"Divorced from the institution of the Guardianship the World Order of Baha'u'llah would be mutilated and permanently deprived of *that hereditary principle* which, as 'Abdu'l-Baha has written, has been invariably upheld by the Law of God." (Shoghi Effendi, *World Order of Baha'u'llah*, p. 148)

February, March 2003

Dear X,

Thank you very much for writing back. I have also been extremely busy and I understand completely the delays of life which cause these events to be seemingly prolonged, for in the world of reality all things are accomplished at the God appointed hour and at no other time. For that reason this letter to you has also taken some time to write, as I have to steal away moments here and there from my busy schedule to find the time. Nevertheless, I trust you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and happy New Years.

First of all, I wanted to say that I don't feel that your request for additional info is "jumping through hoops" at all. Just the opposite! Baha'u'llah Himself urges us and compels us all to seek nothing less than 100% certitude in the truth and cautions us all that we must be absolutely certain (through the use of our intellect) in these all important matters of the Covenant. He warns us not to let emotions, feelings, irrelevant clutter, backbiting, the clamour of "others" or even love or hate incline us to error:

But, O my brother, when <u>a true seeker determineth</u> to take the step of search in the path leading to the knowledge of the Ancient of Days, he must, before all else, cleanse and purify his heart, which is the seat of the revelation of the inner mysteries of God, from the obscuring dust of all acquired knowledge, and the allusions of the embodiments of satanic fancy. He must purge his breast, which is the sanctuary of the abiding love of the Beloved, of every

defilement, and sanctify his soul from all that pertaineth to water and clay, from all shadowy and ephemeral attachments. He must so cleanse his heart that **no remnant** of either **love or hate** may linger therein, lest that love blindly incline him to error, or that hate repel him away from the truth. Even as thou dost witness in this day how most of the people, because of such love and hate, are bereft of the immortal Face, have strayed far from the Embodiments of the divine mysteries, and, shepherdless, are roaming through the wilderness of oblivion and error. That seeker must at all times put his trust in God, must renounce the peoples of the earth, detach himself from the world of dust, and cleave unto Him Who is the Lord of Lords. He must never seek to exalt himself above any one, must wash away from the tablet of his heart every trace of pride and vainglory, must cling unto patience and resignation, observe silence, and refrain from idle talk. For the tongue is a smouldering fire, and excess of speech a deadly poison. Material fire consumeth the body, whereas the fire of the tongue devoureth both heart and soul. The force of the former lasteth but for a time, whilst the effects of the latter endure a century.

That seeker should also regard backbiting as grievous error, and keep himself aloof from its dominion, inasmuch as backbiting quencheth the light of the heart, and extinguisheth the life of the soul. He should be content with little, and be freed from all inordinate desire. He should treasure the companionship of those that have renounced the world, and regard avoidance of boastful and worldly people a precious benefit. At the dawn of every day he should commune with God, and with all his soul persevere in the quest of his Beloved. He should consume every wayward thought with the flame of His loving mention, and, with the swiftness of lightning, pass by all else save Him. He should succour the dispossessed, and never withhold his favour from the destitute. He should show kindness to animals, how much more unto his fellow-man, to him who is endowed with the power of He should not hesitate to offer up his life for his Beloved, nor allow the censure of the people to turn him away from the Truth. He should not wish for others that which he doth not wish for himself, nor promise that which he doth not fulfill. With all his heart should the seeker avoid fellowship with evil doers, and pray for the remission of their sins. He should forgive

the sinful, and never despise his low estate, for none knoweth what his own end shall be. How often hath a sinner, at the hour of death, attained to the essence of faith, and, quaffing the immortal draught, hath taken his flight unto the celestial Concourse. And how often hath a devout believer, at the hour of his soul's ascension, been so changed as to fall into the nethermost fire. Our purpose in revealing these convincing and weighty utterances is to impress upon the seeker that he should regard all else beside God as transient, and count all things save Him, Who is the Object of all adoration, as utter nothingness.

These are among the attributes of the exalted, and constitute the hall-mark of the spiritually-minded. They have already been mentioned in connection with the requirements of the wayfarers that tread the *Path of Positive Knowledge*. (Baha'u'llah, *Kitab-i-Iqan*, pp. 192-195)

Therefore, I don't think any true believer in good conscience could ever construe that sacred duty to see the truth with our own eyes and not through the eyes of our neighbor as "jumping through hoops."

Bob, the "Path of Positive Knowledge" means the unequivocal and immediate acceptance of whatsoever it is that God has given and revealed at face value. For example in the material sciences such as physics, astronomy, geology, biology, etc... all progress and make great strides and inroads because their foundation is based upon "positive knowledge", meaning that which can be plainly observed and measured as a matter of pure fact that is part of reality. Baha'u'llah tells us that this is not only the path of true science but also that of true religion as well. Those who deviate from this path are of those who have gone astray and are lost. Thus in the case of Mason Remey, those who failed the test to see that he is the son that 'Abdu'l-Baha appointed to succeed him to the throne of David when he called him "My Dear Son" that is, "My Dear Aghsan" are, according to both the explicit provisions of the sacred Will and Testament and the many and extensive explanations and commentaries of Dr. Jensen, "for the fire." It is the true believers alone who, loving the truth above all else, do not wish to be numbered with this group that has gone astray. Therefore they tread the path of positive knowledge even as Jesus has said: "Seek ye the Truth and the Truth will set you free!"

As Doc has explained it, those like Jezebel in the Bible are those who are not interested in the truth and thus they suffer the condign fate as prophesied by God in His Holy scriptures. In his book *Revelation Explained*, commentary on final chapter 2 verse 20, Dr. Jensen gives us this insight into the mind of the violator:

Verse 20: "But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and beguiling my servants to practice immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols."

"Jezebel" has the same meaning as harlot. The Revelation of Jesus Christ was like a beautiful woman, a bride adorned for her husband. The clergy with their false interpretations, especially the Trinitarian doctrine, corrupted this "beautiful woman" until she became a harlot

More appropriately to the Baha'i faith: Jezebel was the wife of Ahab, the king of the tribes of Israel that broke from the corrupt kings of Judah. Jezebel went against the true teachings of Israel, leading them into corruption, causing Elijah to take hundreds of her priests up on Mt. Carmel and killing them. So this is repeated in the Baha'i faith with Ruhiyyih Khanum doing the same damn thing. This Jezebel has led astray over five million Baha'is, causing them to go against Shoghi Effendi, and his son who succeeded him. On January 9, 1951 Shoghi Effendi set-up the first International Baha'i Council, with 'Abdu'l-Baha's son (a descendant of King David) as its President or head, which would go through four stages, and then this body will be in its adult form of the Universal House of Justice. Ruhiyyih Khanum tried to murder this son of Shoghi Effendi as she murdered him. This son of Shoghi Effendi escaped and came to America where he was born in this world as the second International Baha'i Council with a descendant of 'Abdu'l-Baha, a great grandson, as its president. This lineage of King David will exist forever (Psalms 89:35-37). Whereas Ruhiyyih Khanum will suffer the fate of **Jezebel:** "And the dogs shall eat Jezebel"...(2 Kings 9:10) "So they threw her down; and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses and they trampled on her" (ibid verse 33). "... In the territory of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel" (ibid verse 36). "and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field" (ibid verse 37).

Here Doc is explaining how the "Jezebel" is a woman, the arch violator, Ruhiyyih Khanum, who conned and beguiled the majority of people into rejecting Mason as the appointed son of 'Abdu'l-Baha, thus leading herself and her "children"—followers—into destruction. Today this is repeated in the leadership of those who reject Pepe's son in the same way setting up multiple "groups" without the descendant of King David, who is a man. BEWARE! BEWARE! We cannot allow these usurpers and corruptors like Ruhiyyih Khanum and the "Hands" to be allowed to lead us astray. 'Abdu'l-Baha tells us in His last Tablet to America, that their very breath is poison and he warns us that they do know the Covenant but knowingly poison others astray!

Thus it is seen that no means for dissension hath been left, but carnal desires are the cause of differences as it is the case with the violators. These do not doubt the validity of the Covenant [that Pepe's son is the guardian] but selfish motives have dragged them into this condition. It is not that they do not know what they do—they are perfectly aware and still they exhibit opposition." ('Abdu'l-Baha, *Selections*, p. 216)

So you see, Bob, that there is practically no hope for these people as they do **know** the Covenant, and do **SEE** the truth, but for some selfish motive or carnal desire they are still perfectly aware but exhibit their opposition. Look again into the above quote from Dr. Jensen's book that he wrote in 1996, *Revelation Explained* and think deeply upon these words of his so that you can SEE the truth and know his meaning for this is the truth and purpose of God Himself.

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See how he states with the FULL Power and Authority of his mission that it is the "great grandson" of 'Abdu'l-Baha who is its president. Pepe is the

grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha, not the great grandson. The great grandson can only be the son of Pepe that he adopted and appointed to succeed him. Here Dr. Jensen explains that in fact the second International Baha'i Council was born (Jan 9, 1991) with the great grandson as its president. So you see Bob, the great grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha was already in the Baha'i Faith and a member serving on that IBC in 1991, thus narrowing down all the possible candidates to someone originally amongst the appointed members of that Council in 1991 and who was still a member of it in 1996 at the time of Dr. Jensen's writing. As Pepe passed on in 1994, this person, at that time inherited the full powers of the presidency of the Council on April 11, 1994, the Executive Branch.

Bob who do you think was aware of all this? Obviously Dr. Jensen was fully aware of the situation, and he certainly explained this to his apostles, those who asked him about this, that had also sat on the body of that Council before the violation. Yet knowing what they know, not waiting for the election, which was to replace them, they abdicated their positions prematurely for selfish motives and carnal desires and have tried to perturb and poison others, as it states in the Will on the top of page 12. What a sad state of affairs for them, and what a happy turn of events for the true believers in God!

