

instantly I saw the Blessed Beauty as an incredibly bright and dazzling Light and so intense was my experience of this Light that I fell and lost consciousness. All I recall is that He said: "fee Amanil'lah" which means go with God's safety.

The servants were able to drag me to the corridor and subsequently to the pilgrim house. I could not eat or sleep for two days after. What happened is as if I beheld His overwhelming Presence everywhere I went and I constantly was telling the other pilgrims that He is here.

My other fellow pilgrims got tired of me and asked 'Abdu'l-Bahá to help me. After another two days again the servant came back and took me to Bahá'u'lláh's presence. When I attained His presence, He poured forth loving kindness and gracious utterance. He bade me be seated.

Then Baha'u'llah said: Janaab e Muhammad Quli Khan! The Manifestations of the Divine Essence are forced to appear in human attire and clothes. If Their true Being that which is behind the veil of concealment if that were to appear then all humanity like your good self will lose consciousness and swoon to the unconscious realm. Then Bahá'u'lláh went on: "Do you know how parrots are taught to speak?" I bowed and said: "I do not know".

Bahá'u'lláh explained: "The parrot owners have a parrot within a cage. Then they bring a big mirror in front of the cage. And then a man hides behind the mirror and starts repeating phrases and talking...The parrot sees that there is another parrot identical to itself talking in the cage in front (reflected in the mirror) and imagining that it is the reflected parrot that is doing the talking it too starts mimicking and learns to speak. Now if the person who is actually behind the mirror should reveal himself from the start, then the parrot will never learn to speak. It is thus that the Manifestations of the Divine should come into the world in human attire and human clothes so that They will not frighten mankind with Their awesome Being..."

This man was an utterly transformed being on his return from attaining Bahá'u'lláh's presence and to the end of his days was engaged in teaching others and he attained spiritual insight and predicted the night of his own departure from this earthly realm.

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