

## **LIGHTING SEVEN CANDLES**

*“The unity of truth, through the power of God, will make these illusory differences to vanish away. This is the one essential: for if unity be gained, all other problems will disappear of themselves.”--‘Abdu’l-Baha*

Dear friends,

Allah’u’ Abha!

Today we received a federal summons filed against us in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado (the 10th circuit) dated May 27, 2021, by the sans-guardian NSA of the United States in yet another attempt to shut down our Baha’i websites and public internet teaching effort.

The specific target this time around, for those in opposition and open rebellion to this Cause, is yet another attempt to permanently close down the UHJ.net website and to prevent the third and current president of Baha’u’llah’s Universal House of Justice from fulfilling its mission to unite all the people of the world and establish the Oneness of Humanity as the permanent foundation of the real and everlasting spiritual essence of human culture and the spiritual foundation of an ever advancing divine civilization: that is, the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

It is no mere coincidence that this renewed attack against the faith comes now at the same time as the world in crisis: troubles in the middle east and Jerusalem, this Ridvan period; the continuing global health crisis of the corona virus (covid-19); tensions between the United States and Russia escalating in the Ukraine, Black Sea, and cyber hacking attacks against the US; and civil war, poverty, starvation and unrest in almost every region of the world. The peoples everywhere are suffering under the burden of these escalating calamities; while we, the faithful remnant of believers in God firm in the Covenant of Baha’u’llah, continue forward according to the provisions of the Charter of the sacred Will and Testament of ‘Abdu’l-Baha to teach the faith in every country and land in which we live, that is to promulgate the waters of life, for the people that are free of price, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

As our mission is one of education, this new federal lawsuit coming as it does at this critical time in human history, demonstrates the great success that our combined joint teaching efforts have made throughout the entire world in harmony with the personal teaching effort of the living Davidic King seated upon the throne of David today that is the dynamic and functioning executive branch operating in the Baha’i faith at this time. In recent years we have been able to demonstrate the true meaning of “spiritual world government” founded upon educational and not military, force, or material means. The sans-guardians on the other hand, as demonstrated in their document, are materialistic and aggressive confessing that their interests are focused on suing us for money and lost revenues--of which they state they are entitled to as they own “the marks” (Rev. 13:17) trademarks on the name “The Universal House of Justice” and “UHJ.”

It has always been my hope, that opposition to the Cause, such as this frivolous suit and the other ridiculous and unfounded attempts to defame us or forestall the teaching effort, would only help to further serve our united global educational teaching effort, and fan the flames of the love of

God in the hearts, minds, and souls of all the peoples of the world. These recent calamities and crises, in the world at large and in the community of the faith, appear to me to be fulfilling the prophetic pattern described by ‘Abdu’l-Baha in his Tablet of the Seven Candles of Unity where these seven candles correspond to the same seven years pattern of the seven years Hopi purification (Hopi literally means “obedient”); the seven days (each day being a year, Ez. 4:6; Num. 14:34) of the prophetic Exodus period from the Passover of the angel of death (the first year) to the crossing of the Red Sea on the 7th or 8th day; the seven years of tribulation--purification by fire--spoken of in Ezekiel “and they will make fires with them for seven years” (Ezekiel 39:9 NKJV): all of which we have announced beforehand in our previous letters and epistles, as well as in the previous CHINVAT media releases.

The first candle, ‘Abdu’l-Baha describes is the “unity of politics,” that can be seen now lit in the world-wide global march for social justice in the wake of the George Floyd murder. This first candle unity of social justice in the realm of the body politic of all peoples as equal valuable world-citizens of the Kingdom of God is now at the forefront of the minds of all the people of the world. The second candle of “the unity of thought in world undertakings” is now lit up brightly in the call for unity and cooperation globally due to the current world wide global health crisis and pandemic. The third candle of the “unity of freedom” has now been ignited from the temple mount and al-Aqsa mosque this Ridvan concerning the Palestinian-Israeli crisis, as all the people of the world would like to see Our current generation realize the dreams of both the Palestinians and the Jews to both have unity of freedom in all aspects of their lives, the material, the family, the social, the economic, and the spiritual.

