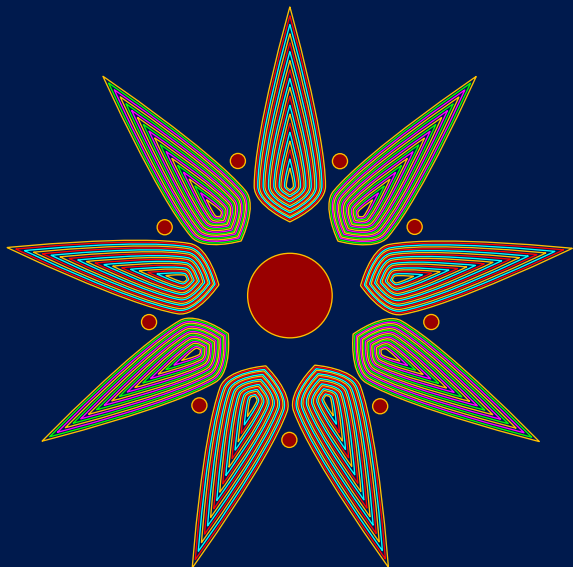


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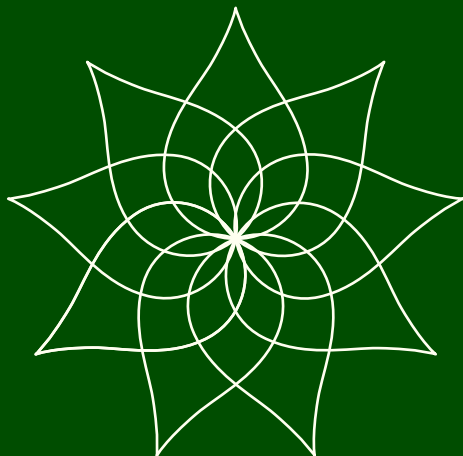


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He Is the Glory of Glories

This is that which hath descended from the realm of glory, uttered by the tongue of power and might, and revealed unto the Prophets of old. We have taken the inner essence thereof and clothed it in the garment of brevity, as a token of grace unto the righteous, that they may stand faithful unto the Covenant of God, may fulfill in their lives His trust, and in the realm of spirit obtain the gem of divine virtue.



O Son of Spirit!

My first counsel is this:

*Possess a pure, kindly and
radiant heart,*

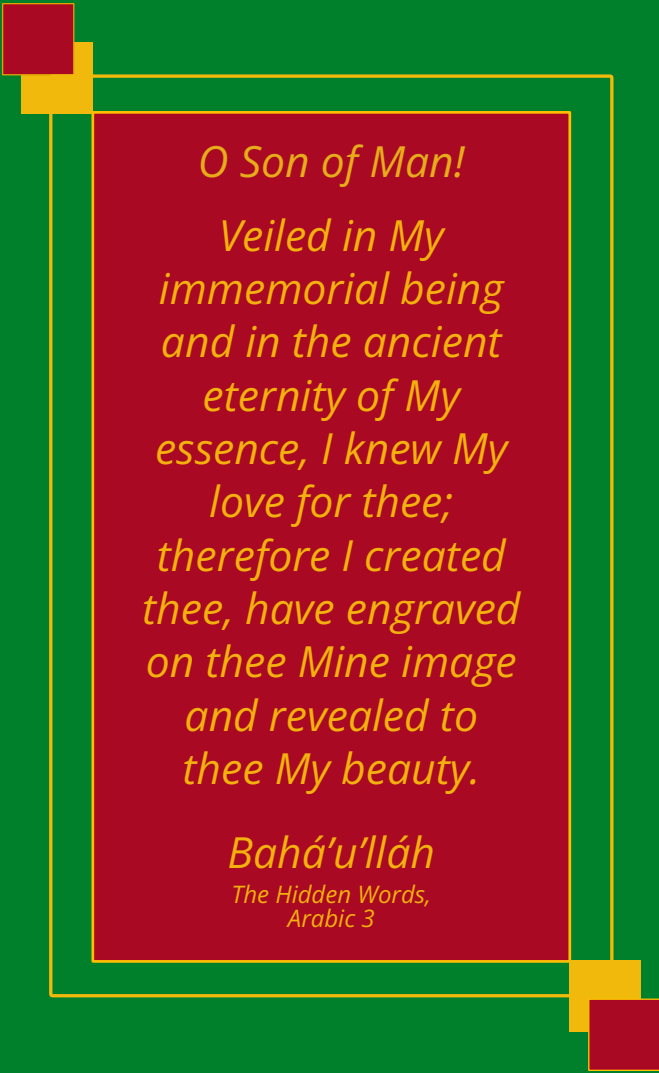
*that thine may be a
sovereignty ancient,*

*imperishable and
everlasting.*



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*The Hidden Words,
Arabic 1*

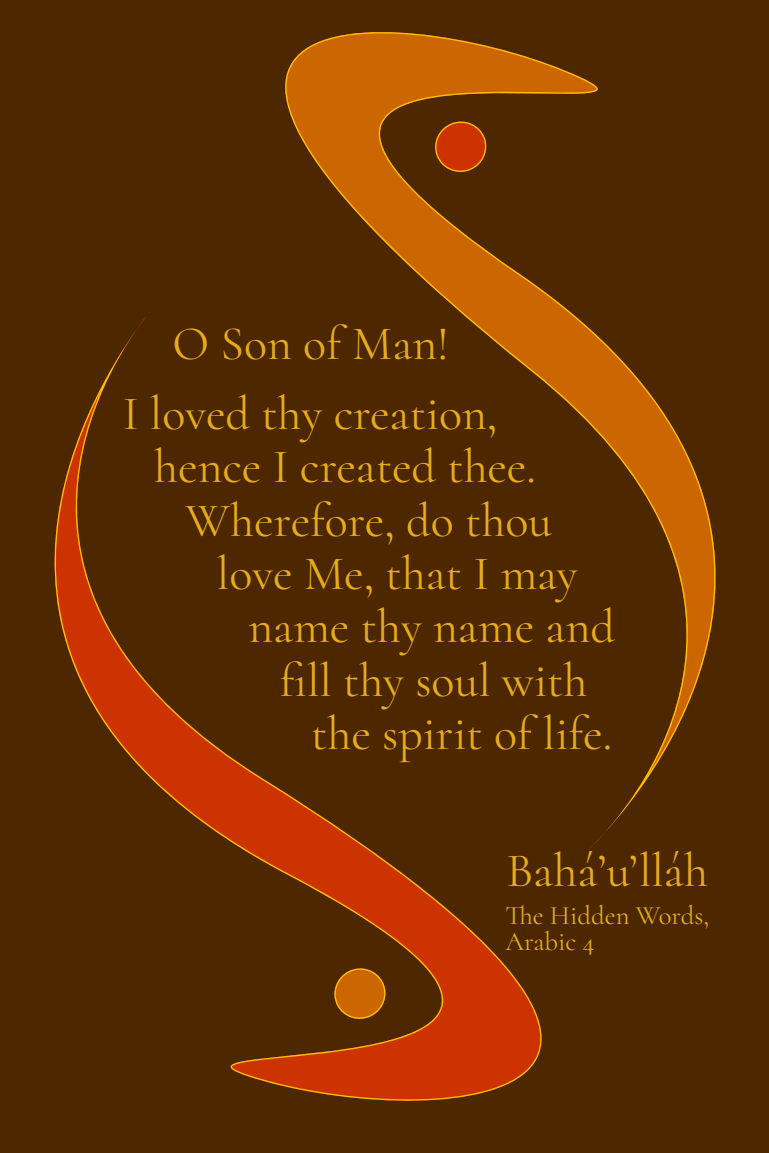


O Son of Man!