Wind, Jo, Carlotta and Dawn, have all made a terrible mistake that they will regret for their entire lives and throughout all eternity. They know I have the same letters of adoption and appointment as Mason, but still they exhibit opposition and confuse and poison others for "selfish motives have dragged them down into that condition." Finally when my pleas and appeals went unheeded for so long and they exposed themselves openly to all the people through their own actions the body of the IBC had no recourse but to announce that in fact they were all knowingly in violation of the Covenant and had abandoned their spiritual and administrative posts for worldly gains. Doc explains:

Verse 21: "I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her immorality."

The corrupt religions were given time to give up their false teachings but they did not.

Verse 22: "Behold, I will throw her on a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her doings;"

Those that accept the theologies of the clergy will be thrown into the tribulation of the great catastrophe, that is, they will get the disease of the harlot—Jezebel. This also applies to the Covenant-breaking "Baha'is." The sickbed is the disease of Ruhiyyih Khanum, it is Covenant-breaking, and those who get her disease, are Covenant-breakers, which is spiritual death, and if they don't repent they will also suffer the fate of Jezebel.

Verse 23: "and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches shall know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve."

"her children" are the followers of the various sects and denominations who are offshoots of the seven apostate religions, and of the Christians, who are divided up into 22 thousand sects and denominations.

In the Baha'i faith the children are the followers of Ruhiyyih Khanum, who are like children that don't think for themselves but follow blindly their parent Jezebel.

Jezebel and her children, because they have not given up their false religions, are thrown "into a great tribulation." This tribulation begins right after the assassination of Saddam Hussein. All those who are deluded by the sickness of her theologies will not recognize Jesus on his return and will not be guided by him. And the Covenant-breakers that are deluded by Jezebel, Ruhiyyih Khanum, are destined to go into the fire, that is, the thermo-nuclear war. (Dr Leland Jensen, *Revelation Explained*, Final Chapter 2, verses 20-23)

These "children," like those of Ruhiyyih, blindly follow Wind, Jo, Carlotta and Dawn down into the black abode down below. There is nothing I or anyone else can do for them, as they have already accepted the fact that I am appointed and adopted by Pepe in the same manner and style that 'Abdu'l-Baha appointed and adopted Mason to succeed him, but still they exhibit

opposition and give excuses. Doc warns us explicitly of these types who are like Mary Magdalene who went against both Mason and himself:

She [Mary Magdalene] throws her hat in the ring as guardian, although a female cannot be the guardian, when she states: "After forty-five years of **battling to preserve this cause of God**—I can recognize his (Satan's) handiwork!" Here she is claiming infallibility, and the guardianship. It is quite evident that she was not appointed to this post by a guardian, and because she is a female she was definitely not grafted into the Holy Tree as an Aghsan. This violation shows us that we should not follow anyone in the place of the guardian or the Promised One, especially a female. (Dr. Leland Jensen, *The Most Mighty Document* (TMMD), p. 29)

How anyone at all could follow any of these four women, all female, after reading the above quote is beyond me. All four of these have claimed infallibility and guardianship for themselves in one way or another as incredible as it may be! Dawn proclaimed that Doc appointed her "the guardian" over me, whatever that is supposed to mean, and assumed the authority to declare who was or was not firm in the Covenant for herself, a few deluded souls followed this amazingly enough! Carlotta, wrote an email announcing herself as "the chair" of the IBC, a position reserved exclusively for the guardian as stated explicitly in the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha (see page 14 and 15) and further assumed the power to place "injunctions to shun" on the believers as Covenant breakers to herself (we have this letter of hers on file at the Baha'i Center) as well as later assuming powers of appointment of officers and declaring herself Secretary, Treasurer and Chair of the IBC! Jo is the self-appointed infallible explainer of "Due Process" who arrogated to herself the authority to declare the rest of the members of the IBC as Covenant-breakers for not following things the way she thought that they should proceed, which included among many things an election of the body before the authorized stage as given by Shoghi Effendi in his four stage constitution of the IBC as restated on the back of the declaration card of belief. And, likewise, Wind has announced herself as appearing in the greater covenant in the role of "establisher" thus removing the gravestone from Doc's grave which stated he was the "Establisher of the Baha'i Faith" and replacing this with other words of her own thus making room for herself. Likewise she has painted his bright yellow house on Colonial Lane "death-mask" dark grey, and shut down the old center on

South Avenue turning it over to some Trinitarian sect. How anyone could construe these actions to be establishing the Baha'i faith is beyond me. Jesus tells us, "ye shall know them by their fruits." Of course, in order for her to be the self proclaimed "establisher" she first had to throw out what Dr. Jensen had already established on January 9th, 1991, namely, the sIBC with the great grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha as its president, to then state that she must come to "establish", as nothing else was established by Doc! In the Bible "wind" does not establish it destroys. "And he showed me four winds of destruction..." Thus these four re-incarnations of Ruhiyyih Khanum¹ have done everything in their power to erase and efface this entire Cause of God from off the face of the earth. My hope is that they will, all four of them, come back to their senses, return to the Cause, attain their high stations, and become firm in the Covenant as the trumpet has sounded (9-11) and the bridegroom has appeared.

One thing all the violators have always had in common, Bob, is that they first announce their violation, and expose themselves publicly, by denouncing those who are firm in the Covenant as Violators. This is what happened in 1991. Charles Gaines and those others denounced Doc as a violator although they all knew darn well that he was in fact the Promised One of our day. Likewise Ruhiyyih and the "Hands" denounced Mason. Shoghi Effendi and 'Abdu'l-Baha were both denounced by Muhammad Ali and those that followed him; and Baha'u'llah was openly denounced as the Covenant-breaker and "pretender" by Mirza Yahya, his half brother, entitled "Dawn of Eternity", *Subh-i Azal*, the name given to him by the Bab.

Likewise today, Wind and Jo teamed up to denounce those loyal to the Covenant as Violators and then split apart denouncing each other as violators. Dawn and Carlotta teamed up as well doing the same damnable thing, but this time involving the secular authorities and court systems. They are destined to break up as well when these cases are all over. What can anyone do for them as long as they follow the path of Ruhiyyih and not the path of positive knowledge, the path of the everlasting Covenant of God?

Thus, God has gifted people with material existence. None who have use of both their five senses and their intellects are debarred from partaking in scientific access to the physical world of creation and both understanding and making new discoveries and innovations in the worlds of material

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¹ Ruhiyyih means "spirit" or "wind".

science and learning. This is a gift from God and a bounty from Him to all of us. If we fail to use our intellect—the faculty that God gave us to see His Truth—then we will be deprived of this bounty and we will have no one to blame but our selves.

The same is true in the Baha'i faith, which like the physical creation, which is governed by the laws of science, also goes by laws, teachings and ordinances, which are explicitly revealed. Using the same intellect that God gave us for understanding material creation we can all achieve 100% certitude in the knowledge of our faith and of God even as Jesus has said that in order to understand spiritual things we must first understand material things. This is the path of Positive Knowledge in which true science and true religion must agree:

Positive: 1. That is or may be directly affirmed; real; actual. 2. Expressing, containing, or characterized by affirmation: a *positive* attitude. 3. Inherent in a thing by and of itself, regardless of its relations to other things. 4. Openly and plainly expressed; **explicit**

(*The Reader's Digest Great Encyclopedic Dictionary*, p. 1053)

Thus the Baha'i faith is not a blind faith, but it is a faith based upon proofs and evidences. Nevertheless it is still a faith. Thus we have faith in the EXPLICIT PROMISE (Covenant) that the line of King David will never end:

Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David:

'Thus says the Lord of Hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel [under its new name Baha'i, Is. 62:2]; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel [Baha'i], and I will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house [IBC/UHJ]. When your days are fulfilled and

you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your son after you who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house [IBC/UHJ] for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. When he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men; but I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house [IBC/UHJ] and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.'

(2 Samuel 7:8-16 RSV)

Thou hast said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your descendants for ever, and build your throne for all generations."" (Psalms 89:3, 4 RSV)

This explicit **covenant** of the guardianship of the line of David, therefore, is "the hereditary principle which has been *invariably* upheld by the Law of God." It is **explicit**. It is the Law of God. It is invariable!

Invariable: not variable; not subject to alteration; unchangeable; constant.

(Great Encyclopedic Dictionary, p. 710)

This is the unchanging and invariable "Path of Positive Knowledge", as the hereditary principle upheld by God's everlasting covenant to David is the sign of God to recognize the true Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah from counterfeits.

This unchangeable and constant "Law of God" is identical to the "Most Great Law" of the everlasting Covenant of God spoken of all throughout the Bible and now continued in the Covenant of Baha'u'llah as delineated in the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha which is the CHARTER for the Kingdom (see *World Order of Baha'u'llah* (WOB), p. 144 for more).

Baha'u'llah writes:

"The Most Great Law is come! The ancient beauty ruleth upon the throne of David. Thus hath my pen spoken that which the histories of bygone ages have related."
(Baha'u'llah, *Proclamation*, p. 89)

Thus it is this *Law of God*, or the "Most Great Law," that is the everlasting Covenant, which is the power and the force that is forever upholding the hereditary principle (of the genealogy of Baha'u'llah past, present and future) without wavering or deviation of even the slightest degree. It is constant, not subject to alteration, unchangeable.

Therefore after the time of Shoghi Effendi we are confronted with two choices: 1) the line of David has ended or 2) Mason Remey is the guardian, the son of 'Abdu'l-Baha.

Obviously we choose the 2nd choice for this is the Path of Positive Knowledge. Those that accepted Mason continued in their path and produced volumes of proofs and evidences of the truth of Mason's guardianship and sonship (Aghsan) from 'Abdu'l-Baha. Dr. Jensen alone has written over a dozen books and countless epistles, letters and articles on this one subject, as well as giving explanations and commentaries on the whole gamut of the Covenant and the skein of things past, present and still to come pertaining to God and the unfoldment of his everlasting plan for all humanity.