The fourth candle of unity, ‘Abdu’l-Baha describes, is “the unity of religion,” which is the most important and central candle, the head cornerstone of the foundation itself. This goes to the roots of the entire problem, the removal of all forms of prejudice, specifically the removal of religious prejudiced, that is the main impediment of all the peoples of the world functioning together in solidarity and cooperation. ‘Abdu’l-Baha states: “This is the one essential: for if unity be gained, all other problems will disappear of themselves.” This renewed religious attack upon us at this time signifies the lighting of the fourth candle.

“The fifth candle is the unity of nations--a unity which in this century [1921-2021] will be securely established, causing all the peoples of the world to regard themselves as citizens of one common fatherland. The sixth candle is unity of races, making of all that dwell on earth peoples and kindreds of one race. The seventh candle is unity of language, i.e., the choice of a universal tongue in which all peoples will be instructed and converse. Each and every one of these will inevitably come to pass, inasmuch as the power of the Kingdom of God will aid and assist in their realization” (‘Abdu’l-Baha).

Now this current federal summons is directed specifically toward the person of the guardian, named as the defendant, allowing me to file the response *pro se*. I am going to move for a dismissal on the grounds that the guardian is not the owner of the website UHJ.net: the second International Baha’i Council/Universal House of Justice is the owner of its own name and its own website. The guardianship of the Baha’i faith, the executive branch, and irremovable member for life of that body, is restricted to the presidency of the UHJ. The UHJ is the Supreme Institution of the Faith and has all the rights to have its own official website and certainly has the

right to educate the people as to its own name and identity as the true, genuine, and authentic Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah. Moreover, that case--against the IBC/UHJ--has already been adjudicated in both the UN at WIPO (2005: <http://www.bupc.org/wipo/wipo-press-release.html>) and in the United States Federal Court of the 7th circuit and upheld in the US 7th circuit Federal Court of Appeal in the year 2010 (<https://cite.case.law/f3d/628/837/>).

As our teaching effort of the Covenant has been rapidly progressing, and our educational message of the Kingdom of God has been resounding throughout the entire world, in different parts and communities, it is sure to soon reach the generality of the public as a whole, as set forth in the inscrutable timetable of God.

Naming the person of the guardian, instead of the Council of the IBC/UHJ itself as the defendant in this federal complaint, is just another ruse to attempt to shut down the public face of our faith and for the misguided plaintiffs to conceal their own violation of the Covenant, that without a doubt, is a real concern for them, as they--the mainstream covenant-breakers of the "Hands-Faith" are based in Haifa, Israel during this time of crisis in the Holy Land. Their sans-guardian nine man group headless "house" in violation of the provisions of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha is a public embarrassment and full-fledged flop. Without the Davidic Kingship, of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha continued in the presidency of the IBC/UHJ, they have no message for the people of the world. All the people of the world, especially the Jews, the Christians and the Muslims await the fulfillment of their prophecies for the coming of the Kingdom, that the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, and the Koran all state shall be established "upon the throne of King David" (see Is. 9:6-7 for more). In His proclamation Baha'u'llah states: "The Ancient Beauty ruleth upon the throne of David. Thus hath my pen spoken that which the histories of bygone ages have related." No matter what the result of this filing shall be, we know that the ultimate destiny of the faith and the victory of the Cause of God are in the hands of God Himself.

"O compassionate God! Thanks be to Thee for Thou hast awakened and made me conscious. Thou hast given me a seeing eye and favored me with a hearing ear, hast led me to Thy kingdom and guided me to Thy path. Thou hast shown me the right way and caused me to enter the ark of deliverance. O God! Keep me steadfast and make me firm and staunch. Protect me from violent tests and preserve and shelter me in the strongly fortified fortress of Thy Covenant and Testament. Thou art the Powerful. Thou art the Seeing. Thou art the Hearing.

