

# THE EXPLANATION And THE PROOF

## التبيان و البرهان

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

All praise be unto God, the Guide unto the true and righteous Path, and the Deliverer of those lost in the wilderness of error and folly. The One Who hath revealed: "Is it not time for those who believe to humble their hearts unto the Remembrance of God and that which He hath sent down concerning the Truth, and to cease from being like those who hath been given the Book aforetime, whose appointed term hath passed and whose hearts have become hard?" (Qur'an 57:16) And blessings and peace be upon His Messenger and His Prophets. To the Name of the Chief of the Messengers and Leader of the supremely Unique Ones, our Chief Muhammad, about which al-Tustari narrated in his Tafsir when ibn Abbas, may God be pleased with him, said to Him: "What shall be the deliverance of tomorrow?" He (Muhammad) said, "Upon you is the Book of God, Mighty and Glorious, and verily within it is an announcement of that which came before you all, information about that which will be after you all, and knowledge of that which is with you all concerning your Faith that you follow in your service to God, Mighty and Glorious." (Hadith) And upon His family and His companions, those who follow His Straight Path and spread His Upright Faith.

As for "After": it is among the beliefs of the community of Baha'u'llah that the resurrection is the rising of the Messenger according to His Command, exalted is He. Some consider this belief to contradict what has come in the Noble Qur'an, so I have written this summary of the conversation named <The Explanation and the Proof> and composed it with respect to the reality of the Resurrection, that the life after death for mankind removes this allusion, and to explain that the Noble Qur'an itself has come according to this belief just as the other Heavenly Books have come.

The Principle of Faith does not change in the Book of God, and that which is true in a Book is also true in the Second Book. Exalted is His utterance: "Prescribed for you all concerning the Faith is that which hath been enjoined upon Noah, of that which We hath inspired you, and that with which We enjoined upon Abraham, Moses, and Jesus, to remain firm in the Faith and make no divisions therein." (Qur'an 42:13)

There are no contradictions within the essentials of the Faiths: such as belief in God, His Book, His Messengers, the Return, the Eternal Spirit, the Requittal, the Reward, and the

description of Perfect Attributes; such as, Honesty, Chastity, Justice, Mercy, and the like. Rather, the contradictions are in the legislations which are the derivatives. For every community is a legislation and a particular method. He said, exalted is He: "To all hath We made like you, a legislation and a method." (Qur'an 5:48) And He said, glorious is His utterance, "For every community We hath made ceremonies which they follow, so do not dispute about the matter." (Qur'an 22:67)

There is no doubt about the evidence which has come in the Glorious Qur'an concerning this belief, and there is no difficulty in proving it. Nay, it has come with perceivable signs that have already taken place, which indicates that the Event took place and the Resurrection has occurred. Some of its elucidation has come in this conversation.

The reality of the Resurrection is hidden from humanity, by command of His will, glorious and exalted is His utterance, "They ask you (Muhammad) about the Hour, when it will occur. Say: That knowledge is with my Lord, its occurrence will not be revealed except by Him." (Qur'an 7:187) The candor of the Verse indicates that the reality of the Resurrection will not appear or become known to humanity except by a message of God, glorious is His Glory, to humanity about it when it occurs. Therefore, its affair has remained hidden to the generality of scholars, except the most rare of the rare. When the Greatest Evangelist appeared in the presence of Baha'u'llah and Baha'u'llah appeared, the veil was removed, the scarf withdrawn, and the curtain lifted from the affair of the Hour and from the other comparable Signs which have come through the Glorious Qur'an. This is the meaning of His exalted utterance: "When We recite it, follow its recital; it is then upon Us to explain it." (Qur'an 75:18-19) So you see my brother, whenever God, glorious and exalted is He, explains it, it is through the tongue of His Noble Messengers as previously explained. The Messengers do not speak according to their own selves, but only what They have been inspired with. Exalted is His utterance: "It is not but revelation he (Muhammad) is inspired with, he has been taught by One immensely strong." (Qur'an 53:4-5)