We can never at any time accept any doctrine or dogma and scheme that tells us that the line of David has come to an end. This is absolutely unacceptable. From the time of Mason Remey to the present NO ONE else has ever come forth as the son of 'Abdu'l-Baha and no one ever will.

The same is true for today. NO ONE else will ever come forth claiming to be the son of Joseph Pepe Remey Aghsan, and we are confronted with two choices: 1) the line of David has ended or 2) Neal Chase is the guardian, the great grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha.

Obviously we choose the 2nd choice for again this is the Path of Positive Knowledge. Those who take "a wait and see attitude" Doc tells us, like those at the time of Mason Remey, go down into the fire (his words, not mine).

Therefore, Bob your questions are extremely important and valuable for we must all know with 100% certitude how the criteria for the guardianship continuing is upheld, not only today in the present case of the third aghsan guardian of the Baha'i faith, but also in the cases of the first two guardians, Mason and Pepe as well. In order to do this we must all as individuals sit down and turning to God use our intellects to see the truth for ourselves. No one can do this for us. In this we are all alone—independent of all save God.

It is the failure of the masses of the people to understand how the CRITERIA was fulfilled in both Mason and Pepe that is the main obstacle in them being able to accept the present guardian with absolute certainty. This is further compounded by the rank opposition of the violators of the Covenant who, as 'Abdu'l-Baha has explained, have "muddied the water so that they could fish" and have completely threatened the Cause to utter extinction and extermination here in the United States of America which is the long promised and prophesied *battle ground* of the Covenant and the Cause in this day today, as spoken of in our sacred writings.

Thus in overcoming this obstacle, that God has placed before the people, the people will then see clearly how both Mason and Pepe qualify. See how smart God is! This forced education on the part of God will be the very cause of the masses of people realizing the mistake of Ruhiyyih Khanum and the "Hands" and will thus cause the people to come out of the violation of the Covenant and the 144,000 promised ones to be gathered unto the throne, that is to the living guardian today. God in His infinite wisdom has created a test where those who overcome these obstacles will then see; and understanding how the current guardian does in fact fulfill the two-part criteria in the Will, as the appointed son of Pepe, this will gather the 144,000 from out the sans-guardians into the acceptance of Mason Remey as the appointed son of 'Abdu'l-Baha. God could not accomplish His purpose, the salvation of all the people of the world, without allowing this great controversy to reach its climactic result. In the ensuing argument and great commotion over the validity of Pepe's son succeeding him, the controversy over the validity of Mason being 'Abdu'l-Baha's son will be resolved once and for all time.

Thus God has given the PLAN to gather the 144,000 who will then convert the Christian nations and all the people of the world: all this to happen simultaneously with the great destruction in which New York City is to be

nuked after the assassination of Saddam Hussein. As it is the son of Pepe that has given these predictions to the public in his Press Releases for so many, many years, the 144,000 will be gathered unto him and him alone, as he and he alone is the only son of Pepe, the current guardian seated upon the throne. Doc explains this in his book *Revelation Explained*:

"the hundred and forty-four thousand" are the number of people who will become believers in the Revelation of Baha'u'llah through the explanations and proofs of the Lamb <u>before</u> the first wind of destruction is let loose.

King James Version: "And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God," signifies that their gathering is unto the throne, that is, "the throne" represents the living Guardian seated on the throne of King David that is to last forever.

(Dr. Leland Jensen, *Revelation Explained*, Chapter 14 verse 2.)

Therefore, not only will the 144,000 be gathered before the catastrophe, but Doc explains that they will be gathered to the person of living guardian. The violators who oppose the living guardian cannot win, for all the people already know of Pepe's son from the Press Releases, and when they see that Pepe adopted and appointed him in the same manner and style that 'Abdu'l-Baha adopted and appointed Mason Remey to the throne, they will all then see, overcoming the hurdle, that Mason is in fact the appointed *aghsan* of 'Abdu'l-Baha, the 144,000 will then be gathered to his grandson and this will all spark Armageddon. Bob, this is all happening because of the "hereditary principle" which is the LAW OF PRIMOGENITURE!

THE LAW OF PRIMOGENITURE

Throughout the entire Adamic Cycle (the cycle of Adam) and continued in the Covenant of Baha'u'llah: The Guardianship of the line of David continues through the **Law of Primogeniture**. This Law of Primogeniture is *explicit truth*, that is, POSITIVE KNOWLEDGE, as revealed by God Almighty in upholding and sustaining the firm foundation of His Most Mighty Cause.

As this is the foundation of the Cause, the rock upon which we are to build our house, so to speak, this is where these ones who have broken the Covenant and opposed the true one have chosen to focus their attack and attempt to obscure the bright light of His guidance. Thus 'Abdu'l-Baha tells us that the violators have "muddied the waters so that they could fish", meaning that they have attempted to obscure the plain truth so as to confuse or mislead others. But those firm in the Covenant are not fooled by their mischief!

In America, in these days, severe winds have surrounded the Lamp of the Covenant, hoping that this brilliant Light may be extinguished, and this Tree of Life may be uprooted. Certain weak, capricious, malicious and ignorant souls have been shaken by the earthquake of hatred, of animosity, have striven to efface the Divine Covenant and Testament, and render the clear water <u>muddy so that in it they might fish</u>. They have arisen against the Center of the Covenant like the people of the Bayan [lit. "explanation and commentary"] who attacked the Blessed Beauty and every moment uttered a calumny. Every day they seek a pretext and secretly arouse doubts, so that the Covenant of Baha'u'llah may be completely annihilated in America. ('Abdu'l-Baha, Last Tablet to America, cf. Baha'i World Faith, p. 429)

These violators all know darn well that none of these first three guardians ever received their appointment by being named "guardian" by their predecessor. Mason was not named "guardian" by 'Abdu'l-Baha or Shoghi. Pepe was never called "guardian" by Mason and I was never called "guardian" by Pepe. Why?

This is to establish the genealogy of Baha'u'llah, that the successorship inherits the throne as a matter of hereditary principle, that is the inheritance is of the first born or only son. This is the law that is upheld and continued in the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-baha. Thus all three of the first guardians of the Baha'i faith were the first born or only sons of the lineage of David that were to inherit the throne by right of their birth, or adoption, into this line

All the people of the world, Bob, will see with eyes free of all prejudice, that NONE of these first three guardians of the Baha'i faith ever received any appointment in writing, or verbal or otherwise stating that they were to be "guardian" at all whatsoever. In fact, regarding the appointments of Mason,

Pepe and myself, all the people, except Dr. Jensen and those he educated, have remained utterly confused and confounded on how to explain the continuation of the successorship on this point. The reason for this Bob, is ALL HAVE FAILED to either understand or accept the "The Law of PRIMOGENITURE." All, that is, accept for Dr. Leland Jensen, the Lamb of God, and those that follow him. Dr Jensen writes:

'Abdu'l-Baha delineated the provisions of Baha'u'llah's Covenant: "the explanation which 'Abdu'l-Baha, in one of His tablets, has given to, and the emphasis He has placed upon, the hereditary principle and the law of primogeniture as having been upheld by the Prophets of the past--...[and] which the Will of 'Abdu'l-Baha was at a later time destined to proclaim and establish." –Shoghi Effendi, cited in *WOB*. P. 147.

Shoghi Effendi, knowledgeable in "the hereditary principle and the law of primogeniture" pertaining to the Aghsan guardianship, knew that not having a son, would have to appoint a branch, AGHSAN; otherwise he would have just appointed another Afnan (twig) from among the collateral relative of the Bab. All the natural branches (aghsan) had either passed on or had been declared Covenant-breakers. Shoghi Effendi knew the law of the land, Palestine, under the British mandate of the West, and now is the same law of the State of Israel. Therefore he appointed 'Abdu'l-Baha's adopted son, Mason Remey, who was adopted according to the law of the land that dates back to the Ottoman, Turkish Empire [and before that to Biblical times].

(Dr. Leland Jensen, Third Epistle to Pepe, October 7 - December 7, 1989, p.13)

Thus it is only by holding onto his explanations and commentaries, the Blood of the Lamb, as the "firm cord" that we are all pulled out of the bog, so to speak. Without him, really, the Baha'i faith comes to an end, for no one would pass the TEST.

Primogeniture: 1. The state of being the first-born child. 2. The right of the eldest son to inherit property, title, etc., of a parent, to the exclusion of all other children. (*Great Encyclopedic Dictionary*, p. 1071)

Thus the guardianship, that is, the throne of David is the birthright of the first born or eldest son. Obviously if the previous guardian has only one son, than *that son* is the first born and only son and automatically inherits the throne by "the right of the eldest [or only] son to inherit property, title, etc., [such as the throne] of a parent [such as the previous guardian]..."

Except for Dr. Jensen, no one apparently was ever really clear on this point. Yet Shoghi Effendi explained this explicitly!

in the verses of the Kitab-i-Aqdas the implications of which clearly anticipate the institution of the Guardianship; in the explanation which Abdu'l-Baha, in one of His Tablets, has given to, and the emphasis He has placed upon, the hereditary principle and *the law of primogeniture* as having been upheld by the Prophets of the past - in these we can discern the faint glimmerings and discover the earliest intimation of the nature and working of the Administrative Order which **the Will of Abdu'l-Baha** was at a later time **destined** to proclaim and formally establish [see page 11 and 12 of the Will]. (Shoghi Effendi, *World Order of Baha'u'llah*, p. 147)

And again,

Divorced from the institution of the Guardianship the World Order of Baha'u'llah would be mutilated and permanently deprived of *that hereditary principle* which, as Abdu'l-Baha has written, has been invariably upheld by the Law of God. "In all the Divine Dispensations," He states, in a Tablet addressed to a follower of the Faith in Persia, "the eldest son hath been extraordinary distinctions. Even the station prophethood hath been his birthright." Without such an institution the integrity of the Faith would be imperiled, and the stability of the entire fabric would be gravely endangered. Its prestige would suffer, the means required to enable it to take a long, an uninterrupted view over a series of generations would be completely lacking, and the necessary guidance to define the sphere of the legislative action of its elected representatives would be totally withdrawn.