*Veiled in My
immemorial being
and in the ancient
eternity of My
essence, I knew My
love for thee;
therefore I created
thee, have engraved
on thee Mine image
and revealed to
thee My beauty.*

Bahá'u'lláh

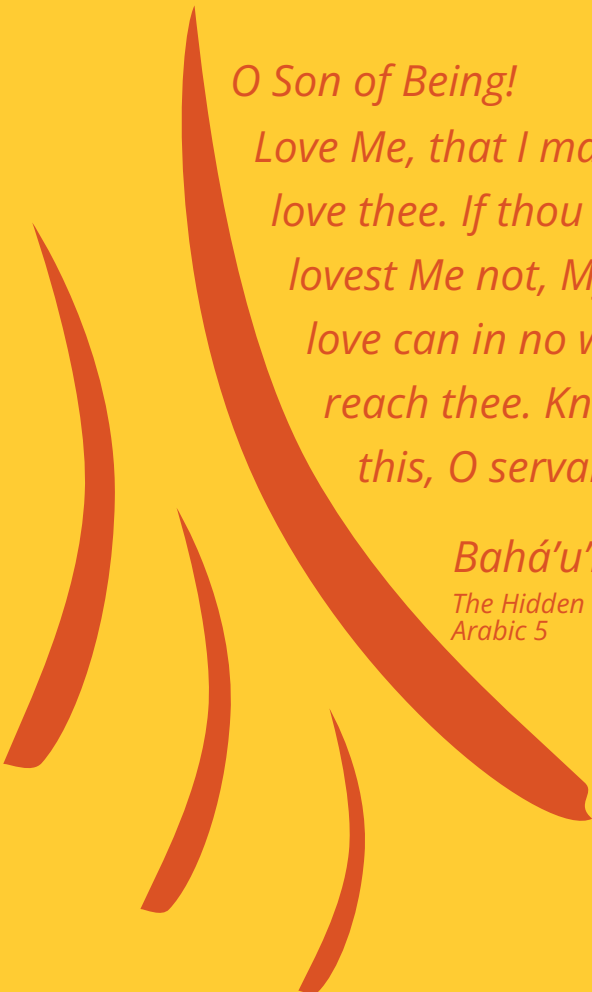
*The Hidden Words,
Arabic 3*



O Son of Man!
I loved thy creation,
hence I created thee.
Wherefore, do thou
love Me, that I may
name thy name and
fill thy soul with
the spirit of life.

Bahá'u'lláh

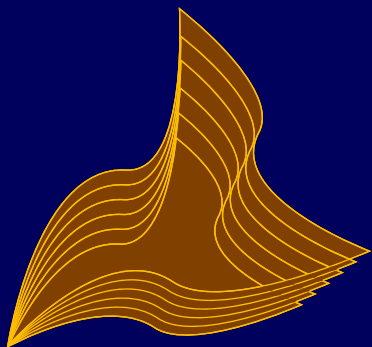
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Arabic 4

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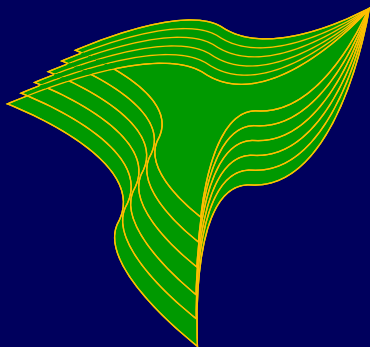
*O Son of Being!
Love Me, that I may
love thee. If thou
lovest Me not, My
love can in no wise
reach thee. Know
this, O servant.*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 5

O Son of Being!



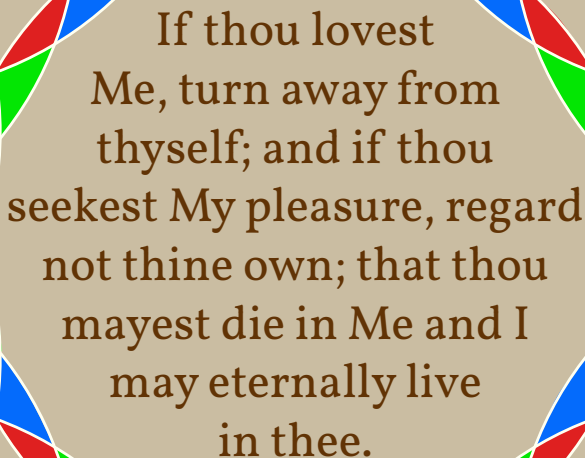
*Thy Paradise is My love; thy
heavenly home, reunion with Me.
Enter therein and tarry not. This is
that which hath been destined for
thee in Our kingdom above and
Our exalted dominion.*



Bahá'u'lláh

*The Hidden Words,
Arabic 6*

O Son of Man!



If thou lovest
Me, turn away from
thyself; and if thou
seekest My pleasure, regard
not thine own; that thou
mayest die in Me and I
may eternally live
in thee.

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 7




O Son of Spirit!

*There is no peace for thee
save by renouncing thyself
and turning unto Me; for it
behooveth thee to glory in
My name, not in thine own;
to put thy trust in Me and
not in thyself, since I desire
to be loved alone and
above all that is.*

Bahá'u'lláh

*The Hidden Words,
Arabic 8*

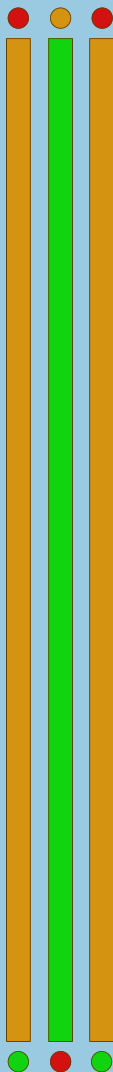
O Son of Being!



*My love
is My stronghold;
he that entereth
therein is safe and
secure, and he that
turneth away shall
surely stray and
perish.*

Bahá'u'lláh

*The Hidden Words,
Arabic 9*



*O Son of
Utterance!*

*Thou art My
stronghold;
enter therein
that thou mayest
abide in safety.
My love is in
thee, know it,
that thou mayest
find Me near
unto thee.*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 10





O Son of Being!

Thou art My
lamp and My
light is in thee.
Get thou from it
thy radiance and
seek none other than
Me. For I have
created thee rich and
have bountifully shed
My favor upon thee.

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words,
Arabic 11

O Son of Being!

*With the hands of power I made thee
and with the fingers of strength I
created thee; and within thee
have I placed the essence of My
light. Be thou content with it
and seek naught else, for My
work is perfect and My
command is binding.
Question it not, nor
have a doubt
thereof.*



Bahá'u'lláh

*The Hidden Words,
Arabic 12*



O Son of Spirit!

I created thee rich, why dost thou bring thyself down to poverty? Noble I made thee, wherewith dost thou abase thyself? Out of the essence of knowledge I gave thee being, why seekest thou enlightenment from anyone beside Me? Out of the clay of love I molded thee, how dost thou busy thyself with another? Turn thy sight unto thyself, that thou mayest find Me standing within thee, mighty, powerful and self-subsisting.

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 13



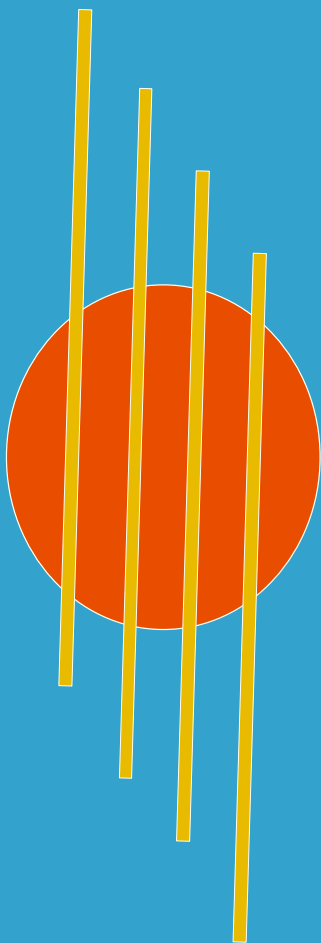
○ Son of Man!