The wise person should not accept duplicity before the reality becomes clear to himself. Perhaps the truth would be discarded while thinking falsehood has been discarded, and be trapped in a group that denies God and His Messengers, those who enter under the re-occurring harsh Promise found in the Heavenly Books. To illustrate, the Noble Qur'an bespeaks exaltedly: "The Penalty is upon those who deceive others and turn away." (Qur'an 20:48) These Verses are numerous. One of the hindrances to uncovering the truth is the reliability of tradition and conjecture, so traditional *imitation* can cover the Light of Truth. If these communities had investigated the Truth, they would have found it and become one Community, but the disparity and divergence persists between them. The impersonator is blind, even if they have sight.

The Quraish said to our Chief Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon Him and His family: "We arose with our fathers as a community, and we are guided by their vestiges." (Qur'an 43:22) When I removed the garment of imitation and submitted to the Truth, I was elevated, and I arose and I attained unto that which the Exalted have attained and unto the apex of the matter.

It is more appropriate for the wise person, not only to disregard traditional imitation, but to discover the Truth and to investigate it themselves. I hereby explain the intention with the help of the Ideal King.

“Those who do not believe in the Hereafter hath deviated from the Path. Even were We to have mercy on them and We removed the distress within them, they would wander persistently in their transgressions. So We hath taken hold of them with the Punishment, but they refuse to surrender to their Lord and humble themselves. Until We open upon them a Door of severe punishment, they will be covered therein.”  
(Qur’an 23:74-77)

## PREFACE

On the morning of the second day four people gathered together in the same clubhouse to finish the conversation between them and they recognized the truth and believed in Baha’u’llah, they were Zaid, Khalid, Ezra, and Butrus. So they congratulated each other for the abundant grace and great guidance God gave to them by leading them to the truth and they entered into this lucid Faith which is from God, Glory be to Him and Exalted is He above His servants.

Then one of those in attendance, he was called Umar, turned to them and said, “Tell me, your admission into the Faith is not the right thing, there is nothing right about it. Has not God Almighty said: “Whosoever departs from the Messenger after the Guidance hath been made clear to him and strays from the Way of the Faithful, We shall give him what he has chosen and cast him to hell and a wicked destination.” (Qur’an 4:115) Is not the Way of the Faithful to follow Muhammad, blessings and peace be upon Him and His family, and the work of His Legislature, or is following Baha’u’llah following the Way of the Faithful?...”

Zaid: Take it easy Umar, following every Messenger in Their age is following the Way of the Faithful. So whoever was faithful to Moses, peace be upon Him, during the age of His Summons and Cycle and performed *the work of His Legislature*, then their way is the Way of the Faithful; and whoever was faithful to Jesus, peace be upon Him, during the age of His Summons and Cycle and performed *the work of His Legislature*, then their way is the Way of the Faithful. In like manner is the Command in this age, so whoever believes in the Honorable Baha’u’llah and performs *the work of His Legislature*, they are indeed following the Way of the Faithful. Whoever deviates from this Path has deviated from the Truth and deviated into the Fire. Is that not the meaning of the Faithful? They who were the first to believe in Muhammad, peace and blessings of God be upon Him and His family, when they realized He was true to His Summons and were obliged to follow. Thus we realized that the Honorable Baha’u’llah is true to His Summons and are obliged to follow. We follow Him, believe in Him, and we trust in Him. What is following the Way of the Faithful except performing the work they did? O Umar, who is more blameworthy? Us who follow the Way of the Faithful by following Baha’u’llah, or you who harass them and precipitate deceit by doing what the Quraish did unto Muhammad, peace and blessings of God be upon Him and His family? I hope that by your skepticism of the matter, you do not cast Him behind your backs. Rather you should investigate the reality while there has

come to you clear signs and guidance. Should you do that, truly you would discover the clear truth.