



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)

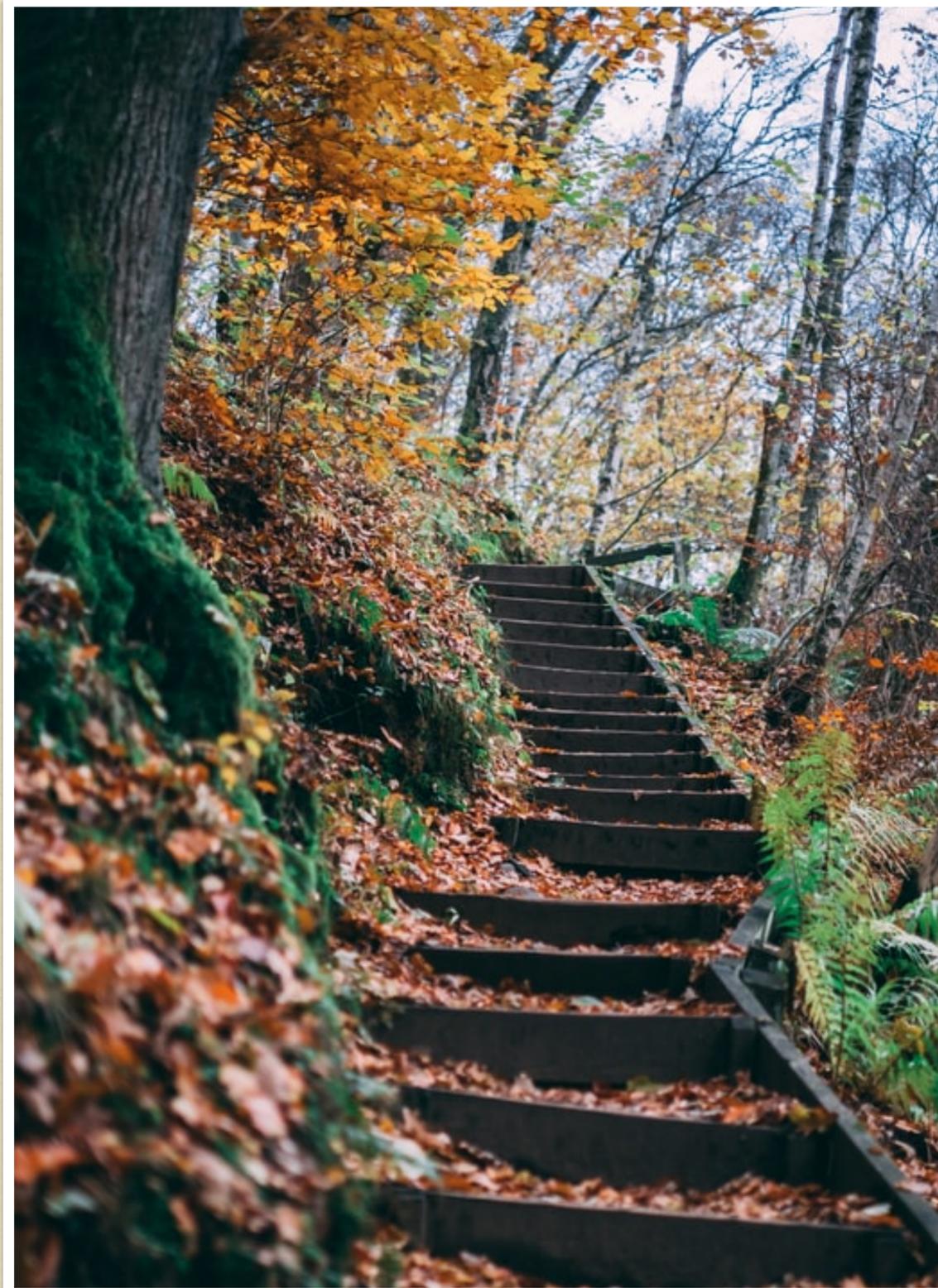
To Say: 'God, I believe' when others deny,
'I hear' when there is no answer,
'I see' though naught is seen-
This is Faith.

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

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*

Faith 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

If 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

He 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*

Have 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*

You alone we worship, you alone we ask for help.