Thou art My dominion and My dominion perisheth not; wherefore fearest thou thy perishing? Thou art My light and My light shall never be extinguished; why dost thou dread extinction? Thou art My glory and My glory fadeth not; thou art My robe and My robe shall never be outworn. Abide then in thy love for Me, that thou mayest find Me in the realm of glory.

-Bahá'u'lláh -

The Hidden Words, Arabic 14





O Son of Utterance!

*Turn thy face unto
Mine and renounce
all save Me; for My
sovereignty endureth
and My dominion
perisheth not. If thou
seekest another than
Me, yea, if thou
searchest the universe
forevermore, thy quest
will be in vain.*

-Bahá'u'lláh-

The Hidden Words, Arabic 15

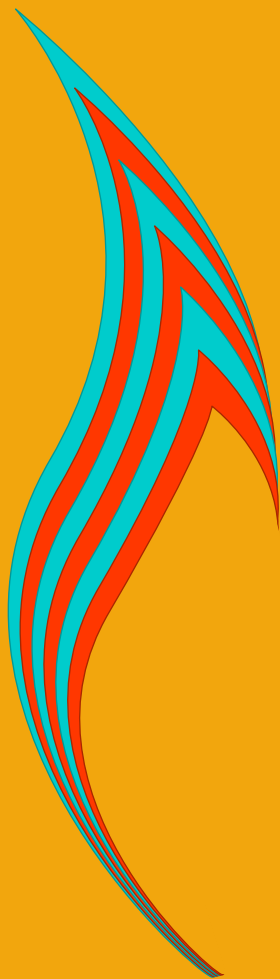


O Son of Light!

*Forget all save Me and commune with
My spirit. This is of the essence of My
command, therefore turn unto it.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 16

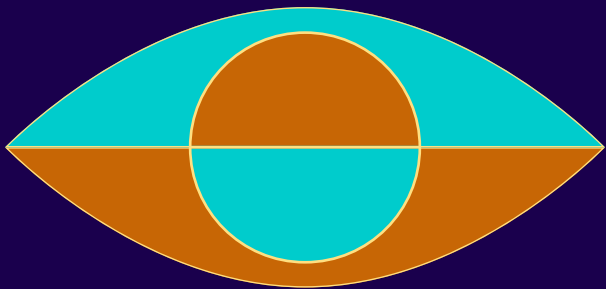


O Son of Man!

Be thou
content with
Me and seek
no other
helper. For
none but Me
can ever
suffice thee.

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words,
Arabic 17



O Son of Spirit!

*Ask not of Me that which We
desire not for thee, then be
content with what We have
ordained for thy sake, for this
is that which profiteth thee, if
therewith thou dost content
thyself.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 18



*O Son of the
Wondrous Vision!*

*I have breathed
within thee a breath
of My own Spirit, that
thou mayest be My lover.
Why hast thou forsaken
Me and sought a beloved
other than Me?*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 19



O Son of Spirit!

My claim on thee is great, it cannot be forgotten. My grace to thee is plenteous, it cannot be veiled. My love has made in thee its home, it cannot be concealed. My light is manifest to thee, it cannot be obscured.

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 20

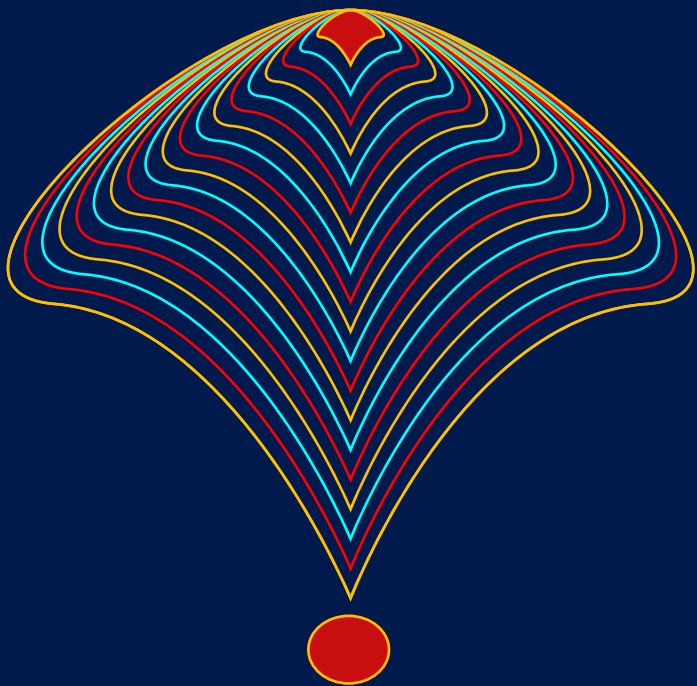


O Son of Man!

*Upon the tree of effulgent glory
I have hung for thee the choicest
fruits, wherefore hast thou turned
away and contented thyself with
that which is less good? Return
then unto that which is better for
thee in the realm on high.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 21

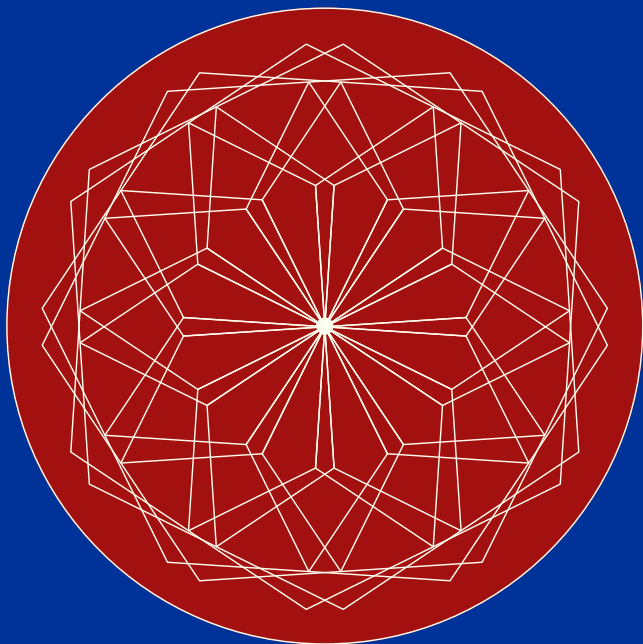


O Son of Spirit!

*Noble have I created thee, yet thou
hast abased thyself. Rise then unto
that for which thou wast created.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 22



O Son of the Supreme!

*To the eternal I call thee, yet thou
dost seek that which perisheth. What
hath made thee turn away from Our
desire and seek thine own?*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 23



O Son of Man!

*Transgress not thy limits, nor
claim that which beseemeth thee
not. Prostrate thyself before the
countenance of thy God, the Lord
of might and power.*

Bahá'u'lláh

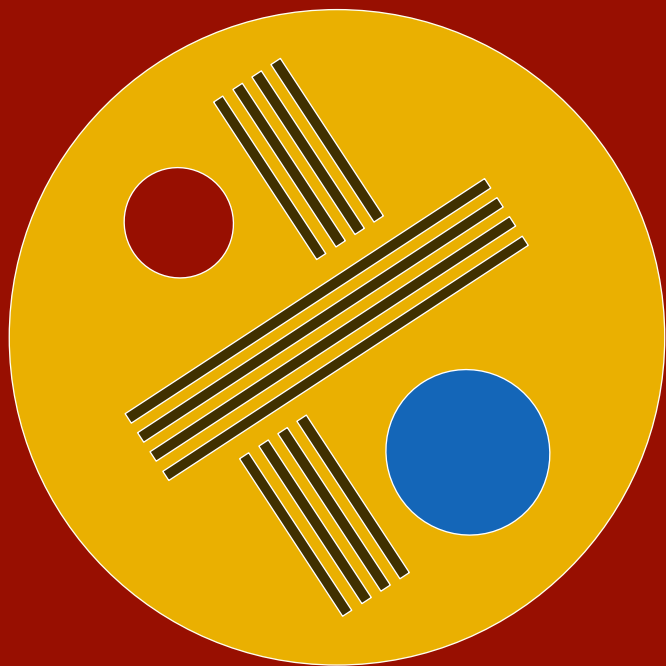
The Hidden Words, Arabic 24



O SON OF
SPIRIT!

