

# DOES GOD LOVE ME?



Quotes from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh

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## Foreword

The publication of this collection of Bahá'u'lláh's quotes has its roots in a simple act of friendship, prayer, and service.

In April 2009, James A. Williams and his dear friend, Ms. Lynda Tae Reed, arranged to pray together by telephone as a support for Ms. Reed, whose health was failing.

What began quietly as spiritual support between two friends, soon grew into something far larger than they could have imagined. Today, nearly two decades after their first “prayer call,” that daily call continues.

Over the years, hundreds of participants from around the world have joined this daily devotional gathering—creating a “virtual House of Worship” —a sacred space without walls, where souls meet in prayer, reflection, fellowship, and remembrance of God.

It was within this devotional setting that James first shared the passages contained in this book. Each quotation speaks to a deeply human question: ***Does God love me?***

Thoughtfully curated by James, these words of Bahá'u'lláh offer a powerful meditation on the love of the Creator for the human soul—on our creation, our nobility, our spiritual identity, and the divine light placed within every one of us.

This small volume preserves that compilation so that it may now be shared more widely, carrying forward the same spirit in which it was first offered: as a source of comfort, reflection, encouragement, and deepening.

With gratitude for James A. Williams, and in loving memory of Lynda Tae Reed, and for all those who have gathered faithfully on “the prayer call” through the years.

—Kathleen Cross





“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.”

— The Hidden Words, Arabic no. 3

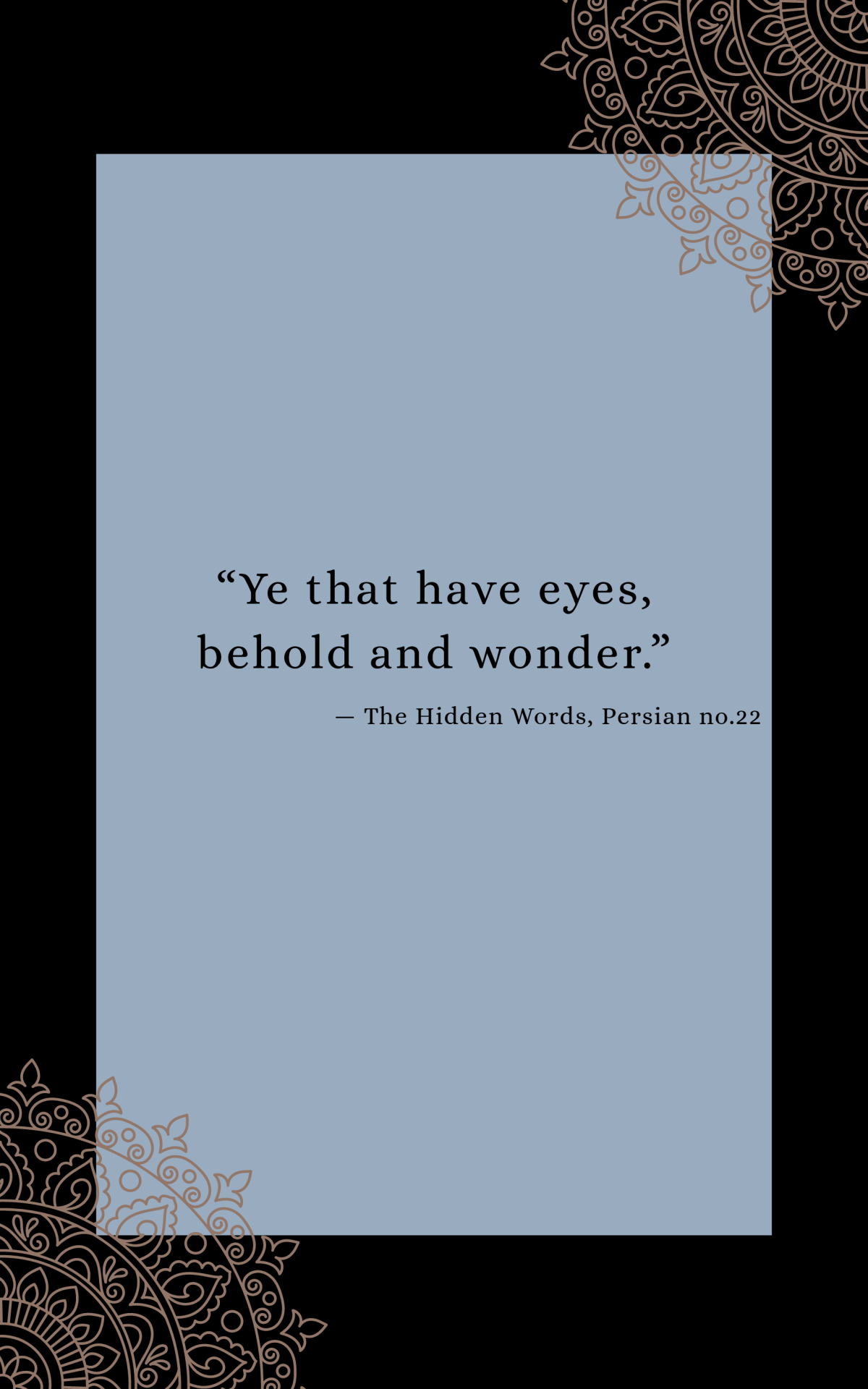




“O MY FRIENDS! Have ye  
forgotten that true and  
radiant morn, when in  
those hallowed and  
blessed surroundings ye  
were all gathered in My  
presence beneath the  
shade of the tree of life,  
which is planted in the  
all-glorious paradise?”

— The Hidden Words, Persian no. 19





“Ye that have eyes,  
behold and wonder.”

— The Hidden Words, Persian no.22



“All that is in heaven and  
earth I have ordained  
for thee, except the  
human heart,  
which I have made the  
habitation of My  
beauty and glory...”

— The Hidden Words, Persian no.27





“Out of the wastes of  
nothingness, with the  
clay of My command  
I made thee to appear,  
and have ordained for  
thy training every atom  
in existence and the  
essence of all  
created things.”

— The Hidden Words, Persian no.29





“With the hands of  
loving kindness I have  
planted in the holy  
garden of paradise the  
young tree of your love  
and friendship and have  
watered it with the  
goodly showers of My  
tender grace...”

— The Hidden Words, Persian no.34





“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.”

— The Hidden Words, Arabic no.12





“I created thee rich...”

“Noble I made thee...”

“Out of the essence of  
knowledge I gave  
thee being...”

— The Hidden Words, Arabic no. 13





“Thou art My dominion  
and My dominion  
perisheth not...”

“Thou art My light and  
My light shall never be  
extinguished...”

“Thou art My glory and  
My glory fadeth not...”

“Thou art My robe and  
My robe shall never be  
outworn...”

— The Hidden Words, Arabic no. 13





“I have breathed within  
thee a breath of My own  
spirit, that thou mayest  
be My lover...”

— The Hidden Words, Arabic no. 14





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