"O Thou the Compassionate God. Bestow upon me a heart which, like unto a glass, may be illumined with the light of Thy love, and confer upon me thoughts which may change this world into a rose garden through the outpourings of heavenly grace.

"Thou art the Compassionate, the Merciful. Thou art the Great Beneficent God."

In continued service to the Faith,

I remain yours,  
your servant,

Neal. Guardian.

## **Tablet of the Seven Candles**

--'Abdu'l-Baha--

O captive of the love of God! The letter which thou didst write at the time of thy departure hath been received. It brought me joy; and it is my hope that thine inner eye may be opened wide, so that unto thee the very core of the divine mysteries may be disclosed.

Thou didst begin thy letter with a blessed phrase, saying: 'I am a Christian.' O would that all were truly Christian! It is easy to be a Christian on the tongue, but hard to be a true one. Today some five hundred million souls are Christian, but the real Christian is very rare: he is that soul from whose comely face there shineth the splendor of Christ, and who showeth forth the perfections of the Kingdom; this is a matter of great moment, for to be a Christian is to embody every excellence there is. I hope that thou, too, shalt become a true Christian. Praise thou God that at last, through the divine teachings, thou hast obtained both sight and insight to the highest degree, and hast become firmly rooted in certitude and faith. It is my hope that others as well will achieve illumined eyes and hearing ears, and attain to everlasting life: that these many rivers, each flowing along in diverse and separated beds, will find their way back to the circumambient sea, and merge together and rise up in a single wave of surging oneness; that the unity of truth, through the power of God, will make these illusory differences to vanish away. This is the one essential: for if unity be gained, all other problems will disappear of themselves.

O honored lady! In accordance with the divine teachings in this glorious dispensation we should not belittle anyone and call him ignorant, saying: 'You know not, but I know'. Rather, we should look upon others with respect, and when attempting to explain and demonstrate, we should speak as if we are investigating the truth, saying: 'Here these things are before us. Let us investigate to determine where and in what form the truth can be found.' The teacher should not consider himself as learned and others ignorant. Such a thought breedeth pride, and pride is not conducive to influence. The teacher should not see in himself any superiority; he should speak with the utmost kindness, lowliness and humility, for such speech exerteth influence and educateth the souls.

O honored lady! For a single purpose were the Prophets, each and all, sent down to earth; for this was Christ made manifest, for this did Baha'u'llah raise up the call of the Lord: that the world of man should become the world of God, this nether realm the Kingdom, this darkness light, this satanic wickedness all the virtues of heaven--and unity, fellowship and love be won for the whole human race, that the organic unity should reappear and the bases of discord be destroyed and life everlasting and grace everlasting become the harvest of mankind.

O honored lady! Look about thee at the world: here unity, mutual attraction, gathering together, engender life, but disunity and inharmony spell death. When thou dost consider all phenomena, thou wilt see that every created thing hath come into being through the mingling of many elements, and once this collectivity of elements is dissolved, and this harmony of components is dissevered, the life form is wiped out.

O honored lady! In cycles gone by, though harmony was established, yet, owing to the absence of means, the unity of all mankind could not have been achieved. Continents remained widely

divided, nay even among the peoples of one and the same continent association and interchange of thought were wellnigh impossible. Consequently intercourse, understanding and unity amongst all the peoples and kindreds of the earth were unattainable. In this day, however, means of communication have multiplied, and the five continents of the earth have virtually merged into one. And for everyone it is now easy to travel to any land, to associate and exchange views with its peoples, and to become familiar, through publications, with the conditions, the religious beliefs and the thoughts of all men. In like manner all the members of the human family, whether peoples or governments, cities or villages, have become increasingly interdependent. For none is self-sufficiency any longer possible, inasmuch as political ties unite all peoples and nations, and the bonds of trade and industry, of agriculture and education, are being strengthened every day. Hence the unity of all mankind can in this day be achieved. Verily this is none other but one of the wonders of this wondrous age, this glorious century. Of this past ages have been deprived, for this century--the century of light--hath been endowed with unique and unprecedented glory, power and illumination. Hence the miraculous unfolding of a fresh marvel every day. Eventually it will be seen how bright its candles will burn in the assemblage of man.