*Vaunt not
thyself over the poor,
for I lead him on his
way and behold thee in
thy evil plight and
confound thee
forevermore.*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 25



O Son of Being!

*How couldst thou forget thine own faults
and busy thyself with the faults of others?
Whoso doeth this is accursed of Me.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 26

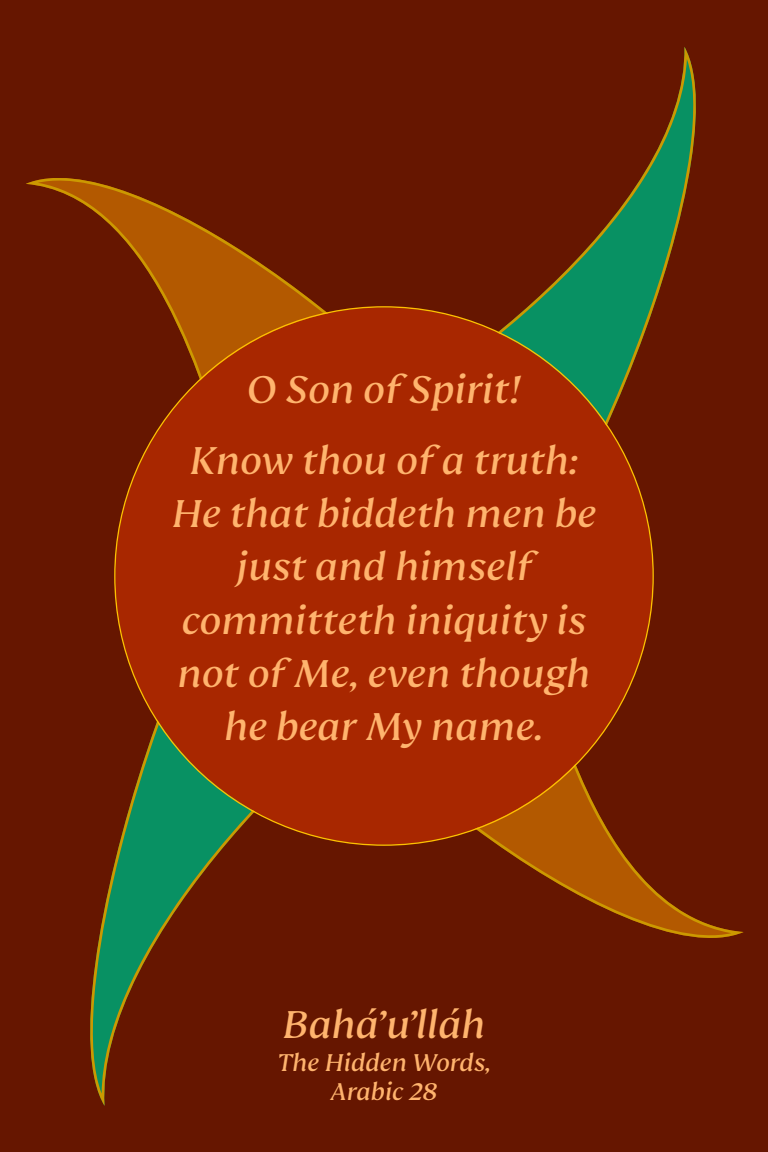


O Son of Man!

Breathe not the sins of others so long as thou art thyself a sinner. Shouldst thou transgress this command, accursed wouldst thou be, and to this I bear witness.

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 27



O Son of Spirit!
Know thou of a truth:
He that biddeth men be
just and himself
committeth iniquity is
not of Me, even though
he bear My name.

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 28



O Son of Being!

*Ascribe not to any soul
that which thou wouldst
not have ascribed to thee,
and say not that which thou
doest not. This is My command
unto thee, do thou observe it.*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words, Arabic 29



O Son of Man!

*Deny not My servant should he ask
anything from thee, for his face is
My face; be then abashed before Me.*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words, Arabic 30

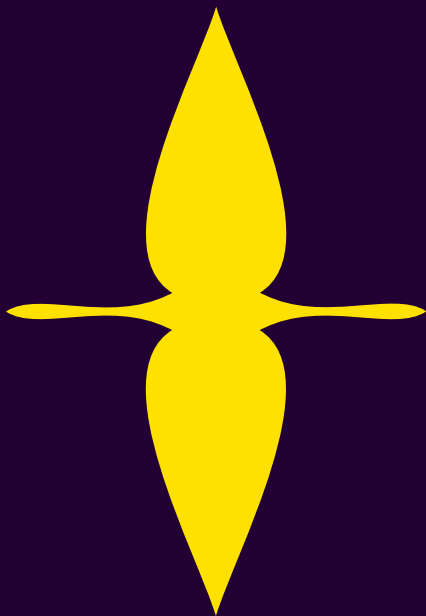


O Son of Being!

*Bring thyself to account each day ere
thou art summoned to a reckoning;
for death, unheralded, shall come
upon thee and thou shalt be called to
give account for thy deeds.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 31



○ Son of the Supreme!

I have made death a messenger of joy to thee. Wherefore dost thou grieve? I made the light to shed on thee its splendor. Why dost thou veil thyself therefrom?

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 32

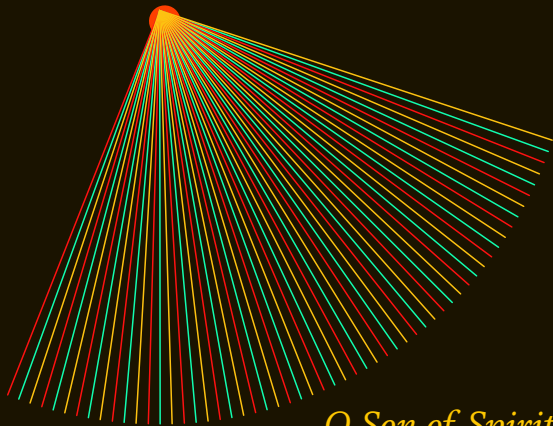
*O Son of
Spirit!*

*With the joyful
tidings of light I
hail thee: rejoice!*

*To the court of
holiness I summon
thee; abide therein
that thou mayest
live in peace
forevermore.*

Bahá'u'lláh

*The Hidden Words,
Arabic 33*



O Son of Spirit!

*The spirit of holiness
beareth unto thee the joyful
tidings of reunion; wherefore
dost thou grieve? The spirit of
power confirmeth thee in His cause;
why dost thou veil thyself? The light
of His countenance doth lead thee;
how canst thou go astray?*

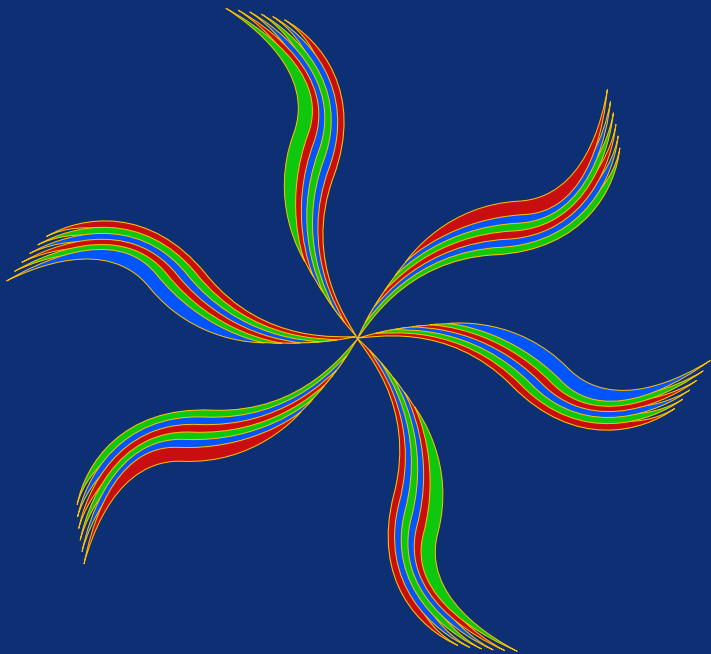


O Son of Man!