(Shoghi Effendi, World Order of Baha'u'llah, p. 148)

Even the sans-guardian Haifans that follow the severed "Hands" understand this, as given in "The Law of Primogeniture," in their notes to the Aqdas, that they have published (an unauthoritative translation):

Note 44. "We have assigned the residence and personal clothing of the deceased to the male, not female, offspring, nor to the other heirs." (*Agdas*, Paragraph 25).

In a Tablet, Abdu'l-Baha indicates that the residence and personal clothing of a deceased man remain in the male line. They pass to the eldest son and in the absence of the eldest son, they pass to the second-eldest son, and so on. **He explains that this provision is an expression of the law of primogeniture, which has invariably been upheld by the Law of God.** In a Tablet to a follower of the Faith in Persia He wrote: "In all the Divine Dispensations the eldest son hath been given extraordinary distinctions. Even the station of prophethood hath been his birthright." With the distinctions given to the eldest son, however, go concomitant duties. For example, he has the moral responsibility, for the sake of God, to care for his mother and also to consider the needs of the other heirs. (Baha'u'llah, *Aqdas*: Notes, p. 186)

In World Order of Baha'u'llah, Shoghi Effendi explicitly relates this Tablet of 'Abdu'l-Baha on the Law of Primogeniture, not with inheritance laws in general, but explicitly with the inheritance laws of the throne of David, as stated explicitly in the Will and Testament, which is the inheritance of the guardianship to the heirs of the line of David, Aghsan, which is to last for ever.

So you see Bob, in the very nature of being named or declared "Aghsan"—BRANCH—as this is the case of the ONLY SON, (primogeniture) this is the ADOPTION and APPOINTMENT in one single stroke, for the only other alternative is that the line has ended which is impossible. Thus both Mason and I have inherited the throne and the lineage in the same manner being named, appointed, as aghsan by the previous heir to the throne for the purpose of succession to that administrative position in the faith.

Therefore, there is no other thing necessary for the appointment to the throne of David to continue to take place, other than the declaration of "sonship"

AGHSAN. For example, at the time of Bostanai, his father Hananai, the previous exilarch (exiled monarch seated upon the throne) was killed as were all the entire house of David. Bostanai was not even born into this world but was still in his mother's womb at the time. Nevertheless when he was born, he was the ONLY son of David in the direct male line, left alive in the world at that time. Obviously the line continued through him and he was the successor to the throne by the Law of Primogeniture as he was both the first born son and the only son. All the people accepted him, because none of them would accept that the line ended, and all of them understood the Law of God in the Law of Primogeniture at that time. Dr. Jensen explains that the same is true in the case of an adopted son. He writes:

THE LAW OF ADOPTION

When 'Abdu'l-Baha adopted Mason Remey to succeed him to the throne of David as his son, this was legal and binding. According to the laws of the Ottoman Empire of the Middle East that ruled over Palestine before it became the state of Israel, a legal adoption occurred when a man called another his son. Then the British Mandate of the West which succeeded the Ottoman Empire retained the adoption laws of the Ottoman Empire as legal and binding under their rule. Then, for the Israeli government, the law for adoption remained the same. If a man calls another his son and leaves him a token to show inheritance (whether it be a stick or a stone or something), then the adoption is legal and binding. When 'Abdu'l-Baha proclaimed that Mason was his son (privately, publicly and in letters published in Star of the West Magazine), these were not "vague terms of affection but expressed the precise legal relationship which had been created between them." Here is cited the law of adoption in the Middle East (from Ottoman times to the present) upheld by the British Mandate of the West and the Israeli Supreme Court on June 22, 1960, long after 'Abdu'l-Baha adopted Mason to be his son and heir.

"This idea of equating adopted children with natural children <u>in</u> <u>matters of succession</u> is well expressed in a responsum of Rabbi Jacob Emden which the learned Judge cited in another decision, In re: Succession of the late Yoseph Blum deceased (4) (at pp. 161), as follows: "If he rears the child for the glory of God the child is certainly to be regarded as his child and not only in lineage, but

even where the child had parents and is being brought up by the stranger as a meritorious act, if the latter has no children ['Abdu'l-Baha had no living natural sons] and is bringing up the child to be his son and to succeed him and they address each other as father and son" (response of Yavetz, Part I, section 168). So also with the deceased in the present case: **He reared the child** as his daughter **to succeed him**, and she called him "father" and he called her "daughter." These were not vague terms of affection but expressed the precise legal relationship which had been created between them — at any rate with respect to the matter of succession."

(Selected Judgments from the Israeli Supreme Court, Vol. III, pp. 426-7.)

This was usually confirmed by some token such as a stick or a stone, or something, to make it definite that it was meant that it was a legal adoption. This is called institutive evidence.

"Institutive evidence is that which is created or adopted as a memorial of a fact and for the purpose of being evidence of the fact. The stone set up for a boundary; the giving of a clod of earth or a twig in livery of seizing as evidence or the transfer of the title [etc]...." (Sagebeer, The Bible in Court, p. 104.)

"The Master gave Mr. Remey what no one else ever received – relics of the Blood and Hair of Baha'u'llah; in the East this act symbolizes Mr. Remey's adoption as a Son by 'Abdu'l-Baha and his becoming a member of the Holy Family."

(Questions and Answers about Charles Mason Remey and the Baha'i Faith, by F.C. Spataro.)

Shoghi Effendi recognized 'Abdu'l-Baha's adoption of Mason as true and legal. Immediately after the death of 'Abdu'l-Baha, Shoghi Effendi called Mason to the Holy land in February and March of 1922 giving to him a "package of 'Abdu'l-Baha's most sacred possession," which was left to Shoghi Effendi, as the executor of 'Abdu'l-Baha's Will to deliver to Mason Remey as his inheritance: "locks of Baha'u'llah's hair" (which represents the headship of the International Baha'i Council/Universal House of Justice) and "drops of his coagulated blood" (which represents the bloodline of David and Baha'u'llah). On the outside of the package

Shoghi Effendi addressed it to 'Abdu'l-Baha's "dear son" whom he later appointed to the headship of the IBC/UHJ. The hair and blood are the tokens of inheritance. 'Abdu'l-Baha's most prized possession shows the evidence of the legal adoption passed on from father to son – 'Abdu'l-Baha to Mason. This type of evidence of a token is called "institutive evidence."

(Dr. Leland Jensen, *The Seventh Angel Sounded*, April 4, 1994, p. 4; and *Letter to Joel*, January 1994, p. 3)²

Thus where the man has no son he adopts a son for **the purpose of succession!** This is not a vague term of affection but a precise legal definition of APPOINTMENT created between them, at least for the PURPOSE OF SUCCESSION! Why don't the people adhere to this?!? Thus showing that this is the adoption and appointment in one stroke. This is true as the adopted son <u>is</u> the ONLY SON and therefore qualifies, being the ONLY son, as <u>the only</u> first born son (primogeniture).

Thus passing the test of the first three guardians should be easy as they are all clear cases of the **only son** inheriting the throne. What could be more simple than this?

Thus this is how the guardianship of the hereditary principle (of David) has continued in the appointments and succession of the first three guardians of the Baha'i faith to be seated upon the throne of David, Mason, Pepe and myself. It has been invariably upheld by the Law of God in this way: primogeniture. Now as Doc wrote all this to Pepe, he was fully informed on all of these things, and therefore he knew that by naming me as "Aghsan" in the manner and style that he did, this was all that was required to announce both his adoption and appointment of me back into the line, as I am a natural branch (Jewish) from the same family as Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha, but not of those who violated the Covenant.

If we accept Doc, than we accept Mason, Pepe and me, and if we reject the way Pepe picked me than we have really rejected Doc and are not loyal to the Lamb at all, no matter what type of excuses we may fabricate or give. Rejecting any of the guardians is really tantamount to the rejection of 'Abdu'l-Baha and His Will, which is really a repudiation of Baha'u'llah and God. Thus the violators go down into the abyss (his words, not mine).

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² Doc had this section added into his finished copy of *The Most Mighty Document*, p. iv.

Now, the wicked will not accept this and do not accept this, (and who would want them to, as it is written that "nothing unclean shall enter it"), but the righteous rejoice in being firm in the Covenant and they understand, as they use their intellects to understand this and "follow the lamb where ever he goes."

So you see, Bob, in the case of the appointments of the first three guardians, Mason, Pepe and myself, nowhere is the word "guardian" ever used. Look at the facts for yourself:

Shoghi Effendi never called Mason "guardian". 'Abdu'l-Baha never named Mason to be "guardian". Mason never said Pepe was the guardian. And Pepe never named me to be "guardian." The fact is Bob, plain and simple, that regarding the line of David, none of them ever used the word guardian at all in naming their son to succeed them. Thus the people should have gone with the genealogy and not with something else. They should have stayed with the line of descent that passes from father to son each generation.

In fact, Bob, the only time we see the word guardian used is by Mason Remey in his TEST to the people. Mason goes ahead and names a bunch of people as so-called "guardians" yet none of them are his son, none of them are of the lineage. Doc explains in *The Most Mighty Document*:

The violation of Donald shows us that a written document does not take precedence over a non-written document, that the last appointment takes precedence over all previous appointments and that **for an appointment to be valid the person must already be a Branch (Aghsan)** before the appointment. Otherwise, in the future when the Kingdom is established in this world and in operation, perhaps a thousand people may come with slips of paper in their hands claiming to be guardians or regent guardians by claiming that the guardian had appointed them, without them being a natural or adopted descendant of you, Joseph Pepe Remey Aghsan....

Now, Pepe, all these tests were absolutely essential in order to point out to future generations the wrong ways, so that they won't be repeated. Otherwise, after the Kingdom is established and in operation the Kingdom may be usurped.

<u>These tests were so severe</u> that they almost destroyed the Kingdom of God on earth before it became established. Only two remained in the Baha'i Faith. These are the two 'Knights of Baha'u'llah' that 'Abdu'l-Baha stated would establish the Kingdom. Drs. Opal and Leland Jensen....

