



# FAITH AND CERTITUDE

*A POEM TO BEGIN WITH*

To walk where there is no path,  
To breathe where there is no air,  
To see where there is no light-  
This is Faith.

To cry out in the silence,  
The silence of the night,  
And hearing no echo believe  
And believe again and again  
This is Faith.

To hold pebbles and see jewels  
To raise sticks and see forests  
To smile with weeping eyes  
This is Faith.

*(Can accompany with "This is Faith" by Shadi Toloui-Wallace)*

To Say: 'God, I believe' when others deny,  
'I hear' when there is no answer,  
'I see' though naught is seen-  
This is Faith.

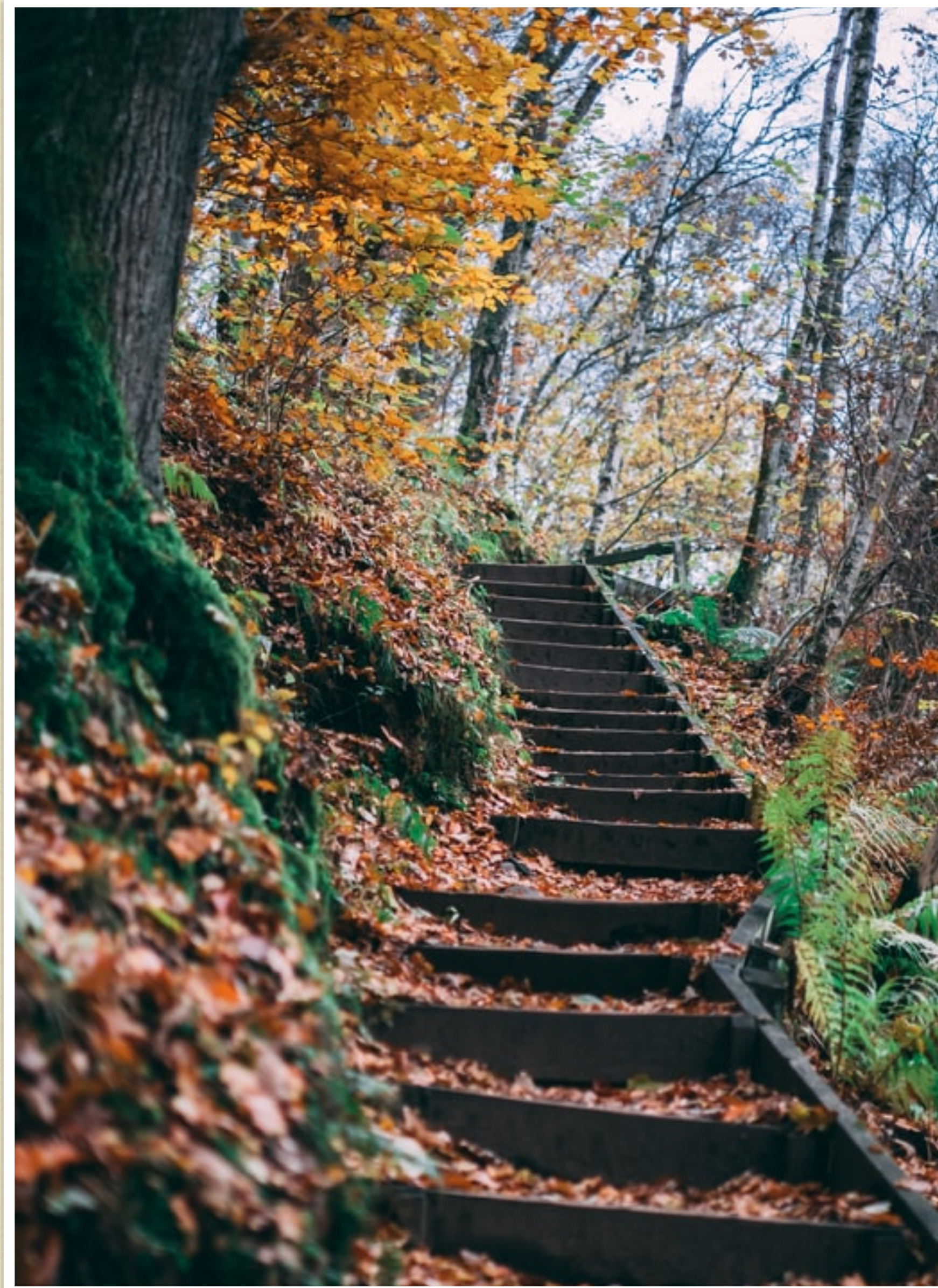
And the fierce love in the heart,  
The savage love that cries Hidden  
Thou art yet there!  
Veil thy face and mute thy tongue  
Yet I see and hear Thee, Love,  
Beat me down to the bare earth,  
Yet I rise and love Thee, Love!  
This is Faith.

