

## Selections from the Writings of ,Abdu‘l-Bahá‘

Unless ye must,  
Bruise not the serpent in the dust,  
How much less wound a man.  
And if ye can,  
No ant should ye alarm,  
Much less a brother harm.

Train your children from their earliest days to be infinitely tender and loving to animals. If an animal be sick, let the children try to heal it, if it be hungry, let them feed it, if thirsty, let them quench its thirst, if weary, let them see that it rests.

Briefly, it is not only their fellow human beings that the beloved of God must treat with mercy and compassion; rather must they show forth the utmost loving-kindness to every living creature.

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