(Dr. Leland Jensen, *TMMD*, p. 29, 30)

So you see Bob this was all a test to the people, but WHY?

WHY? WHY? WHY? WHY?

The reason is so that the people should all know that when it comes to the Davidic Kingship, we must go by the **Law of Primogeniture**, that is, by genealogy, by lineage. They have no choice they must accept the ONLY SON, adopted or otherwise.

The fact is that when 'Abdu'l-Baha named Mason as his "son"—Aghsan—this was 'Abdu'l-Baha appointing him to the throne as "guardian" that is, the first president of Baha'u'llah's Universal House of Justice, to succeed after Shoghi Effendi. This is why Doc explains that Shoghi Effendi <u>had no</u> <u>choice</u> in the matter, but could only <u>welcome</u> Mason.

There is one thing however that I must clear up is that I did not in any way appoint you to be the guardian of the second International Baha'i Council. I don't know how you happened to come up with that myth. When Shoghi Effendi set-up the first International Baha'i Council he appointed all the members and then he said that he welcomed Mason Remey as the president of that council. That is Mason Remey was the only living son of 'Abdu'l-Baha. Therefore he was the only one that could possibly fulfill that position. It was not the choice of Shoghi Effendi. It was ordained by God. Mason Remey said that he or one of his successors would sit as the president of the Universal House of Justice. Consequently like 'Abdu'l-Baha he adopted a son and appointed him to be his successor in the guardianship. I had absolutely nothing at all to do about it. As the Covenant-breakers destroyed the first International Baha'i Council and set-up a headless monster in its place, hence God had in His plan for the

coming of Jesus to come and reestablish what the Covenant-breakers threw out.

Everything that is happening now was in the plan at the beginning including you and me, and nothing can change in the least as to what is going to happen. I definitely did not appoint you to be the guardian of the second International Baha'i Council. This was fixed 6 thousand years ago by God, and this is what the Holy Scriptures are all about. To go against this is to go against God. You are the only son of Mason Remey, so you are the head of the second IBC whether you like it or not. It does not require your acceptance, or rejection. Look at it like this, the presidency of the USA is considered the most powerful position in the world today. Tomorrow it will be the presidency of the United World. (Dr. Leland Jensen, *Final Epistle to Pepe*, April 12, 1994, p. 2)³

If Shoghi Effendi had no choice, than neither do we. We either accept this

like Shoghi Effendi did and remain firm in the Covenant, or we reject this and break the Covenant and go down into the abyss.

And if Shoghi Effendi has no choice in the matter than neither does his son, the full body of the IBC/UHJ, they must all accept the choice of the one whom Pepe has chosen or else remove themselves from the Cause, forfeit their positions of the IBC, and loose their spiritual station for failing to remain firm in what God has given. It's no skin off my nose what they do, as their fate is in their own hands. Their support of the Cause does not benefit me in any way and their attacks do not injure me in any way, for I am satisfied with God, which is what I love most, and therefore no one can take away from me what I love most, for no one can separate me from God. Only my own actions can do that, and that is something I alone am in control of, just as these others who have violated the Covenant are to be held responsible for what they have done, as it is written that they "shall be judged by what they have done." (Rev. 20:13; 22:12) Therefore, I choose to be firm in the Covenant.

Thus, once Pepe had named me as his only son—aghsan—the Heir Apparent, Dr. Jensen, like Shoghi Effendi, had no choice but to welcome me as well to the council as the Heir Apparent who he had to give the task of

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³ Doc had this section added into his finished copy of *The Most Mighty Document*, p. 7.

'registered agent', in the same way that Mason acted as the contact between the secular state and the first IBC, I was to act as the contact between the secular state and the second IBC in the absence of Pepe and for the purposes of training me for this role. Dr. Jensen had no choice in the matter.

Proclaim National Assemblies of East and West weighty epochmaking decision of formation of first International Baha'i Council... Nascent Institution now created is invested with three fold function: First, *to forge link* with authorities of newly emerged State...
(January 9, 1951)

Greatly welcome assistance of the newly-formed International Council, particularly its President, Mason Remey... **through contact with authorities** designed to spread the fame, consolidate the foundations and widen the scope of influence emanating from the twin spiritual, administrative World Centers... (March 2, 1951)

Process of the unfoldment of the ever-advancing Administrative Order accelerated by formation of the International Baha'i Council designed to...**cement** ties uniting the budding World Administration Center with the recently established state, and pave the way for the formation of the Baha'i Court, essential prelude to the institution of the Universal House of Justice. (April 25, 1951)

The International Baha'i Council... charged with assisting in the manifold activities attendant upon the rise of the World Administrative Center of the faith, which must pave the way for the formation of a Baha'i International Court and the eventual emergence of the Universal House of Justice, the supreme legislative body of the future Baha'i Commonwealth, has been established, enlarged, and the functions of its members defined [i.e. Mason was the contact with the secular state]. (Shoghi Effendi, *Messages to the Baha'i World*, pp. 7, 8, 9, 13, 149)

On March 30th, the President of the International Baha'i Council [Mason Remey] was received by Rabbi J. L. Hacohen Maimon,

Minister for Religious Affairs in Israel. His Excellency, the minister welcomed this representative of our beloved Guardian [Shoghi Effendi], assuring him of the friendship of the State of Israel toward all the religious communities in Israel, saying that it was the desire of his government that freedom of religion exist in this country and that their attitude toward all religious communities was one of friendship and of respect, and of the extension of their protection to the Holy Places of these various religions, adding: "Have we not all one Father? Has not the one God created us all?"

The President of the International Baha'i Council [Mason Remey] then spoke of Israel as being the Holy Land of the Baha'is, as well as that of the Jews, Christians, and Muslims; telling the Minister that fifty and more years ago the Master, 'Abdu'l-Baha, had written that Palestine would eventually become the Home of the Jewish people; and that this was published in print at that time. The interview was characterized by a sincere spirit of welcome on the part of the Minister and his associates who were present. (signed, Mason Remey, May, 1951)

Recognition of the Faith by the Israeli Government

The relations of the State of Israel with our beloved Guardian and the International Baha'i Council have been friendly and cordial. We are happy to report that steady progress is being made in obtaining suitable legal recognition of the Faith here, from the Government.

(signed, Mason Remey, July 1, 1952) (*The Baha'i World*, Vol. 12, pp. 381, 389)

At the weekly public forum after I was announced as a member of the Council with only one other male member being named, Doc explained that we now "knew who would be the next guardian" and that "it was someone that he had already named as being on the Council" which as I have said was myself and only one other person who left the faith in 1991. Therefore as there were only two possibilities on the Council at the time, and the other person left the faith, this alone shows that as I received the Aghsan Letters in 1991 this can only be me and no one else. I don't know what those in attendance were thinking, but this knowledge, Bob, has been known since 1991, but 10 years later in 2001, it comes as a TEST to the people.

The reason for all this is so that we should all go by the genealogy and not by something else. When 'Abdu'l-Baha calls Mason his "son" **this is the adoption and appointment of Mason in one stroke**, that is, he alone is the Aghsan that succeeds 'Abdu'l-Baha, his father, to the throne.

Likewise, when Mason names Pepe, as his "son"—"Aghsan"— this is the adoption and appointment of Pepe in one stroke. Pepe following in the footsteps of both 'Abdu'l-Baha and Mason, also never uses the word "guardian" in referring to the real one, his successor, but when he names me as his "Aghsan"—"son"—this is the adoption and appointment of me in one stroke. Thus the reason for all this is to show that the genealogy is of the primary importance, so that all should know the line of David (hereditary principle) cannot end or be broken at all, ever at any cost. It also establishes the Law of Primogeniture, that both the Master, 'Abdu'l-Baha, and the guardian Shoghi Effendi, have explained has been "invariably upheld by the Law of God" as we have already explained.

Now the people have a scanty and meager understanding of the Baha'i faith. There is no confusion in the Baha'i faith, though people may have confusion in their minds when they attempt to see the faith through their own eyes. Therefore 'Abdu'l-Baha tells us that we must do three things to clear up our vision and see clearly, thus receiving our rays of the Holy Spirit. He states that we must all teach the 12 firesides (as we now know as Doc has given them), we must all live the life, and we must all be firm in the Covenant.

Any soul from among the believers of Baha'u'llah who attains to this station will become known as the Apostle of Baha'u'llah....

To attain to this supreme station is, however, dependent on the realization of certain conditions:

The first condition is firmness in the Covenant of God. For the power of the Covenant will protect the Cause of Baha'u'llah from the doubts of the people of error. It is the fortified fortress of the Cause of God and the firm pillar of the religion of God....

The second condition [Living the Life]: Fellowship and love amongst the believers. The divine friends must be attracted to and enamored of each other and ever be ready and willing to sacrifice their own lives for each other. Should one soul from amongst the believers meet another, it must be as though a thirsty one with parched lips has reached to the fountain of the water of life, or a lover has met his true beloved....

The third condition [Teaching the Faith]: Teachers must continually travel to all parts of the continent, nay, rather, to all parts of the world, but they must travel like Abdu'l-Baha, who journeyed throughout the cities of America. He was sanctified and free from every attachment and in the utmost severance. Just as His Holiness Christ says: Shake off the very dust from your feet. ('Abdu'l-Baha, *Tablet to the Apostles of Baha'u'llah*, cf. *Tablets of the Divine Plan*, pp. 51-53)

In doing this we then have our third eye opened and we receive our rays of the Holy Spirit.

Now Bob because as you have said you have always been keeping the faith, so to speak, your eye is open to investigate and seek the truth. When we look closely at the tests in the faith we can see that what Doc was teaching us is that it does not matter at all what the contents of the Aghsan Letters are that Mason received from 'Abdu'l-Baha, but the very fact that they were written to Mason as "My Dear Son" that is, "My Dear Aghsan", and that they were signed by 'Abdu'l-Baha making them legal is all that is relevant.