Behold how its light is now dawning upon the world's darkened horizon. The first candle is unity in the political realm, the early glimmerings of which can now be discerned. The second candle is unity of thought in world undertakings, the consummation of which will ere long be witnessed. The third candle is unity in freedom which will surely come to pass. The fourth candle is unity in religion which is the corner-stone of the foundation itself, and which, by the power of God, will be revealed in all its splendor. The fifth candle is the unity of nations--a unity which in this century will be securely established, causing all the peoples of the world to regard themselves as citizens of one common fatherland. The sixth candle is unity of races, making of all that dwell on earth peoples and kindreds of one race. The seventh candle is unity of language, i.e., the choice of a universal tongue in which all peoples will be instructed and converse. Each and every one of these will inevitably come to pass, inasmuch as the power of the Kingdom of God will aid and assist in their realization.



TO HIS HONORS THE PRIME MINISTERS  
NAFTALI BENNETT (INCUMBENT) AND  
YAIR LAPID (ALTERNATE)

JUNE 23, 2021

*“GOD LOVES THOSE WHO WORK IN GROUPS!”*

DEAR PRIME MINISTER(S):

May this letter find you in good spirits and its contents benefit you in the important work of aiding and assisting all the people in realizing their hopes and dreams for cooperation and unity of freedom in these trying times.

Attached please find important legal documents pertaining to the reality of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha concerning the continuation of the throne-line of King David that is to last forever (Psalms 89). As we approach the 20th anniversary of the unfurling of the divine standard of the banner of the genealogy of Baha'u'llah (9/21/2001 - 9/21/2021) those based in your country, in Haifa, Israel, seek to have God's house of education “permanently deactivated” and the vital information of the everlasting Covenant of God and all educational materials (of great importance to all Jews, Christians and Muslims) “delivered up for destruction.”

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin benefitted in his work from the information we sent to him aforetime. In is our hope that the information contained in this missive will benefit you now at this time of world transformation and growth as the world moves from nationalism to internationalism.

We live in the information age, where knowledge is power; and through being knowledgeable, individuals and groups become successful and unstoppable in their important work. The greatest of all knowledge is the knowledge of God. Those in Haifa would have us all deprived of this knowledge, in deference to the clear warning that God has revealed through the mouth of His prophet: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6).

May you remain guided in God and may the bonds of affection, love, unity, and cooperation be strengthened throughout the diversity of your peoples and those in your neighboring lands.

*“In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call every man his neighbour under the vine and under the fig tree.” (Zechariah 3:10)*

I remain yours, your servant,

Neal Chase  
UHJ.net

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO**

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY )  
OF THE BAHA'IS OF THE UNITED STATES )

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Plaintiff )

v. )

NEAL CHASE )  
\_\_\_\_\_) )

Defendant )

Civil Action No. 21-cv-01434-MEH

**ANSWER TO SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION  
MOTION TO DISMISS**

*“Then God’s Temple in heaven was opened, and within His Temple was seen the Ark of His Covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.” (Rev. 11:19 NIV)*

1. Comes now Neal Chase, defendant, representing himself *pro se*, in answer and response to Summons in a Civil Action dated May 27, 2021 filed by National Spiritual Assembly (h/a NSA) of the Baha’is of the United States (h/a BOTUS). Defendant, Neal Chase, received a copy of Plaintiff’s complaint on Thursday June 3, 2021 and files this response within the 21 days allotted by the rules of the district court.