*—Ruhiyyih Rabbani*

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Faith is a  
knowledge  
within the  
heart, beyond  
the reach of  
proof.

—*Khalil Gibran*



Faith is taking  
the first step  
even when you  
don't see the  
whole staircase.

—*Martin Luther King, Jr*

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**F**aith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right.

*—Max Lucado*

**A** man with a grain of faith in God never loses hope, because he ever believes in the ultimate triumph of Truth.

*—Mahatma Gandhi*

**I**f it can be verified, we don't need faith...Faith is for that which lies on the other side of reason. Faith is what makes life bearable, with all its tragedies and ambiguities and sudden, startling joys.

*—Madeleine L'Engle*

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**H**e it is Who hath unveiled to your eyes the treasures of His knowledge, and caused you to ascend unto the heaven of certitude—the certitude of His resistless, His irrefutable, and most exalted Faith. —*Bahá'u'lláh*

**H**ave I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.—*Joshua 1:9*

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**Y**ou alone we worship, you alone we ask for help.

— *The Quran*

**A**nd who so ever puts his trust in God, then He will suffice him. — *The Quran*

**F**aith means unflinching trust in something sublime. — *The Bhagavad Gita*

**I**f thou art a believer, thy faith shall be sufficient for thee above all things that exist on earth, even though thou possess nothing. — *The Báb*

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**F**or we walk by faith, not by sight.—*2 Corinthians 5:7*

**B**ut let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.—*James 1:6*

**A**nd now I give you a commandment that shall be for a covenant between you and me—that ye have faith; that your faith be steadfast as a rock that no earthly storms can move, that nothing can disturb, and that it endure through all things even to the end . . . As ye have faith so shall your powers and blessings be. This is the balance, this is the balance, this is the balance.

—*‘Abdu’l-Bahá*

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**T**HE essence of these words is this: they that tread the path of faith, they that thirst for the wine of certitude, must cleanse themselves of all that is earthly—their ears from idle talk, their minds from vain imaginings, their hearts from worldly affections, their eyes from that which perisheth. They should put their trust in God, and, holding fast unto Him, follow in His way. —*Bahá'u'lláh*

**G**rant that I may be confirmed in my allegiance to Thy Faith, and bestow upon me a fuller measure of certitude and assurance, that I may wholly dispense with the world, may turn my face with entire devotion towards Thy face... —*Abdu'l-Bahá*

**N**ow faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.  
—*Hebrews 11:1*

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**B**y faith is meant, first, conscious knowledge, and second, the practice of good deeds.—*‘Abdu’l-Bahá*