As a matter of fact, NONE of the CONTENTS of any of the letters that Mason received from 'Abdu'l-Baha have anything germane to do with the matter of his appointment by 'Abdu'l-Baha to succeed him to the throne. It is only the **salutation** that is of any importance, meaning or significance, thus making Mason's adoption and appointment to the throne by 'Abdu'l-Baha, his father, Legal, true and binding.

SALUTATION: a word or phrase serving as the prefatory greeting in a letter or speech, as *Dear Sir* in a letter or *Ladies and Gentlemen* in a speech. [1350-1400; ME < L *salutation*- (s. of *salutatio*) greeting, equiv. to *salutat(us)* (ptp. of *salutare* to greet; see SALUTE, -ATE) + -ion- - ION] (*Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Languauge* (1996), p. 1696)

The contents of those letters say nothing about the appointment of Mason, but the fact that they are addressed in the manner and style that 'Abdu'l-Baha addressed them to Mason is all that is necessary and germane to the adoption and appointment of Mason, which qualifies Mason by the two-part criteria in the Will—for this is an adoption for the PURPOSE OF SUCCESSION!

Thus in *The Most Mighty Document*, Doc never quotes the contents of the Letters at all, but only the **salutations** from 'Abdu'l-Baha which is the Opening Address in the Letter of the Title to the person he is writing to. For example: "To His Honor Mason Remey: "My Dear Son", that is "My Dear Aghsan". Doc writes:

AN ADOPTED SON HAS ALL THE RIGHTS AND PEROGATIVES OF A NATURAL SON

The Christians accept the authority of the Messiahship of Jesus; he qualifies by the genealogy of Jesus back to David through Joseph. But because of the virgin birth they state that Jesus was the adopted son of Joseph with all the rights of a natural son, although there is no recording of a legal adoption in the scriptures nor in the archives. They claim that by Joseph taking Jesus as his son that this is all that is required to prove adoption; and that an adopted son has all the rights and privileges of a natural son, even the Kingship or Messiahship. Thus the Bible gives the genealogy of Jesus back to David through Joseph to prove his eligibility to be the Promised Messiah, for the Messiah must be a descendant of David through the male line of descent. All the kings of Israel descended from David through a male descendant (no queen ever sat upon the throne).

THE DAVIDIC LINE OF DESCENT FROM BAHA'U'LLAH

In the Book of His Covenant and in the Aqdas, Baha'u'llah appoints His eldest son 'Abdu'l-Baha, The Most Great Branch, to succeed Himself upon the Throne of David (Baha'i World Faith, p. 209). 'Abdu'l-Baha's son Husayn, died in infancy, so Baha'u'llah appointed 'Abdu'l-Baha's brother Muhammad Ali, the Lesser Branch, to succeed 'Abdu'l-Baha. But Muhammad Ali broke the Covenant of Baha'u'llah, so at the same time that 'Abdu'l-Baha

cut this Branch off the Davidic tree, He adopted Mason Remey to be "His son" in the same manner that the Christians state that Joseph adopted Jesus to be his son, grafting this Branch to the Davidic tree. He called Mason Remey "Aghsan"-my sonalmost every time that he addressed him. These are found in many Tablets addressed to Mason Remey recorded in the "Star of the West" Magazine. He is the only person in this world that he referred to as Aghsan, my son, grafting him into the Davidic tree ("O My Dear Son!", 'Star of the West' p. 144 Vol. X. "O thou enlightened and beloved son!", 'Star of the West' p. 229 Vol. XI.) 'Abdu'l-Baha didn't speak English. The way you say "my son" in Persian is "Aghsan". In 'Abdu'l-Baha's 'Last Tablet to America' He states: "Consider! The Divine Gardener cuts off the dry or weak branch from the good tree and grafts to it a branch from another tree. He both separates and unites" (Baha'i World Faith, p. 438). Not only did the Christians uphold the adoption principle for the Messiahship as in the Joseph-Jesus instance, but 'Abdu'l-Baha upheld it in His Last Tablet to America; this principle has been upheld all the way back into antiquity and all the way down to our present times by peoples, kindreds and governments. It is a universal principle.

(Dr. Leland Jensen, *TMMD*, pp. ii, iii.)

So you see, this idea does not come from me, but from the Lamb. Therefore I must accept this, even if all the other people in the world do not. Why?

Because this is the Path of Positive Knowledge, and by that I mean: "Inherent in a thing by and of itself, regardless of its relations to other things." Thus I have no interest in what anybody else thinks of all of this as it is true "in and of itself regardless of its relation to other things" and therefore I accept it as FACT at face value as I can see that God has done this. And as God has done this, for me, this means the unequivocal and immediate acceptance of whatsoever it is that God has given at face value: the guardianship that will never end.

This point that Doc is explaining ("the acceptance of the salutations of the Aghsan Letters in and of themselves at face value regardless of their relation to other things") is so very, very important if we are to pass the test with 100% certitude!

For this is the purpose of the Baha'i faith being not a blind faith but a faith that is based upon proof. Baha'u'llah warns us in the *Kitab-i-Iqan*, as we have already explained, not to let either love or hate incline us to error, and as Doc explained, therefore we must use the intellect that God gave us to see the truth. Scientific truth is uncovered through the slightest and most refined measurement of things. The more delicate the instrument of measurement, the more precise the information, the more details we understand about nature, science and the mind of God in the creation.

The Greeks did not have precise instrumentations for measurement of the parallax (angle between two measurements) of the stars, and therefore were unable to determine correctly their true distance from our earth and sun. Without either the precision or magnification of scientific instruments such as the telescope or the microscope, astronomy, biology and other sciences would never have progressed. Without ballistics and fingerprints, and fiber science, forensics in police work would come to an end and would have never evolved. In the precise detailed measurement of the smallest things or the things so distant from our lives, without these things being MAGNIFIED and proclaimed and analyzed and understood science would come to a screeching halt. The same is true of the "scraps" of the salutations of the Aghsan Letters, without these FACTS being MAGNIFIED who would either know or accept that Mason was the son of 'Abdu'l-Baha named to succeed him to the throne or that the throne continues today in the greatgrandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha, the only son of Joseph Pepe Remey, Aghsan, in the person of myself?

Therefore we have the Lamb! For without him all would fail the test.

And now the reason for all of this, for "the wisdom of every command is to be tested" (The Tablet of Ahmad). The reason Baha'u'llah stated that God had taken 'Abdu'l-Baha's little son is so that all of these tests could take place. The necessity of these tests is so that the usurper may never sit upon the throne. See the Fifth Ishraq (*Baha'i World Faith*, page 199). The reason that Shoghi Effendi Afnan—Kindred of the Bab—(a twig) was appointed Guardian of the Cause of God is that, being of the kindred of the Bab, he would set up an administration, of which both he and it would be sacrificed to be succeeded by the true UHJ with the Davidic King as its head or president. He was "under the unerring guidance of the Exalted One (The Bab)" (*Dispensation of*

Baha'u'llah, page 57, or WOB, page 149). This is so that when the usurpers would gain control of that administration they wouldn't be seated upon the throne, but only in control of the outward husk of Shoghi's administration and would become the 7th head of the Beast.

In the past, all of the religions were taken over by the usurpers, such as Christianity being taken over by the Papacy, and Islam by the Umayyads. But this is the day that is not to be followed by night. There always will be a descendant of David to sit upon the throne (Jeremiah 23:5, 30:9, 33:15; Hosea 3:5)....

These tests were so severe that they almost destroyed the Kingdom of God on earth before it became established. Only two remained in the Baha'i Faith. These are the two 'Knights of Baha'u'llah' that 'Abdu'l-Baha stated would establish the Kingdom. Drs. Opal and Leland Jensen. All of those that have accepted your guardianship have come to this realization through our guidance. Therefore, God in his infinite wisdom prophesied the coming of one in 1963 for this direct purpose so this Cause could go through all of these tests and still not be completely destroyed. You see, Pepe, you cannot establish yourself or the guardianship of the world, even with all of my interpretations. Certainly the followers of the "Hands"—the Great Violation—won't even listen to our explanations. From those that left that violation and came under the guardianship of Mason Remey, only 24 will come under your guardianship, and all of them will be through my explanations and commentaries. You will not be able to convince the mass of the people that are now outside the Cause of God that you are indeed the 2nd guardian of the Faith, for the peoples of the other beliefs view all of this as an internal squabble within a religion. However, through this mighty document, the rest of the 24 Elders will come forth and take their seats. This is what Christ meant when he said the whole world will come and enter the Kingdom, but the children of the Kingdom will be cast out. All the peoples of the world, 144,000 before the catastrophe, and the rest that are left after the catastrophe will accept you as their King, the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith. They will do this not because of you, but because I establish you.

