

He is the Eternal.

Ḥusayn, son of ‘Ayn¹

Wealth and children are the adornment of this present life; but good works, which are lasting, are better in the sight of thy Lord as to recompense, and better as to hope.²

This son hath been an adornment of the Most Exalted Paradise and we see him now, through God’s grace and bounty, engaged in sightseeing³ in the heavenly realms.

—Bahá’u’lláh

- 1 Inscription on the tombstone of Ḥusayn, son of the beloved Master. ‘Ayn is the first letter of his Father’s name, ‘Abbás. ←
- 2 Cf. Qur’án 18:46. ←
- 3 In the original Persian Bahá’u’lláh makes a fond play on the word “tamáshá” which means “sightseeing”, a word which the little child mispronounced as “tabáshá”, which has no meaning. Thus in the inscription: “we see Our ‘tabáshá’ now engaged in ‘tamáshá’ in the heavenly realms”. ←

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