2. Plaintiff NSA-BOTUS alleges that through the internet publication of the website UHJ.net described on the welcome page as “The Official Website of the Universal House of Justice” of Baha’u’llah, Defendant Neal Chase is in “competition and infringement” of plaintiff’s currently owned trademarks (that plaintiff refers to as “the marks”) “THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE and “UHJ” registered with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In its “prayer for relief” Plaintiff NSA-BOTUS, among other things, seeks to have the UHJ.net website

permanently removed from the internet and all documents and religious literature, holy books, and Baha'i teaching materials be "delivered up for destruction." "That the Court issue an order permanently de-activating the domain name <UHJ.net>...[and] that, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1118, Defendant be ordered to deliver up for destruction all materials, including...brochures, advertisements, literature, promotions, displays, catalogs, and all other matter in the custody or under the control of Defendant."

3. Defendant moves for immediate dismissal of this complaint on the grounds that Neal Chase, is not the owner of the website UHJ.net. The Supreme Institution of the Baha'i Faith, the second International Baha'i Council/Universal House of Justice (h/a IBC/UHJ) is the owner of its own website and is the owner of its own name.

4. Furthermore, plaintiff NSA-BOTUS has already brought litigation against IBC/UHJ, the owner of UHJ.net, in three other separate Court venues--adducing the same arguments and same complaints as filed against the Defendant in this current summons--and was rejected by the courts. Plaintiff NSA-BOTUS filed a complaint in 2005 against IBC/UHJ for the website UHJ.net at the United Nations World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO): (<http://www.bupc.org/wipo/wipo-press-release.html> and <https://www.wipo.int/amc/en/domains/decisions/html/2005/d2005-0214.html>) and was overruled. Plaintiff again filed the same complaint against IBC/UHJ the owner of UHJ.net in the US Federal District Court of 7th Circuit and was rejected; and again plaintiff NSA-BOTUS filed the same complaint in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals against IBC/UHJ for UHJ.net and was overruled: the original decision in Federal District Court protecting the first amendment freedom of religion being upheld in by the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in 2010: (<https://cite.case.law/f3d/628/837/>).



5. Now, after not hearing from the Plaintiff for 11 years, Plaintiff has again filed yet another complaint against UHJ.net during these difficult times of the covid-19 worldwide pandemic crisis, the universal march for social justice mobilizing the peoples of the world since the killing of George Floyd, and the call for unity of freedom for the Palestinians and Israeli Jews living in the holy land. The function of the UHJ.net website is the authentic and genuine internet teaching platform of the Covenant of the Baha'i Faith, preserved under freedom of religion in the first amendment to the constitution of the United States of America. The information preserved on UHJ.net is the vital connection that our worldwide community of the Baha'is Under the Provisions of the Covenant utilizes in our religious and spiritual activities, and in providing guidance and spiritual solutions for relief to all the peoples of the world as to the authentic Identity of Baha'u'llah, the male-sperm descendant of King David, seated upon David's throne, that all the people of the world are awaiting for according to the prophecies of their own sacred scriptures.

(<http://uhj.net/genealogy/Bahauallah-Genealogy-Of-Religious-Teachers.pdf>)

(<http://uhj.net/about-bahai-faith.html>)

6. The continuation of the throne-line of King David, through Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha, and the Jewish origin of the Baha'i Faith, is of vital importance and central interest to Jews, Christians, and Muslims especially at this time of global crisis in the world today. Where Judaism is the root, and Christianity is the branch, the Baha'i faith is the leaf, flower, and fruit of the same Tree.

7. Baha'u'llah is a Jewish, Christian, Muslim. Baha'u'llah is Jewish being that descendant of King David from the tribe of Judah (Jew means from the tribe of Judah), seated upon the throne of King David that is to last forever (see Psalms 89 for more) that the Jewish

people are waiting for. He is a Muslim having been born, reared and ministered within the Muslim lands of Iran (Persia) and the Ottoman Sunni Empire. Baha'u'llah is Christian as He fulfills Bible prophecy for the second coming of Christ that the Christians are awaiting.

