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Dear Colleague,

GIVING – God, in His infinite mercy, gave Man humility to receive His divinity. It is only in the receptacle of humility that divinity is received and human beings become divine to the extent they receive it and it is only in the process of Giving and receiving that divinity flows. It is only in the act of Giving and receiving that life becomes a process; a process which is so wholesome, so embracing and so valuable; a process in quality and a process in infinity, a process from which we came into being and into which we are consumed; a process which is fusion of God's divinity and Man's humility. It is in the medium of Giving that life flows into life and God's divinity in all its embracing fullness, shines and rains softly, smoothly and blissfully on His creation.

It is in the conjunction of divinity, Giving and humility that creativity and creation is sustained – Giving remains at the centre of life.

Knowingly and unknowingly we have been Giving and receiving ever since the moment of our birth. In the innocence and purity of our infancy, we received and gave love, comfort and hope. As we have been maturing, our best Giving has always been of quality only when we gave in innocence and purity and humility. **Here may I request you to ask a question to yourself as to what is the intensity in your desire to Give, how many times and how much you Give every day and what is the quality of your Giving.**

The world, sometimes, has its own way of degrading the quality of Giving. We are often hurt and we often hurt by unconscious and careless Giving. And this is every day eroding our innocence and purity and we are losing our wisdom, as innocence and purity alone receives the wisdom of God and it alone makes the quality of life.

For some time, I have grown to fear the power of negative Giving. I have suffered with anguish and my soul has cried in pain when I have felt and seen human beings unconsciously inflicting pain on others by Giving hate, by Giving jealousy, by Giving envy and by Giving intolerance. I have seen the damage and misery which comes from Giving prejudice and dislike. I have seen and felt with dismay the quality of Giving being negated by a negative attitude to life. I have also seen and felt, with heavenly peace, the full glory in the halo of positive Giving; Giving love, Giving happiness, Giving humility and Giving hope.

Today, in a world so precariously balanced between conflict and cooperation, between prejudice and faith, between love and hate, I am sure you will all agree from the depth of your conviction that it is in the delicate balance of the quality of Giving that the quality of its order and existence will survive.

I request you, the 11,000 members of BCC family, the 11,000 servants of God, the 11,000 missionaries of humility, love, hope and Giving to Give as much of all this as you can and to Give every moment as you breathe and as you exist.

I pray to our most merciful and beneficent God to Give you the true meaning of Giving; so you make BCC a loving Village and each one of its parts a caring neighbourhood; so you make BCC a Ship of unmatched beauty and unending love, success and GIVING that would sail towards the farthest shores of humanity.

May God bless you and your family.

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Agha Hasan Abedi'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping underline.

Agha Hasan Abedi

Please do acknowledge my letter after you have given the 3½% of your salary, which you will shortly receive, for the Giving Year 1984.

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19th March 1982

Dear Colleague,

During our Conference at Geneva on the 20th and 21st February and another conference following it at London on the 6th March, we added yet another dimension to the evolution of our corporate identity. Besides our determination to build up BCC in line with the best standards of banking by our will, vision and quality, we decided to build up the BCC family on a foundation which is the very essence of life, i.e. God and "Giving".

When you travel on the road to giving yourself to God and His humanity, your soul travels towards freedom and life is rewarded by its purpose. Giving is the medium on the balance of which rests your existence. Giving is silent. It is soft and serene. It glows.

Giving is an instinct within you which is tender and luminous.

I am reproducing some of the thoughts of Khalil Gibran, the great poet, artist and philosopher on giving. The flame of his feelings and the power of his expression would surely illuminate your own inherent desire to give.

Our theme for '82 is "Giving".

And as BCC has always endeavoured to care for your spiritual and psychological needs, no less than your material requirements, it has been decided to implement the theme of '82 by initiating the process of giving. You will be paid two and a half per cent of your present salary for the year on the 8th April for giving to any individual or cause in fulfilment of your instinct and good judgement.

I shall be very happy if you acknowledge this letter and with my best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,



Then said a rich man, Speak to us of Giving.

And he answered:

You give but little when you give of your possession.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

There are those who give little of the much which they have -
and they give it for recognition and their hidden desire makes
their gift unwholesome.

And there are those who have little and give it all.

These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their
coffer is never empty.

There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.

And there are those who give with pain and that pain is their baptism.

And there are those who give and know not pain in giving, nor do they
seek joy, nor give with mindfulness of virtue;

They give as in yonder valley the myrtle breathes its fragrance into
space.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their
eyes He smiles upon the Earth.

It is well to give when asked, but it is better to give unasked,
through understanding;

All you have shall some day be given;

Therefore, give now that the season of giving may be yours and not
your inheritors'.

You often say, 'I would give, but only to the deserving'.

The trees in your orchard say not so, nor the flock in your pasture.

They give that they may live, for to withhold is to perish.

And who are you that men should rend their bosom and unveil their pride,
that you may see their worth naked and their pride unabashed?

See first that you yourself deserve to be a giver, and an instrument
of giving.

For in truth it is life that gives unto life - while you who deem yourself
a giver, are but a witness.