(Dr. Leland Jensen, TMMD, pp. 11, 30)

But the Covenant-breakers in the time of the "Hands" and those poisoned by them to this day do not go by proofs. They are swayed by other things. Thus they have rejected the Aghsan Letters from 'Abdu'l-Baha to Mason making the feeble excuse that they see no relevant information in the contents of those letters. This is a crafty side stepping of the issue on the part of these promoters of mischief, for they know darn well that it is only necessary that in the Salutation of those letters that 'Abdu'l-Baha calls Mason "my Dear Aghsan" for Mason to qualify as being adopted and appointed to succeed to the throne of David by 'Abdu'l-Baha in one stroke as the ONLY SON. Thus though these "upper ones" know the truth of the matter, that the salutation is all that is necessary to make the adoption and appointment legal and binding, irrevocable, certain, sure, definite, exact, true, infallible and without error, unerring, iron clad, water tight and 100% bone fide, nevertheless they so manipulate their duped followers into buying into their mullarkey that the contents of the letters should be considered, knowing darn well all along that the contents are irrelevant, and speak nothing at all germane to the point of either the adoption or appointment of the successor to the throne. Thus they deliberately mislead those that are foolish enough not to see the truth with their own eyes into the same fires reserved for themselves even as Jesus has explained, that they go to the ends of the world to keep even one out:

But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees [Covenant-breaking leaders of religions], hypocrites! Because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, [Covenant-breaking leaders] hypocrites! For you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. (Matthew 23:13-15 RSV)

This same fact is true for Pepe as well, Bob. Mason never mentions the throne of David, the guardianship or anything else germane or significant to the successorship to the guardianship seated upon the throne of David in any of the Aghsan Letters and papers he gave to Pepe. None of the contents of the Letters and papers to Pepe from Mason say anything more than the fact that Pepe is his son, His ONLY SON, that is, Aghsan. Again this is where they all went astray. On the other hand, Mason names Joel and Donald and lists of others as "vice-presidents", or "elders" to be "guardians", but as none of them are Aghsan, his son, none of them qualify. Again we read in *The Most Mighty Document:*

Mason knew all of this. Why do you think that he adopted you? The only way to have a continuation of the Davidic Kingship, the Aghsan Guardianship of the Baha'i Faith, was for him to graft you into the Aghsan tree as he had been grafted into it, making you the Crown Prince, and then to appoint you as he had done. All of the others that Mason appointed are also guardians, for he appointed them, but none of them are either the guardian of the Cause of God, nor are they the guardian of the Baha'i Faith, for none of them are either an Aghsan or Afnan. They are the guardians of their own religion. Therefore all other appointments <u>are null and void.</u> The only person on this earth that could possibly be the guardian of the Baha'i Faith is you.

(Dr. Leland Jensen, *TMMD*, p. 11)

Of course the same is absolutely true in my case. How could it be any other way? Without any doubt and with absolute 100% certainty, NONE of the CONTENTS of any of the letters that I received from Pepe have anything germane to do with the matter of his adoption of me back into the Aghsan lineage, or my appointment by Pepe to succeed him to the throne. It is only the **salutation** that is of any importance, meaning or significance, thus making my adoption and appointment to the throne by Pepe my father legal, true and binding. Again:

SALUTATION: 3. a word or phrase serving as the prefatory greeting in a letter or speech, as *Dear Sir* in a letter or *Ladies and Gentlemen* in a speech. [1350-1400; ME < L *salutation*- (s. of *salutatio*) greeting, equiv. to *salutat(us)* (ptp. of *salutare* to greet; see SALUTE, -ATE) + -ion- - ION] (Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Languauge (1996), p. 1696)

The contents of those letters, to be 100% sure, say nothing about the adoption and the appointment of me, but the fact that they are addressed in the manner and style that Pepe addressed them to me, in imitation of 'Abdu'l-Baha, is all that is necessary and germane to the adoption and appointment of me, his ONLY SON, which qualifies me by the two-part criteria in the Will. The same is also true for Pepe, as his adoption and appointment, like mine and Mason's, was done in one stroke, with the Aghsan papers Mason, his father, provided for him to validate his, Pepe's,

succession to the throne of David and the continuation of the Aghsan Lineage in his person. Thus again, the point of all this is to establish the Law of Primogeniture beyond any and all shadow of a doubt, that all should have 100% absolute certitude in the manner and style in which the genealogy of Baha'u'llah has been continued and preserved down throughout the 20th century and ushering in the 21st, in the persons of the first three Aghsan guardians of the Baha'i faith, Mason, Pepe, and myself.

In your letter you wrote: "I would like you to quote the writing of appointing the successor, requirements, etc., and send me a copy of the Letter Pepe sent you, Neal, about appointing you. You alluded to a more specific letter he sent you but only sent little pieces of several letters."

What you have written as "little pieces of several letters" are the same little pieces of several letters that Mason received from the Master, 'Abdu'l-Baha, *the salutations* of the Aghsan Letters, which are the relevant "pieces" of information that Doc was always continually quoting as to what was germane in the adoption and appointment of Mason to the throne by 'Abdu'l-Baha.

Think about this deeply Bob. Can you produce the Letter from 'Abdu'l-Baha or Shoghi Effendi about appointing Mason as "guardian"? Where is the Letter from Mason appointing Pepe "guardian"? In his last letters to Pepe, Doc explained that Shoghi Effendi did not appoint Mason to be guardian but "HAD NO CHOICE" and only welcomed him as president that 'Abdu'l-Baha adopted and appointed, his only son. Think about it, Bob? For God wants all people to pass the test. Nowhere do any of these use the word "guardian."

Therefore the two documents I sent you containing the letters from 'Abdu'l-Baha to Mason and from Pepe to me are all that is necessary to draw a final conclusion on the matter of the hereditary succession to the throne, fulfilling the two part criteria in the Will:

O ye beloved of the Lord! It is incumbent upon the Guardian of the Cause of God to appoint in his own life-time him that shall become his successor, that differences may not arise after his passing. He that is appointed must manifest in himself detachment from all worldly things, must be the essence of purity, must show in himself the fear of God, knowledge, wisdom and learning. Thus, should the first-born of the Guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words: - "The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the Guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he, (the Guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him. ('Abdu'l-Baha, Will and Testament, p. 12)

By publicly naming Mason to be his "aghsan"—"son"—, this was 'Abdu'l-Baha appointing Mason to succeed him. By publicly naming Pepe to be his "aghsan"—"son"—, this was Mason appointing Pepe to succeed him. By publicly naming me to be his "aghsan"—"son"—, this was Pepe appointing me to succeed him. This is all that is necessary for all the people of the world to accept the first three aghsan guardians of the Baha'i faith, for the throne and lineage of David will last for ever. Doc explains:

Then we have the violation of Donald, and I hope you are able to rescue him. He bases his claim on a handwritten document appointing him the Third Guardian of the Baha'i Faith (not the second). Some deem his handwritten document should be given priority over your appointment, because it is hand written. But here again this is extra to the Will and Testament. No place in the Will of 'Abdu'l-Baha does it state that the appointment must be in a handwritten document. All that it states is that he must appoint a successor during his lifetime. *It leaves the manner and style up to the guardian*. Shoghi Effendi appointed his successor in a cablegram, but the "Hands" deemed that the appointment had to be in a Will. *To add or subtract from the Will interpolates it; then it is no longer the document sent down by God:*

(Dr. Leland Jensen, TMMD, p. 25)

It appears that the guardians of the Baha'i faith are trying to out-do each other in finding UNIQUE ways to appoint their successors. These are TESTS to TEST the believers to see if they really do believe....

Mason explained to me that in <u>the unique way</u> that Shoghi Effendi appointed his successor the guardianship was tested. He said the believers would not be put through that test again. He said the next

time they wouldn't know who the guardian is for a while. This is through his unique way of appointing you. It seems that the guardians try to out-do each other in using unique ways in appointing their successors. For me I must be absolutely certain that the one that I support and give my allegiance is the true guardian. I must take no one's word for this. I must see with my own eyes. Investigate with my own intellect and know with my own heart.

(Dr. Leland Jensen, Letter to Pepe, July 19, 1975, p. 2)

Shoghi Effendi also was a test. He was not a male blood-line descendant of Baha'u'llah, or of King David. His line was not to succeed him, so God didn't give an heir. Therefore he appointed one who was of the line of David, 'Abdu'l-Baha's adopted son to be his successor guardian. When he died God didn't hesitate to remove all of the millions of the Baha'is that separated themselves from the guardian, and thus from Him; and when Mason died God didn't hesitate to remove the rest of them who didn't accept his son, from His sight except the two knights.

(Dr. Leland Jensen, Epistle to Mike East, Oct, Nov 1988. p. 2)

Therefore we either accept the manner and style that both 'Abdu'l-Baha and Pepe chose to adopt and appoint their successors, Mason and myself, as being the adoption and appointment in one stroke, which is the case of the only, or first born, son by the law of primogeniture, or we choose to fail the test. And we can remember the words of Baha'u'llah: "How severe the test to those who join partners with God!"

With all this said and done, Bob, there is still much more depth to the Plan and purpose of God in protecting His Cause and promoting it in the manner and style which He has so chosen. The rhyme and reason for this Plan of God unfolding in the dramatic and great historic events in which it has been happening; and the beauty of the divine wisdom and sacred purpose of God and his Plan for the establishment of His Kingdom, and the manifestation of His will in the prophecies stated before time in the Books of the Prophets of Old: "Behold I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH".

Other than these deeper things that pertain to the greater Covenant of God, I am not sure what you are referring to as "alluding to" in my last letter to you, the gist of which was contained in the rest of that packet we sent to you.

If you wish, please send the passage of the first letter you are referring to so we can resolve that matter fully.

In Isaiah it is written of the time when God will bring forth the BRANCH which will occur simultaneously with the time of great trouble, in which God will perform His "strange work" following the 9-11 on the day that "the towers shall fall":

And upon every lofty mountain and every high hill there will be brooks running with water, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall [9-11]. (Is. 30:25 RSV)

For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work, and bring to pass his act, his strange act. (Is. 28:21 KJV)

Thus these first three guardians are a parallel to the three part covenant of Moses that dominates the Adamic Cycle of the pattern of the Blessing, the Curse or Scattering, and the Re-gathering, with the third guardian being a natural branch (Jewish) grafted back into the throne line from Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha. This is what Mason said would take place after the destruction in New York, that then the third Guardian who would be a natural branch from the same line as Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha would then become known:

I am learning things in these days of confusion which had I realized sooner might have spared me many worries and present troubles. Some believe in the coming Global Catastrophe. Others are in violent agitation when it is mentioned. Each soul must face these differences alone and between himself and God.

Personally I have every Faith that the Baha'i Faith under the Guardianship will carry through and survive all obstacles—that is that the Administrative Guardianship will survive the catastrophe and the days of tribulation to follow—There will be a Guardian....

