

Eulogy for the Prophet Muḥammad

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Praise be to God Who sent down from the heaven of signification the bounties of exposition, and Who made the fruits of knowledge manifest from the Lote-Tree of eloquence.

Exalted, immeasurably exalted, is He Who uttered a word which He made—to each its own station—a speaking book; a cutting sword; a luminous light; and a wondrous garden; and all did He bid to draw nigh thereunto. Those who have recognized Him have attained unto salvation, whilst those who have rejected Him are accounted among such as shall perish in a perspicuous book.

I wish all blessing and peace upon the First Point revealed from the Mother Book, the first utterance manifest from the will of our Lord, the All-Merciful. He it is Who was named Muḥammad in Malakút, Aḥmad in Jabarút, and in Láhút, all the beauteous names and sublime attributes belong to Him, inasmuch as God hath made Him a mirror of His names, His attributes, His manifestation, His appearance, His revelations, His will and His behest.

He it is Who hath ever proclaimed the Divine Oneness, and hath ever spoken forth in the name of God in the realm of transcendence.

And (may blessings and peace likewise rest) upon His family and His companions, through whom the stronghold of exposition was reared in the contingent realm, and through whom the ensign

الحمد لله الذي أنزل من سماء المعاني
فواكه البيان وأظهر من سدرة التّبيان
أثمار العرفان، تعالى تعالى من نطق
بكلمة وجعلها في مقام كتابًا ناطقًا وفي
مقام سيفًا قاطعًا وفي مقام نورًا لميعة وفي
مقام رياضًا بديعًا، وأمر الكلّ بالتّقرب
اليها، من أقبل إنه ممّن نجى ومن أعرض
إنه من الهالكين في كتاب مبين. أصلي
وأسلم على أول نقطة ظهرت من أمّ
الكتاب وأول بيان برز من مشية ربنا
الرّحمن، الذي سمّي في الملكوت بمحمّد
صلّى الله عليه وسلّم وفي الجبروت بأحمد
وفي اللاهوت له الأسماء الحسنى
والصفات العليا، لأنّ الله جعله مرآة
لأسمائه وصفاته وظهوره وبروزه
وشؤوناته ومشيته وإرادته، إنّه لم يزل
كان ناطقًا بكلمة التّوحيد ومناديًا باسم الله
في عالم التّجريد، وعلى آله وأصحابه
الذين بهم بني حصن البيان في الإمكان
وارتفع علم التّوحيد على الأعلام، أولئك
عباد فضّلهم الله على خلقه وجعلهم سرّجا

of God's Unity was exalted above all other standards. They are the servants whom God favored over all His creation, whom He made to be lamps amidst His lands, and hands of His Cause amongst His servants....

في بلاده وأيدي أمره بين عباده...

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