*Sorrow not save that thou art
far from Us. Rejoice not save
that thou art drawing near
and returning unto Us.*

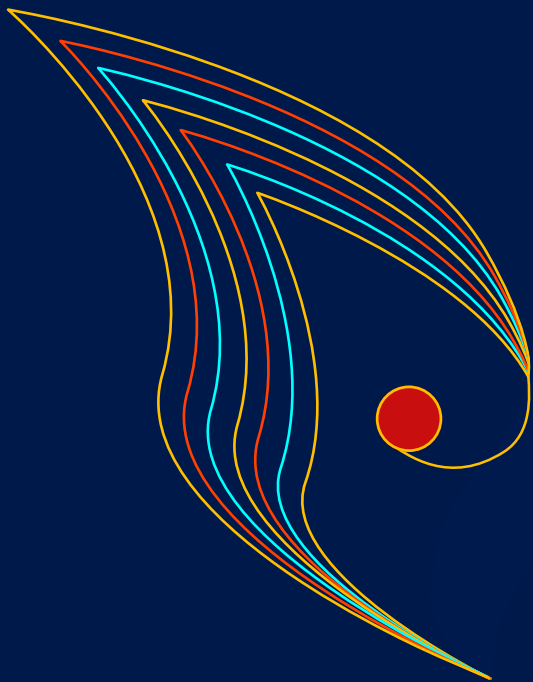
Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 35



*O Son of Man!
Rejoice in the gladness of thine
heart, that thou mayest be worthy
to meet Me and to mirror forth
My beauty.*

*Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words, Arabic 36*



O Son of Man!

*Divest not thyself of My beauteous
robe, and forfeit not thy portion from
My wondrous fountain, lest thou
shouldst thirst forevermore.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 37

O Son of Being!
Walk in My statutes for
love of Me and deny
thyself that which thou
desirest if thou
seekest My pleasure.

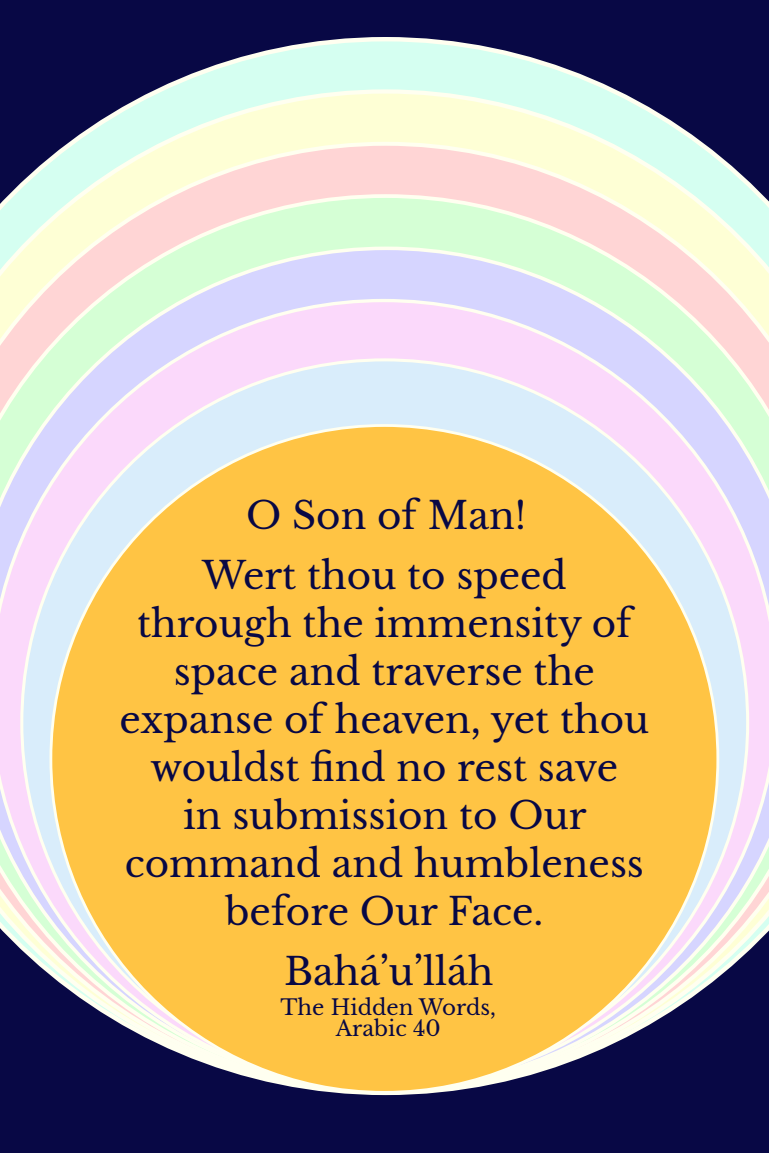
Bahá'u'lláh

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*O Son of Man!
Neglect not My
commandments if thou
lovest My beauty, and forget
not My counsels if thou
wouldst attain My
good pleasure.*

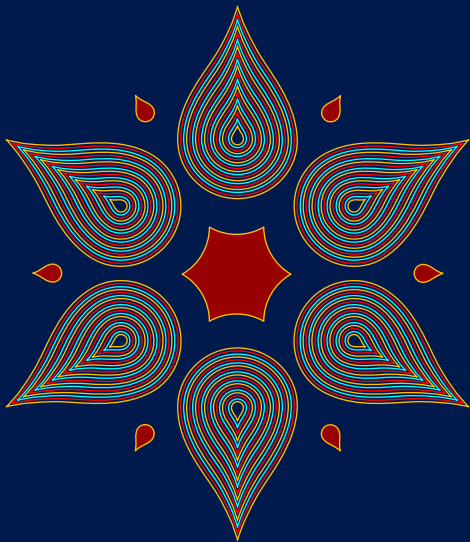
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The Hidden Words, Arabic 39*



O Son of Man!
Wert thou to speed
through the immensity of
space and traverse the
expanse of heaven, yet thou
wouldst find no rest save
in submission to Our
command and humbleness
before Our Face.

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words,
Arabic 40

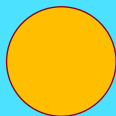


O Son of Man!

*Magnify My cause that I
may reveal unto thee the
mysteries of My greatness
and shine upon thee with
the light of eternity.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 41



O Son of Man!

*Humble thyself
before Me, that I
may graciously
visit thee. Arise
for the triumph of
My cause, that
while yet on earth
thou mayest
obtain the victory.*

Bahá'u'lláh

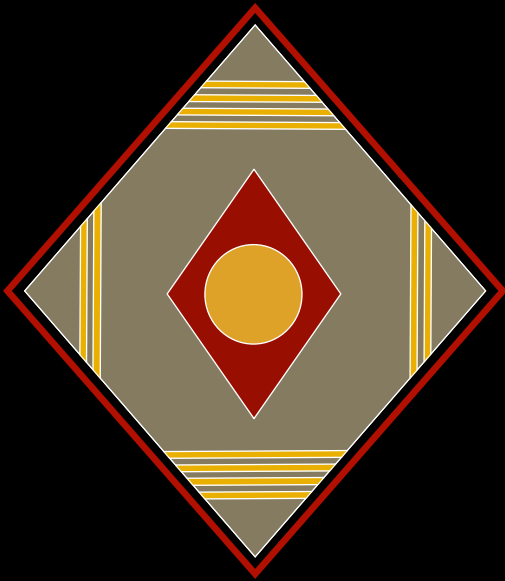
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Arabic 42*



O Son of Being!

