

the bountiful Ocean of immortality in a single draught and we lament the desire for a single drop thereof and remain entrapped in the snares of a hundred thousand afflictive trials. Otherwise, that detached soul ascended to the Kingdom of Grandeur with such tidings of a great victory that stirred the realities of all things to motion. The thirsty fish found its way to the ocean of Mercy, and the silent caged bird took its flight and soared in the orchard of divinity singing upon the twigs of Oneness with the utmost eloquence. He was transient in the realm of dust; he became a brilliant scintillating star in the zenith of the heavens. He was displaced in the west of nothingness; he manifested as a radiant star in the east of exitance. He was delivered from the world of darkness and took his abode in the Divine Shelter; he was captured in the realm of dust, but he was liberated in the Highest Heavens; a captive of earthly prison but manifested with distinction in the Divine Mansions.

There are no other bestowals and gracious favours more complete! If the people in the world of dust only comprehended the station of such a star of the Exalted Kingdom, I swear by

Also known in Greek as the Oxus River and in Persian as Amu daya is the longest river in Southwest Asia. Originating from the Pamir Mountains, this 1,500 miles long transboundary river is shared by the countries of Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan and finally drains into the southern remnants of the Aral Sea.

2 Tajikistan and America, symbolical of the expanse of the area!

Martyrs of the Dispensations of the Bab and Baha'u'llah
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the True Friend, they would not find rest and tranquillity in this mortal world for even a single moment, but rather, they would most ardently hasten to the field of loving sacrifice and offer their soul and body in the path of the Beloved. Alas the eyes are blind, and the hearts are veiled in complete darkness! As such the honor of this station and the nobility of this rank remain concealed from the sight of men so that no unconscientious and unworthy soul attains to comprehension of that Mighty and Resplendent Kingdom. And no one drunk on haughtiness may

partake of the cup
of purity, nor may any deprived soul become privy to the divine mysteries of
the All-Sufficing Lord
nor may any lifeless one burning with the flame of pride and ignorance, shed
light. The wretched
sparrow does not fly with the nightingale of faithfulness, and the spiteful
crow should not spread
its wings imitating the majestic unfurling feathers of a peacock in praise of
the Lord. For the birds
of holiness take flight in the divine garden, while the crows of deprivation
find shelter in the thorny
bushes of this world.

Therefore, as the signs of that guiding star, and the banners of that commander
of
loyalty, thou must tread the path of thy noble father. Exercise patience and
detachment and
place thy reliance and trust in God. Console his family and relations and give
the tidings of
infinite hope and assurance to the bereaved so that all may, with weeping eyes,
give thanks to
the Lord, saying 4: O peerless Lord! Praise be unto Thee for enkindling that
light and adorning
it anew within the crystal globe of the Most Exalted Realm, and for having
granted that loyal
bird of faithfulness shelter in the Abhá Kingdom. Thou hast united that
bountiful stream with
the Mighty Ocean and restored that radiant ray of light to the Sun of Truth.
That captive of
remoteness has been granted entry into the garden of nearness, and he who
yearned for reunion
was guided to the resplendent assemblage to attain the Divine Presence.

Thou art the Lord of loving kindness, Thou art the ultimate goal of every
yearning heart
and Thou art the dearest wish of the martyrs' souls. 5

‘Abdu’l-Bahá

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