I have devised a plan [that he had received from 'Abdu'l-Baha and given to Pepe] that will assure the people that there will be a 3rd Guardian, but that no one will know who he is to be until the

catastrophe [9-11 destruction in New York] has passed and with it the confusion of the days of tribulation. (Mason Remey, Florence, Italy, 28 July 1966)

In The Most Mighty Document, Doc explains that Mason announced that he was the FIRST aghsan guardian of the Baha'i faith, making Pepe the SECOND aghsan guardian, and therefore, this would make Pepe's son the THIRD guardian, the great grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha of whom Mason is writing about. Doc further explained that in the above passage, what Mason was referring to as the "catastrophe" would be the destruction that would take place in New York City. This comes in two waves or phases: the 9-11, in which the identity of the guardian is made known publicly to the Baha'is that Doc had educated directly, and the second, in which New York is to be nuked after Saddam is assassinated and the identity of the guardian is projected into the world wide media forum. In this two-phase projection, the 144,000 are gathered unto the throne, that is, to the living guardian. After this the body of the Supreme Tribunal will be elected when the four beasts countries accept the Baha'i faith as their state religion and become the four living creatures prophesied in the Book of Revelation, when the majority in them will be Baha'i. Mason goes on to explain that this third guardian will be a natural branch from the same family as Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha.

Statement on Succession By MASON REMEY AGHSAN, Guardian

The traditional background of the Prophets of Israel is that of a special and family descent from earliest times and from which seed the Prophets and Manifestations of God were descended.

I, Mason Remey, feel... that the descent of the Guardianship can be brought back again into the line of descent from Baha'u'llah [a natural branch]. This can be accomplished as soon as there may arise amongst those of this chosen descent one who will qualify. All this can be attained in conformity with the Will and testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha.

Mason Remey AGHSAN, August 1964

'Abdu'l-Baha himself had given these explicit instructions to his son Mason, which were carried out by his son, Pepe, that a natural Branch (Jewish)—from the same Davidic line of descent from Baha'u'llah—was to be grafted back in and that this would be the promised third guardian of the Baha'i Faith seated upon the throne of David as president of the true Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah. Mason explained this to the people in his open Statement on Succession. My family is from the same line as that of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha from Bostanai and Dara from the branch that moved up out of Persia into Russia. This is recorded in the histories of both the Persian and Russian peoples concerning the first governors over the Khazars that converted them to Judaism and the governors of Novgorod and Kiev.

Thus this test has come full circle with Pepe adopting and appointing me in the same manner and style that 'Abdu'l-Baha adopted and appointed Mason in the salutations of the Aghsan Letters. According to Dr. Jensen, this is all that is needed to qualify, for he explains repeatedly that the salutation is all that is necessary for the guardianship to continue unbroken, legal, binding and with out a shadow of a doubt, 100 % certainly, the truth and purpose of God himself. "An adopted son has all the rights and privileges of a natural son" including the kingship and the right to inherit the throne.

Now these others have mislead themselves into error by overstepping their bounds. Clearly the members of the UHJ have no power to legislate or rule upon the one the guardian chooses to be his successor, the manner or style in which he so chooses to do this, or other certain points, such as who he appoints as Hands, who he may or may not appoint to represent him in the council (see page 14), how he decides how to collect, manage, invest and distribute the Huquq, in what manner and style he so chooses to diffuse the divine fragrances or how he is to direct the activities of the Hands of the Cause, etc... or any other item explicitly given as his right within the sphere of his operation as Executive Branch as given in the Will. Shoghi Effendi writes:

The Institution of Guardianship

It must be also clearly understood by every believer that the institution of Guardianship does not under any circumstances abrogate, or even in the slightest degree detract from, the powers granted to the Universal House of Justice by Baha'u'llah in the

Kitab-i-Agdas, and repeatedly and solemnly confirmed by Abdu'l-Baha in His Will. It does not constitute in any manner a contradiction to the Will and Writings of Baha'u'llah, nor does it nullify any of His revealed instructions. It enhances the prestige of that exalted assembly, stabilizes its supreme position, safeguards its unity, assures the continuity of its labors, without presuming in the slightest to infringe upon the inviolability of its clearly-defined sphere of jurisdiction. We stand indeed too close to so monumental a document to claim for ourselves a complete understanding of all its implications, or to presume to have grasped the manifold mysteries it undoubtedly contains. Only future generations can comprehend the value and the significance attached to this Divine Masterpiece, which the hand of the Master-builder of the world has designed for the unification and the triumph of the world-wide Faith of Baha'u'llah. Only those who come after us will be in a position to realize the value of the surprisingly strong emphasis that has been placed on the institution of the House of Justice and of the Guardianship. They only will appreciate the significance of the vigorous language employed by Abdu'l-Baha with reference to the band of Covenant-breakers that has opposed Him in His days. To them alone will be revealed the suitability of the institutions initiated by Abdu'l-Baha to the character of the future society which is to emerge out of the chaos and confusion of the present age.

(Shoghi Effendi, World Order of Baha'u'llah, p. 8)

It should be stated, at the very outset, in clear and unambiguous language, that these twin institutions of the Administrative Order of Baha'u'llah [legislative and Executive branch] should be regarded as divine in origin, essential in their functions and complementary in their aim and purpose. Their common, their fundamental object is to insure the continuity of that divinely-appointed authority which flows from the Source of our Faith, to safeguard the unity of its followers and to maintain the integrity and flexibility of its teachings. Acting **in conjunction** with each other these **two inseparable institutions** [head and body both] administer its affairs, coordinate its activities, promote its interests, execute its laws and defend its subsidiary institutions. Severally, **each operates within a clearly defined sphere of jurisdiction**; each is equipped with its own attendant institutions - instruments

designed for the effective discharge of its particular responsibilities and duties. Each exercises, within the limitations imposed upon it, its powers, its authority, its rights and prerogatives. These are neither contradictory, nor detract in the slightest degree from the position which each of these institutions occupies. Far from being incompatible or mutually destructive, they supplement each other's authority and functions, and are permanently and fundamentally united in their aims.

(Shoghi Effendi, World Order of Baha'u'llah, p. 148)

Thus in the Will and Testament it is written, "the mighty stronghold shall remain impregnable and safe through obedience to him who is the Guardian of the Cause of God":

The mighty stronghold shall remain impregnable and safe through obedience to him who is the Guardian of the Cause of God. It is incumbent upon the members of the House of Justice, upon all the Aghsan, the Afnan, the Hands of the Cause of God to show their obedience, submissiveness and subordination unto the Guardian of the Cause of God, to turn unto him and be lowly before him. He that opposeth him hath opposed the True One, will make a breach in the Cause of God, will subvert His Word and will become a manifestation of the Center of Sedition. ('Abdu'l-Baha, Will and Testament, pp. 11-12)

This refers to the fact the other members of the Universal House of Justice have no right to interfere in the above listed activities and duties of the guardian that are explicitly stated in the Will, including his right of who he chooses to appoint to succeed himself to the administrative post as the next guardian. Likewise, the members of the Universal House of Justice (IBC/UHJ) must accept his successor unconditionally or expel themselves from the Baha'i faith at the very moment of their deviation.

In regards to functioning inside the meeting, the members of the UHJ are all held accountable to the Rules of Decorum and the Baha'i format of Robert Rules of Order for the due process of deliberating upon issues with the guardian as the Chair. They must show the same respect as any assembly member would to any chair of any meeting. They must turn to the chair to obtain the floor, make motions, and exercise their other rights and privileges as members of the House that are vouchsafed unto them as honorable

members by the provisions of the sacred Will and Testament. As stated above, the guardian cannot infringe upon these rights of his fellow members as given in the Covenant, cannot veto their decisions and only has vote of one in participating in the deliberations.

Regarding outside the meetings, after deliberations are concluded, the other members of the House of Justice (IBC/UHJ) are under the authority of the Executive branch as the head of the Universal House of Justice, just as are all Baha'i citizens of the kingdom of God. They are to accept the Executive branch as the public representative of the unified House and the promulgator of the explicit texts, of which the decisions of the House have the same effect as the text itself. This is the same as the role of the United States President who is the chief executive in that country.

As to the "Hair and the Blood" Mason received from 'Abdu'l-Baha via the executor named in his will, and the other relics and heirlooms, these are in safe keeping along with "the Lapis Lazuli Signet Ring" I received from Pepe via the executor named in his will, under the conditions that Dr. Jensen set forth in his explicit instructions to me regarding the safekeeping of these artifacts during the time of the Great Destruction that is upon us now.

However we do have photographs and copies of all these things available at the Baha'i Center for you to read and peruse for yourself if that should be your wish, and we are planning on putting together a website that documents the "Hair and the Blood" and other artifacts and original papers and letters pertaining to the guardianship continuing through the 20th century and into the 21st, a collection of the things from 'Abdu'l-Baha, Mason and Pepe.

I look forward to hearing from you again soon and hope that this letter aides and assists you in bringing you forward to your goal as the armies of the world prepare to assassinate Saddam Hussein and release the four winds of destruction from the great river Euphrates (Rev. 9:14) which flows through Iraq.

Neither the pomp of the mighty, nor the wealth of the rich, nor even the ascendancy of the ungodly will endure. All will perish, at a word from Him. He, verily, is the All-Powerful, the All-Compelling, the Almighty. What advantage is there in the earthly things which men possess? That which shall profit them, they have utterly neglected. Erelong, they will awake from their slumber, and

find themselves unable to obtain that which hath escaped them in the days of their Lord, the Almighty, the All-Praised. Did they but know it, they would renounce their all, that their names may be mentioned before His throne [Davidic]. They, verily, are accounted among the dead.

(Baha'u'llah, *The Kitab-i-Aqdas*, p. 34)

Only the POWER of the Covenant of God, alive in the world today as vouchsafed through the true Universal House of Justice (IBC/UHJ in its appointed stage) with the living descendant of king David as its president, the great grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha, has the revitalizing influence of the vibrating spirit to re-vivify the souls of an unregenerate mankind, and resurrect all the people of the world to the living presence of the living God, turn darkness to light, death into life and raise the dead to eternal bliss, perfection, glory, happiness and the Supreme Felicity.

I remain yours, your servant,

Neal.