the Gate, who have ever been *openly witnessed* round about the Fire. 28 O People of the Earth! The Point hath reached the Girdle. Harken ye unto My Call from this Arabian Youth, Muḥammadan and ‘Alawí, Whom ye find in every Tablet as the Most Mighty Mystery, *openly witnessed* round about the Fire. 29 O Most Great Word! Say: I was no *narration* forged upon the people. Rather, I have ever *stood* before God in a Day to which no bound nor description belonged. And verily, God, My cherished Lord, hath ever been, by the very essence of the truth, *a Witness* over Me. 30 O People of the Earth! Verily, this Book is the interpretation of all things, *a guidance* and *a*

mercy unto those who seek God from before the Gate, *prostrate*, in accordance with the truth, *in praiseworthy exaltation*. 31 O Concurrence of Creation! Hearken ye unto My Call from the Point of the Heart, from this Most Mighty, eloquent Arabian Youth, “*Lo! Verily, I am God, beside Whom there is none other God except Me. I have sent down naught in this Book concerning this Most Great Remembrance save for God, upon the Letter, after the likeness of the Isolated Point, which hath ever been inclined round about the Bá.*” 32 And there is none that altereth a Letter of this Book, or interpreteth it according to their own opinion, save that We have decreed for them, within the Mother Book, the Fire of the Ark within the nethermost abyss of infernal Hellfire, *abiding* therein *forever* and *evermore*, in accordance with the truth. 33 And We shall not forgive them, nor shall We ordain for them, on the Day of Resurrection, any *comforter*, not by so much as an atom, nor even to the measure of *a thread upon a date-stone*. 34 Recite ye, therefore, from this Book whatsoever ye are able, and remember ye God after the recitation, according to the Word of Truth in this His truthful Book, “*Glorified be God, thy Lord, beside Whom there is none other God except Him, above that which they describe.*” 35 And exalted is the description of His Word above that which they associate with Him—for He is God, Who hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, *Praiseworthy*. 36 The Peace of God be upon the Most Great Word, as befitteth Him. He verily is the True One—*there is none other God except God*—for He is God, Who hath ever been *Powerful* over all things. 37 Enter ye not the houses of the Remembrance save by His leave, for they have ever been *prostrate* unto God at the Gate. Yea, verily, God hath ever been *Aware* of all things. 38 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*Verily, I am Solomon in the Kingdom. Follow ye Me, and follow not the footsteps of Satan, for the Kingdom is exalted, exalted, by the leave of God, and hath ever been written within the Mother Book.*” 39 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*Verily, God hath not ordained for Mine own Self, nor for the People of the House from Mine own Self, the like of that which God hath ordained for you. And indeed, God hath desired to purify the House and its People from every defilement—for verily, God hath ever been Powerful over all things.*”

40 O Solace of Mine Eye! Say: “*I ask of you no recompense, for it is with God, My Lord, within this Mother Book which hath ever been, in accordance with the truth, established.*” 41 And verily, My recompense is upon God, by the very essence of the truth, and hath ever been *irrevocably ordained* in the Day of the Beginning. 42 Yea, verily, God and His Angels send blessings upon the Prophet and His Family. O ye who have faith! Send ye blessings upon Them, even as God hath sent blessings upon Them and upon Their adherents—for He is God, Who hath ever been *a Witness* unto all things, and He is God, Who hath ever *Encompassed* all things.