8. The word "Christ" comes from the Greek word *christos*, which literally means "anointed one," like to *christen* a ship. Anointed one in Hebrew is the word *moshiah* where we get the English title messiah, that literally means "anointed one." But anointed one of what? The full title in Hebrew is "Messiah ben David" meaning the anointed one of the throne-line of King David that is promised to appear with a Revelation direct from God at the height of global world crisis and provide the guidance reposed in the "House of the Lord" in which all people will "beat their swords into plowshares, and the spears into pruning hooks, and nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Isaiah chapter 2). His prophesied identity is stated in Isaiah Chapter 9 verses six and seven "upon the throne of David and over His Kingdom to establish it and uphold it, from this time forth and for evermore the zeal of the Lord of Hosts shall perform this" and His title: "The prince of peace."

9. The world at this time needs Baha'u'llah, a Jewish Muslim Christian, to bring peace through justice to the world through the fulfillment of prophecy for His message of the everlasting Covenant of God, in which divine guidance has been placed in His authentic Universal House of Justice the SIBC/UHJ that now exists in the world today with the descendant of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha seated upon the throne of David who is the incumbent president of the current active Council. Who would wish to deprive the world of the opportunity of hearing the true message of Baha'u'llah, that the Kingdom of God, in fulfillment of the hopes, dreams, prophecies, and prayers of all the people of the world has now already been proclaimed and established on the earth as it is in heaven developing, influencing, and evolving

over the last century and three-score and ten years period of this ever advancing civilization whose origin is from none other but from the One True Invisible God, the creator of the universe and everything in it.

10. UHJ.net is not owned by Neal Chase. Neal Chase is not the owner of UHJ.net. UHJ.net is owned by IBC/UHJ registered in the State of Colorado as *Universal House of Justice* (Entity# 20061529209) an entity registered with the Colorado Department of State (CDOS) (See Exhibit A). IBC/UHJ (Entity# 20061529209) is the registered and legal owner of UHJ.net as listed and registered with ICANN (see Exhibit A). According to these undisputed points of material fact, that Neal Chase, is not the owner of UHJ.net, the Defendant asks the court to uphold a Motion to Dismiss.

### **Background**

11. The Baha'i Faith is the only religion in the world based upon a legal document. That legal document, the sacred Will and Testament (h/a W&T) of 'Abdu'l-Baha, is "the Charter of the Kingdom" (see *World Order of Baha'u'llah*, page 144 for more) the sacred document that is the final settlement of all Baha'i disputes. Baha'u'llah revealed His plans for the Universal House of Justice in His Book of the Covenant, entitled the *Kitab-i-Ahd*, in which He appoints two individual successors to succeed Him and then the House of Justice.

12. The Universal House of Justice (h/a UHJ) is therefore revealed by Baha'u'llah, delineated by 'Abdu'l-Baha in "the Charter of the Kingdom" the sacred Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha by His first successor and eldest son 'Abdu'l-Baha named as the Center of the Covenant. Shoghi Effendi, the grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha is then named in the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha as the second appointed individual successor and the executor of his estate. Shoghi Effendi set up the Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah according to the

provisions of the Will and Testament of ‘Abdu’l-Baha with ‘Abdu’l-Baha’s son (Shoghi Effendi’s uncle) seated upon the throne of David as the first president of the Universal House of Justice on January 9th, 1951.

13. Upon the passing of Shoghi Effendi on November 4th, 1957 a rouge group of individuals calling themselves “Hands of the Cause of God” rejected the Universal House of Justice revealed by Baha’u’llah, delineated by ‘Abdu’l-Baha and implemented by Shoghi Effendi on January 9, 1951. The “Hands” separated themselves (W&T, p. 11) from the Universal House of Justice in its first appointed stage entitled the first International Baha’i Council (h/a IBC) and removed themselves from the body of believers when they went against the IBC/UHJ and separated themselves (W&T, p. 11) from the first president of the Universal House of Justice ‘Abdu’l-Baha’s legally adopted aghsan-son, Charles Mason Remey Aghsan. Aghsan is a Persian and Arabic word that literally means “branches” referring to the continuation of the throne-line of “the branch of David” (see Zech. ch. 3 and Jer. chpts. 23 & 33) mentioned in the Bible and other Holy scriptures such as Isaiah chapter 11. ‘Abdu’l-Baha for example is known as the “Most Great Branch.”