*Make mention of Me on My
earth, that in My heaven I may
remember thee, thus shall Mine
eyes and thine be solaced.*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 43



O Son of the Throne!

Thy hearing is My hearing, hear thou therewith. Thy sight is My sight, do thou see therewith, that in thine inmost soul thou mayest testify unto My exalted sanctity, and I within Myself may bear witness unto an exalted station for thee.

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 44



O Son of Being!
Seek a martyr's
death in My path,
content with My
pleasure and
thankful for that
which I ordain, that
thou mayest repose
with Me beneath the
canopy of majesty
behind the tabernacle
of glory.

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 45

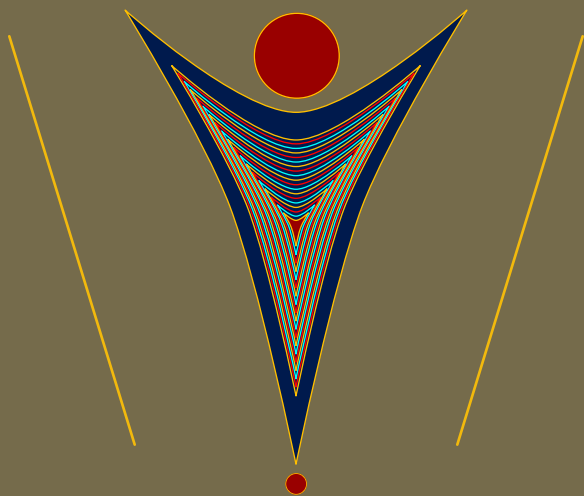


O Son of Man!

Ponder and reflect. Is it thy wish to die upon thy bed, or to shed thy lifeblood on the dust, a martyr in My path, and so become the manifestation of My command and the revealer of My light in the highest paradise? Judge thou aright, O servant!

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 46

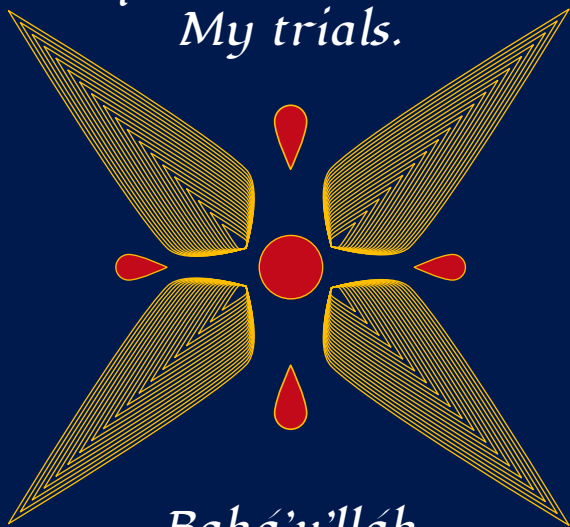


O Son of Man!

*To tinge thy hair with thy blood
is greater in My sight than the
creation of the universe and
the light of both worlds. Strive
then to attain this, O servant!*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words, Arabic 47

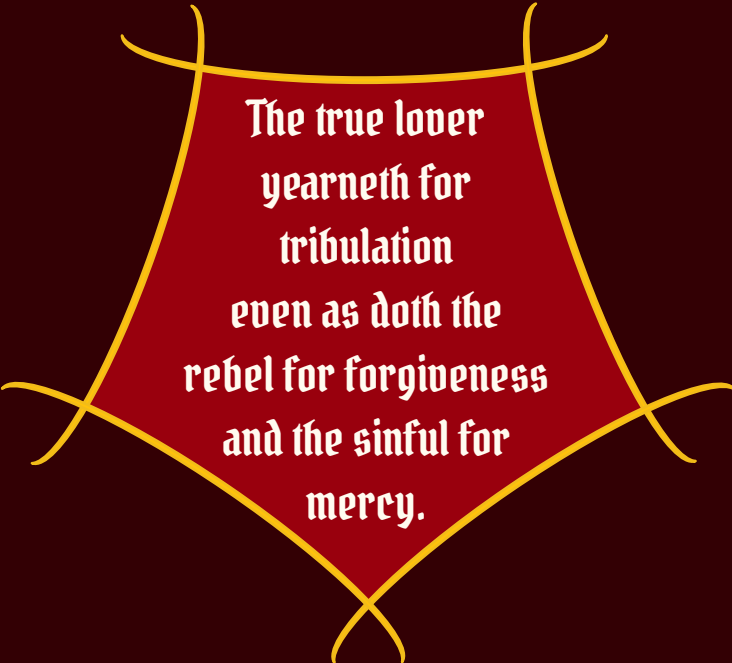
*O Son of Man!
For everything
there is a sign.
The sign of love is
fortitude under
My decree and
patience under
My trials.*



Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 48



O Son of Man!



**The true lover
yearneth for
tribulation
even as doth the
rebel for forgiveness
and the sinful for
mercy.**

Bahá'u'lláh

**The Hidden Words,
Arabic 49**



O Son of Man!

*If adversity befall thee not
in My path, how canst
thou walk in the ways of
them that are content
with My pleasure? If trials
afflict thee not in thy
longing to meet Me, how
wilt thou attain the light
in thy love for My beauty?*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 50

✦ O Son of Man! ✦

My calamity is My
providence,
outwardly it is fire
and vengeance, but
inwardly it is light
and mercy. Hasten
thereunto that thou
mayest become an
eternal light and an
immortal spirit.
This is My command
unto thee, do thou
observe it.

✦ -Bahá'u'lláh- ✦

The Hidden Words,
Arabic 51

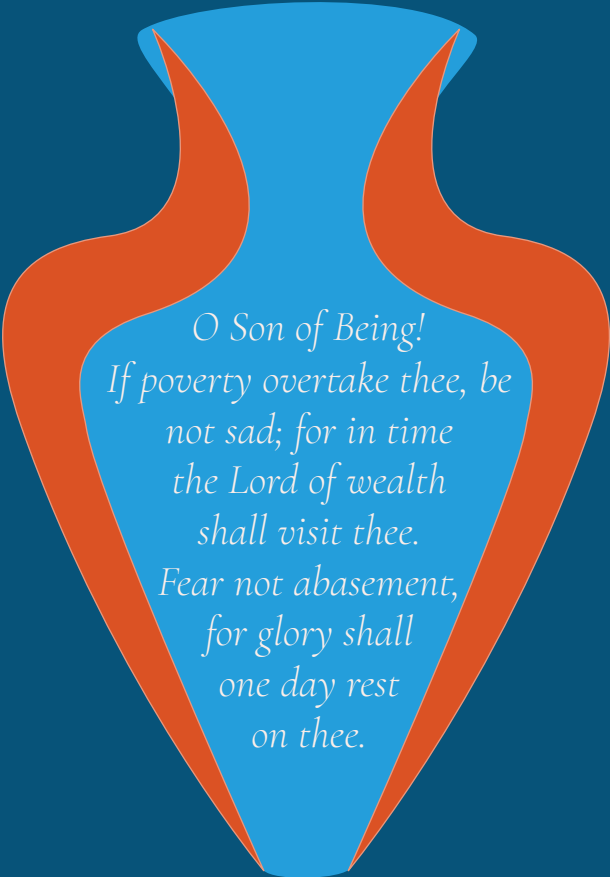


O Son of Man!

