

Extract from a Tablet of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

There are two Books: One is the Book of Creation and the other is the written Book. The written Book consisteth of the heavenly Books which are revealed to the Prophets of God and have issued forth from the lips of His Manifestations. The Book of Creation is the preserved Tablet and the outspread roll of existence. The Book of Creation is in accord with the written Book. In the written Book thou canst find chapters and verses, words and letters; and inner meanings and mysteries are hidden therein. Likewise the Book of Creation is the command of God and the repository of divine mysteries. In it there are great signs, universal images, perfect words, exalted symbols, and secrets of all things, whether of the past or of the future.

When thou readest the written Book thou wilt become aware of the mysteries of God, but when thou gazest at the Book of Creation thou wilt observe the signs, symbols, realities, and reflections of the hidden mysteries of the bounties of His Holiness the Incomparable One....

It is thus clear and evident that in the world of the Holy Writ there are letters, words, and verses, and likewise in the world of creation there are letters, words, and verses....

The essence of our meaning is that creation is in accord with the written word, and this is certain.

—‘Abdu’l-Bahá