14. An adopted son has all the rights and prerogatives as a natural son including the kingship. The Davidic Kingship, now entitled the “guardianship of the Baha’i faith” is restricted to the presidency of the Universal House of Justice of Baha’u’llah as the chairperson of the Assembly and the executive branch of the Council (W&T, p. 15). The Guardian, the President of the Universal House of Justice, has a vote of one in all matters and no veto power. Whatsoever the majority decides is accepted as “the truth and purpose of God Himself” (W&T, p. 19). Should the president vote in the minority, as the executive branch of the Universal House of Justice, he still must happily carry out the decisions of the majority body.

15. The purpose of the Davidic King being the executive branch (W&T, p. 15) president and “irremovable member for life” (W&T, p. 14) of the Universal House of Justice is so that we can recognize the true Universal House of Justice of Baha’u’llah from fakes, frauds, and imitations. What is preventing any nine people claiming to be “Baha’is” from claiming to be the Universal House of Justice is that the authentic Universal House of Justice must have the descendant of King as its president as the “distinguished member for life of that body” (W&T, p. 14) thus distinguishing the true Identity of the real Universal House of Justice for everyone to recognize and giving the throne of David as the “sign of God” (W&T, p. 11) the emblem that it is genuine and authentic. According to the Will and Testament it states:

“Should any, within or without the company of **the Hands of the Cause of God disobey and seek division**, the wrath of God and His vengeance will be upon him, for **he will have caused a breach in the true Faith of God...** This body of the Hands of the Cause of God is under the direction of [the President of the IBC/UHJ seated upon the throne of David now entitled] the Guardian of the Cause of God.” (W&T, p. 13)

16. Plaintiff NSA-BOTUS separated themselves from the IBC/UHJ in the years 1957-1960 when they followed the “Hands” out from under the provisions of the Covenant in violation of the sacred Will and Testament of ‘Abdu’l-Baha. In Article II of the Original Declaration of Trust legal documents for the real NSA in the days of Shoghi Effendi it states:

“We declare the purposes and objects of **this Trust** to be to administer the affairs of the Cause of Baha’u’llah for the benefit of the Baha’is of the United States according to the principles of Baha’i affiliation and administration created and established by Baha’u’llah, defined and explained by ‘Abdu’l-Baha, and amplified and applied by **Shoghi Effendi and his duly constituted successor and successors under the provisions of the Will and Testament of ‘Abdu’l-Baha.**” (NSA Declaration of Trust (1949), Article II, page 4)

17. After the violation of the “Hands” in 1957-1960, plaintiff NSA-BOTUS removed themselves from under the provisions of the sacred Will and Testament of ‘Abdu’l-Baha. They, the plaintiff BOTUS-NSA, sided with the “Hands” and formed and International Headless

Assembly (h/a IHA) in 1963 in opposition to the Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah with the Davidic King, 'Abdu'l-Baha's aghsan-son as its first president, that Shoghi Effendi himself set up as his "**duly constituted successor and successors** under the **provisions of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha**" on January 9, 1951.

18. Plaintiff BOTUS-NSA then filed their original application of trademark in the United States at the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the mark "The Universal House of Justice" after 1963, in 1965, in deference to the fact that the genuine Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah, had already been set up as that first International Baha'i Council (IBC/UHJ) by Shoghi Effendi himself with 'Abdu'l-Baha's son as the first president of the authentic IBC/UHJ 14 years prior to Plaintiff BOTUS-NSA's name grab and identity theft maneuverings.