*Should prosperity befall thee, rejoice
not, and should abasement come
upon thee, grieve not, for both shall
pass away and be no more.*

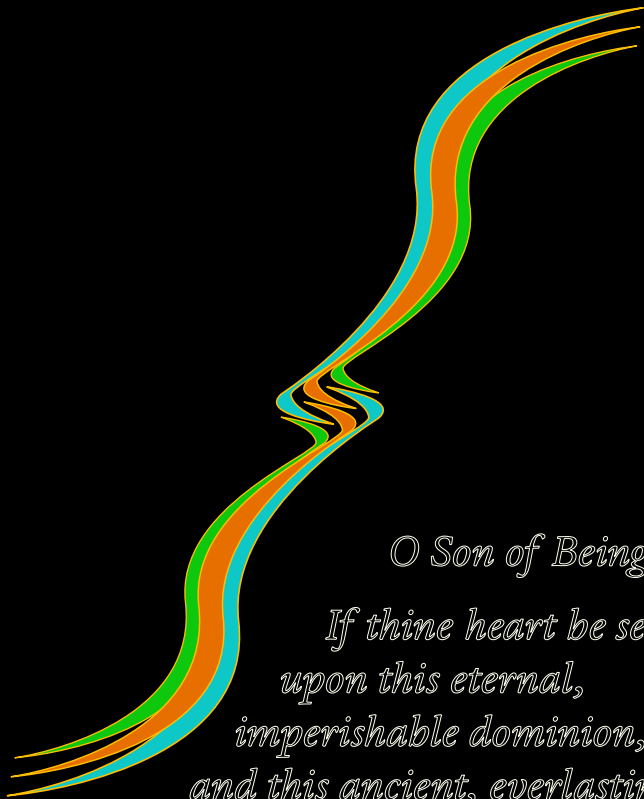
Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 52



*O Son of Being!
If poverty overtake thee, be
not sad; for in time
the Lord of wealth
shall visit thee.
Fear not abasement,
for glory shall
one day rest
on thee.*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words, Arabic 53



O Son of Being!
If thine heart be set
upon this eternal,
imperishable dominion,
and this ancient, everlasting
life, forsake this mortal and
fleeting sovereignty.

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words, Arabic 54

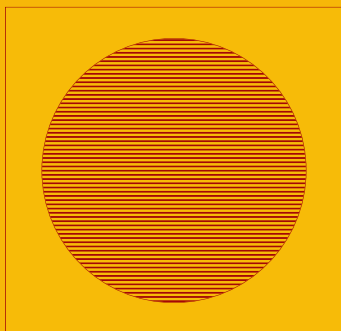


O Son of
Being!

*Busy not thyself with
this world, for with fire
We test the gold, and
with gold We test Our
servants.*

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The Hidden Words, Arabic 55

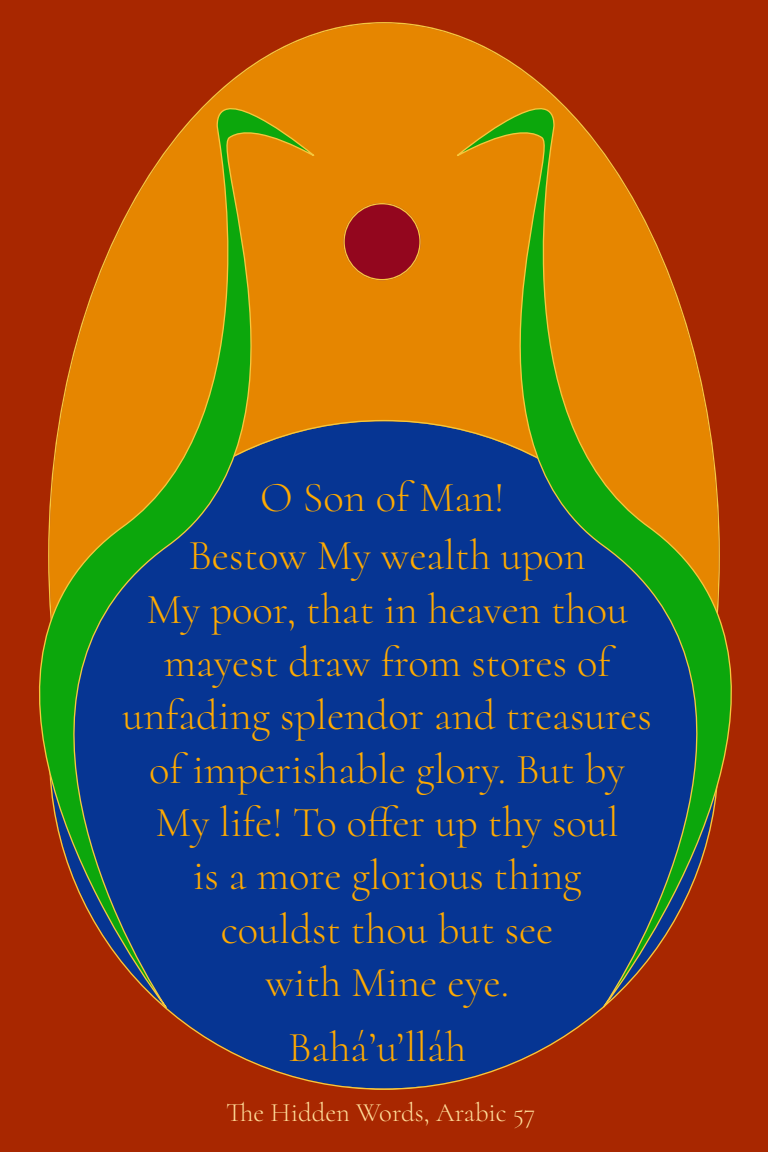


O Son of Man!

Thou dost wish for gold and I desire thy freedom from it. Thou thinkest thyself rich in its possession, and I recognize thy wealth in thy sanctity therefrom. By My life! This is My knowledge, and that is thy fancy; how can My way accord with thine?

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 26



O Son of Man!
Bestow My wealth upon
My poor, that in heaven thou
mayest draw from stores of
unfading splendor and treasures
of imperishable glory. But by
My life! To offer up thy soul
is a more glorious thing
couldst thou but see
with Mine eye.

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○ Son of Man!

*The temple of being is My
throne; cleanse it of all
things, that there I may be
established and there
I may abide.*



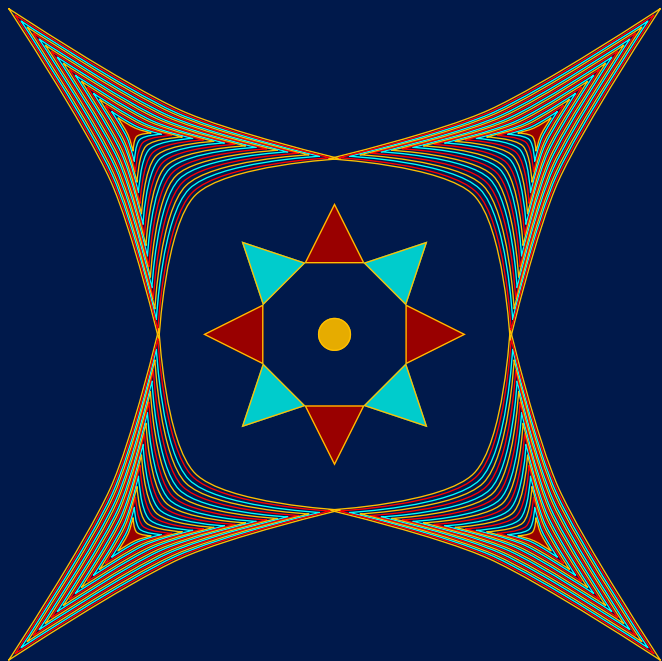
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The Hidden Words, Arabic 58



*O Son of Being!
Thy heart is My home; sanctify
it for My descent. Thy spirit is
My place of revelation; cleanse
it for My manifestation.*

*Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words, Arabic 59*



O Son of Man!