— *The Quran*

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

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

If 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*



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

But 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*

And 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*

THE 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*

Grant 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*

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

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

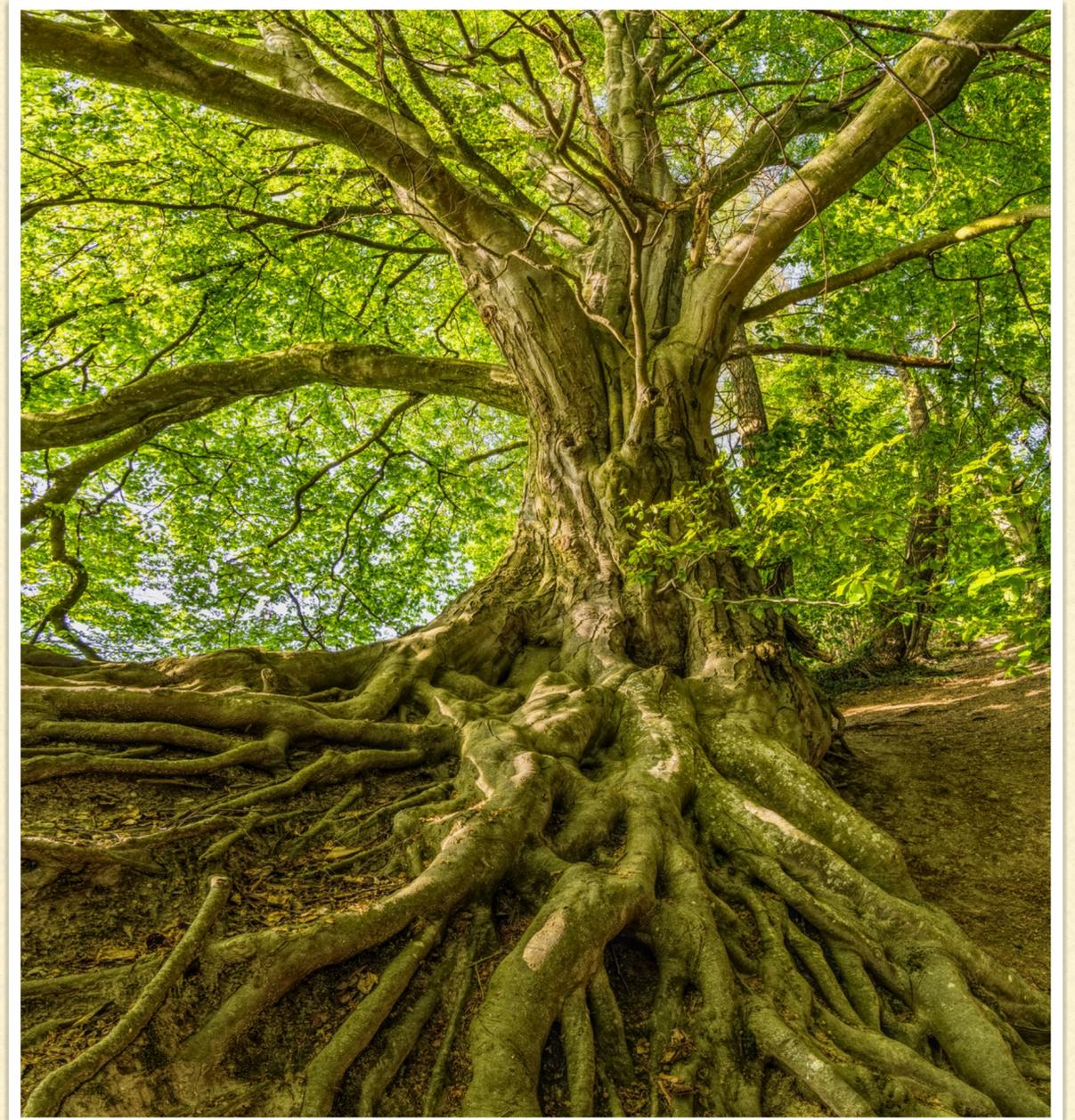
In the same way, faith by itself, if it does not prove itself with actions, is dead.—*James 2:17*

The essence of faith is fewness of words and abundance of deeds...—*Bahá’u’lláh*

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

The first sign of faith is love.—*‘Abdu’l-Bahá*

On 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*





Then 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*