**I**n the same way, faith by itself, if it does not prove itself with actions, is dead.—*James 2:17*

**T**he essence of faith is fewness of words and abundance of deeds...—*Bahá’u’lláh*

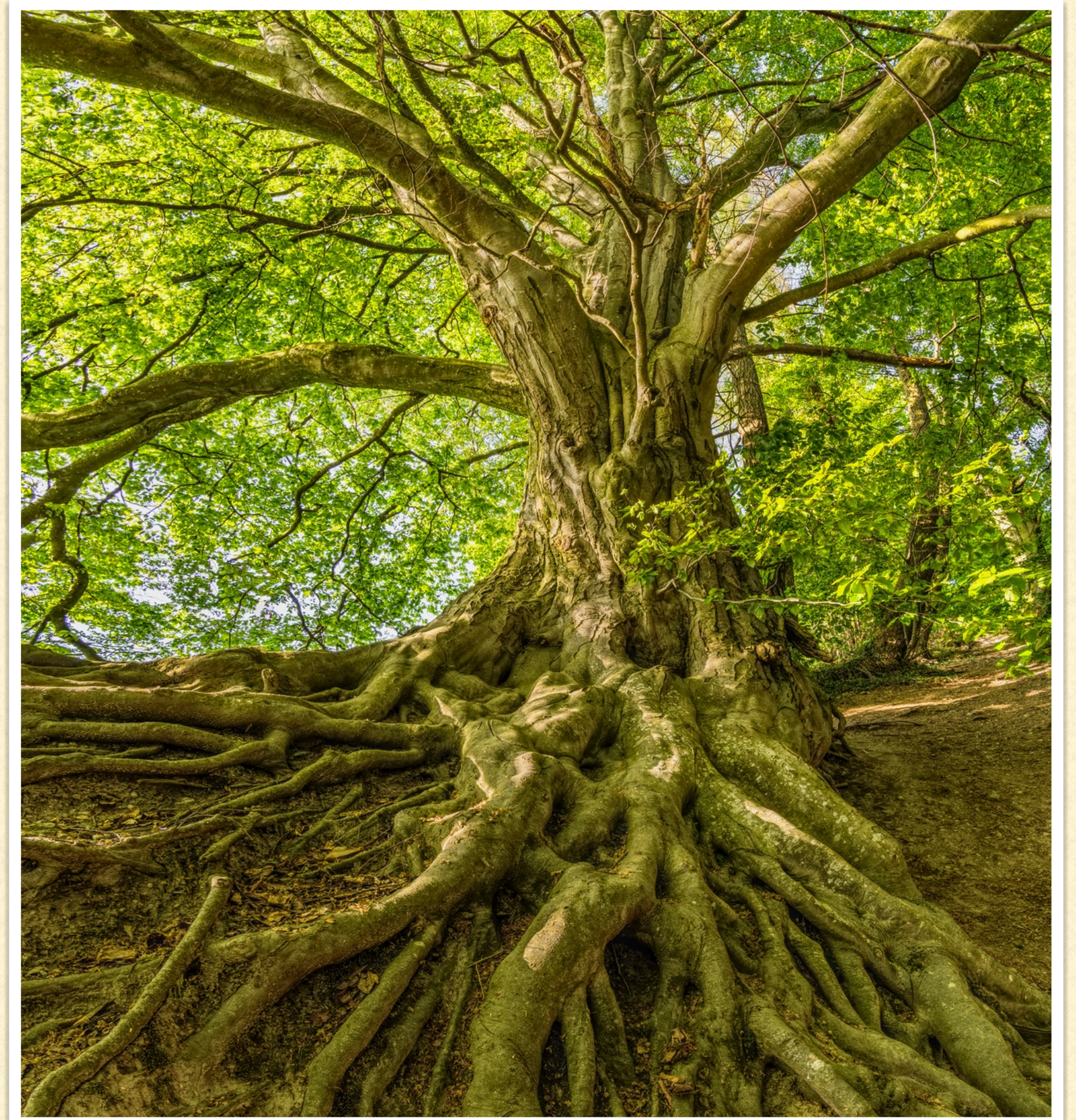
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**R**egard thou faith as a tree. Its fruits, leaves, boughs and branches are, and have ever been, trustworthiness, truthfulness, uprightness and forbearance.—*Bahá'u'lláh*

**T**he first sign of faith is love.—*‘Abdu’l-Bahá*

**O**n life's journey faith is nourishment, virtuous deeds are a shelter, wisdom is the light by day and right mindfulness is the protection by night. If a man lives a pure life, nothing can destroy him.—*Buddha*

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**T**hen shall the spirit of faith, through the grace of the Merciful, be breathed into thy being, and thou shalt be established and abide upon the seat of certitude.—*Bahá'u'lláh*