

# Quotation Memorization Handout for Book 1

The following quotations are to be memorized during Ruhi Book 1: Reflections on the Life of the Spirit.

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## Unit 1: Understanding the Bahá'í Writings

### Section 1

"The betterment of the world can be accomplished through pure and goodly deeds, through commendable and seemly conduct...."

(Bahá'u'lláh, cited in The Advent of Divine Justice pp.24-25)

"Beware, O people of Bahá, lest ye walk in the ways of them whose words differ from their deeds."

(Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, CXXXIX, p.305)

"O Son of Being! Bring thyself to account each day ere thou art summoned to a reckoning..."

(Bahá'u'lláh, The Hidden Words – Arabic No. 31)

"Say, O brethren! Let deeds, not words, be your adorning."

(Bahá'u'lláh, The Hidden Words – Persian No. 5)

"Holy words and pure and goodly deeds ascend unto the heaven of celestial glory."

(Bahá'u'lláh, The Hidden Words – Persian No. 69)

### Section 5

"A kindly tongue is the lodestone of the hearts of men. It is the bread of the spirit, it clotheth the words with meaning, it is the fountain of the light of wisdom and understanding."

(Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, CXXXII, p. 289)

"O ye beloved of the Lord! In this sacred Dispensation, conflict and contention are in no wise permitted. Every aggressor deprives himself of God's grace."

(‘Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahá'í World Faith – ‘Abdu'l-Bahá Section, p. 445)

"Nothing whatever can, in this Day, inflict a greater harm upon this Cause than dissension and strife, contention, estrangement and apathy, among the loved ones of God."

(Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, V, p. 9)

"Do not be content with showing friendship in words alone, let your heart burn with loving kindness for all who may cross your path."

(‘Abdu'l-Bahá, Paris Talks, p. 16)

"When a thought of war comes, oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love."

(‘Abdu'l-Bahá, Paris Talks, p. 29)

## **Section 7**

"...backbiting quencheth the light of the heart, and extinguisheth the life of the soul."

(Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, CXXV, p.265)

"Breathe not the sins of others so long as thou art thyself a sinner."

(Bahá'u'lláh, The Hidden Words – Arabic No. 27)

"Speak no evil, that thou mayest not hear it spoken unto thee, and magnify not the faults of others that thine own faults may not appear great..."

(Bahá'u'lláh, The Hidden Words – Persian No. 44)

"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 No. 26)

## **Unit 2: Prayer**

### **Section 6**

"O God, my God! Look not upon my hopes and my doings, nay rather look upon Thy will that hath encompassed the heavens and the earth. By Thy Most Great Name, O Thou Lord of all nations! I have desired only what Thou didst desire, and love only what Thou dost love."

(Bahá'u'lláh, Prayers and Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh, p. 318)

"Make my prayer, O my Lord, a fountain of living waters whereby I may live as long as Thy sovereignty endureth, and may make mention of Thee in every world of Thy worlds."

(Bahá'u'lláh, Prayers and Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh, p. 318)

"Too high art Thou for the praise of those who are nigh unto Thee to ascend unto the heaven of Thy nearness, or for the birds of the hearts of them who are devoted to Thee to attain to the door of Thy gate. I testify that Thou hast been sanctified above all attributes and holy above all names. No God is there but Thee, the Most Exalted, the All-Glorious."

(Bahá'u'lláh, Prayers and Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh, p. 320)

### **UNIT 3 – Life And Death**

No quotations to memorize.