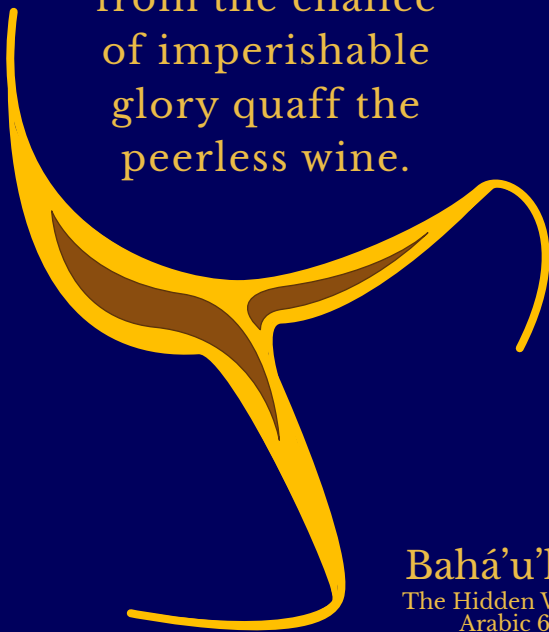
*Put thy hand into My bosom
that I may rise above thee
radiant and resplendent.*

Bahá'u'lláh

*The Hidden Words,
Arabic 60*

O Son of Man!

Ascend unto My
heaven, that thou
mayest obtain
the joy of
reunion, and
from the chalice
of imperishable
glory quaff the
peerless wine.



Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 61

O Son of Man!

*Many a day hath
passed over thee
whilst thou hast
busied thyself with
thy fancies and idle
imaginings. How
long art thou to
slumber on thy bed?
Lift up thy head from
slumber, for the Sun
hath risen to the
zenith, haply it may
shine upon thee with
the light of beauty.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 62

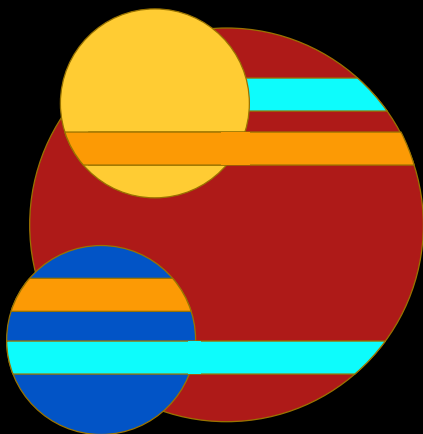


O Son of Man!

*The light hath shone on thee from
the horizon of the sacred Mount
and the spirit of enlightenment
hath breathed in the Sinai of thy
heart. Wherefore, free thyself
from the veils of idle fancies and
enter into My court, that thou
mayest be fit for everlasting life
and worthy to meet Me. Thus
may death not come upon thee,
neither weariness nor trouble.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 68

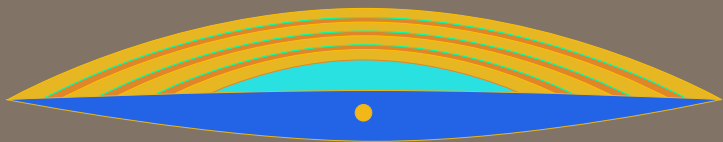


O Son of Man!

*My eternity is My creation, I
have created it for thee. Make it
the garment of thy temple. My
unity is My handiwork; I have
wrought it for thee; clothe thyself
therewith, that thou mayest be to
all eternity the revelation of My
everlasting being.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 64



O Son of Man!

*My majesty is My gift to thee,
and My grandeur the token of
My mercy unto thee. That which
beseemeth Me none shall under-
stand, nor can anyone recount.*

*Verily, I have preserved it in My
hidden storehouses and in the
treasuries of My command, as a
sign of My loving-kindness unto
My servants and My mercy unto
My people.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 65



*O Children of the Divine and
Invisible Essence!*

*Ye shall be hindered from loving Me
and souls shall be perturbed as they
make mention of Me. For minds cannot
grasp Me nor hearts contain Me.*

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 66

O Son of Beauty!

By My spirit and by My favor!
By My mercy and by My beauty!

All that I have revealed unto
thee with the tongue of power,
and have written for thee with
the pen of might, hath been in
accordance with thy capacity
and understanding,
not with My state and
the melody of
My voice.

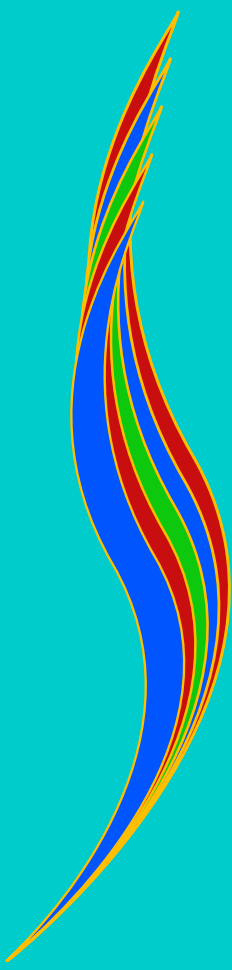
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Arabic 67

O Children of Men!

Know ye not why We created you all from the same dust? That no one should exalt himself over the other. Ponder at all times in your hearts how ye were created. Since We have created you all from one same substance it is incumbent on you to be even as one soul, to walk with the same feet, eat with the same mouth and dwell in the same land, that from your inmost being, by your deeds and actions, the signs of oneness and the essence of detachment may be made manifest. Such is My counsel to you, O concourse of light! Heed ye this counsel that ye may obtain the fruit of holiness from the tree of wondrous glory.

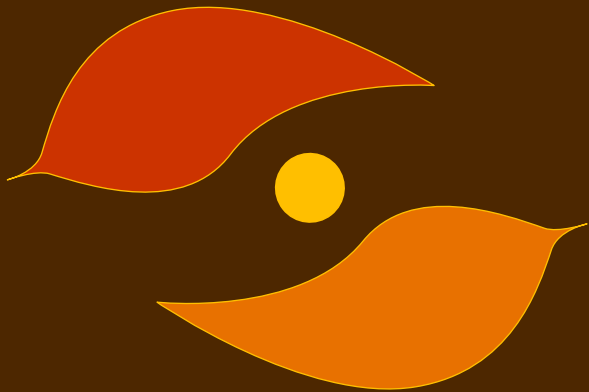
Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 68



*O Ye Sons of Spirit!
Ye are My treasury,
for in you I have
treasured the pearls
of My mysteries and
the gems of My
knowledge. Guard
them from the
strangers amidst My
servants and from
the ungodly amongst
My people.*

Bahá'u'lláh
The Hidden Words,
Arabic 69

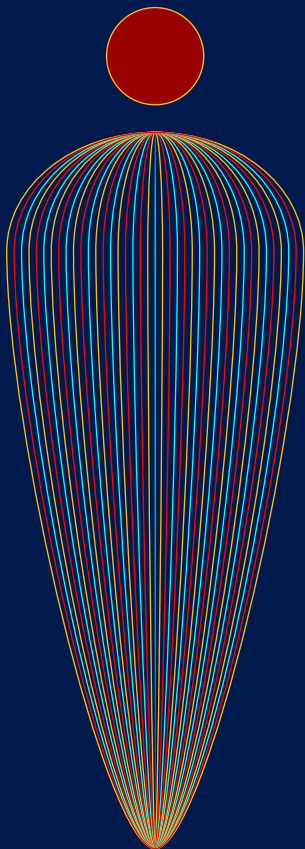


*O Son of Him that Stood by His Own
Entity in the Kingdom of His Self!*

*Know thou, that I have wafted unto
thee all the fragrances of holiness,
have fully revealed to thee My word,
have perfected through thee My
bounty and have desired for thee that
which I have desired for My Self. Be
then content with My pleasure and
thankful unto Me.*

Bahá'u'lláh

*The Hidden Words,
Arabic 70*



O Son of Man!

Write all that We have revealed unto thee with the ink of light upon the tablet of thy spirit. Should this not be in thy power, then make thine ink of the essence of thy heart. If this thou canst not do, then write with that crimson ink that hath been shed in My path. Sweeter indeed is this to Me than all else, that its light may endure forever.

Bahá'u'lláh

The Hidden Words, Arabic 71