19. Having purchased with money their alleged material "rights to the mark" "THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE," plaintiff BOTUS-NSA then altered their own By-Laws in their declaration of Trust in Article II, taking themselves out from under the provisions of the Will and Testament and instead placing themselves under the name only of their own "mark" (Rev. 13:17) of their own making:

"The Trustees declare the purpose and objects of **this corporation** to be to administer the affairs of the Cause of Baha'u'llah for the benefit of the Baha'is of the United States according to the principles of Baha'i affiliation and administration created and established by Baha'u'llah, defined and explained by 'Abdu'l-Baha, interpreted and amplified by Shoghi Effendi **and supplemented and applied by The Universal House of Justice [i.e. plaintiff's own mark].**" ([https://bahai-library.com/nsa\\_constitution\\_lsa\\_bylaws](https://bahai-library.com/nsa_constitution_lsa_bylaws))

20. Thus plaintiff, BOTUS-NSA admits in their legal documents that they are in fact not the Original American National "Trust" that was under the provisions of the Will and Testament, but are instead a "corporation" in rejection of Shoghi Effendi's "**duly constituted successor and**

**successors [the first IBC/UHJ set up on January 9, 1951] under the provisions of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha.'**

The Will and Testament clearly states:

“And now, concerning the House of Justice which God hath ordained as the source of all good and freed from all error... By this body all the difficult problems are to be resolved and the **Guardian of the Cause of God [the living person seated on the throne-line of King David] is its sacred head and the distinguished\* member for life of that body** [\*Persian: literally "irremovable member for life.].]...The legislative body must reinforce the executive [the president], the executive must aid and assist the legislative body so that through the close union and harmony of these two forces, the foundation of fairness and justice may become firm and strong, that all the regions of the world may become even as Paradise itself.” (W&T, p. 14-15)

21. According to Shoghi Effendi:

“**Divorced from the institution of the Guardianship** [the President of Universal House of Justice] the World Order of Baha’u’llah **[the IBC/UHJ] 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 given extraordinary distinctions. Even the station of 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, 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. 149)

22. Plaintiff BOTUS-NSA and the “Hands” violation of the Covenant is as glaring as the noonday sun!

23. The IBC/UHJ, the actual and authentic Universal House of Justice of Baha’u’llah, revealed by Baha’u’llah, delineated by ‘Abdu’l-Baha, and constituted by Shoghi Effendi in his four-stage Plan, continued to exist--and continues to exist--under the ministries of the first, second, and third presidents of the Universal House of Justice, that is “the **duly constituted**

**successor and successors [of Shoghi Effendi] under the provisions of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha.**

24. Ten Days after the 9-11 event in the year 2001, the Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah (IBC/UHJ) launched its own website UHJ.net and unfurled the Divine Standard of the genealogy of Baha'u'llah for the first time for public view in fulfillment of the prophecies of Baha'u'llah recorded on page 119 of the *Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah*:

“The world is in travail, and its agitation waxeth day by day. Its face is turned towards waywardness and unbelief. Such shall be its plight, that to disclose it now would not be meet and seemly. Its perversity will long continue. And when the appointed hour is come [9-11-2001], there shall suddenly appear that which shall cause the limbs of mankind to quake. **Then, and only then, will the Divine Standard [the Genealogy of Baha'u'llah] be unfurled**, and the Nightingale of Paradise warble its melody. (Baha'u'llah, GL: LXI)

The Divine Standard: <http://uhj.net/genealogy/Bahauallah-Genealogy-Of-Religious-Teachers.pdf> and see also: <http://uhj.net/about-bahai-faith.html>

25. After the violation of the “Hands” and their followers plaintiff, BOTUS-NSA, the IBC/UHJ was re-established in the United States of America on January 9, 1991, forty years to the day of the first IBC/UHJ set up by Shoghi Effendi. This momentous event occurred during the ministry of the second President of the Universal House of Justice, Joseph Pepe Remey Aghsan, the legally adopted son and appointed successor of Mason: Pepe being the grandson of ‘Abdu'l-Baha. Defendant, Neal Chase, participated in the foundation of the Universal House of Justice here in the United States along with the establisher of the Baha'i Faith, Dr. Leland Jensen, a third generation Baha'i on his mother's side, appointed by Shoghi Effendi with authority as a Knight of Baha'u'llah in year 1953 (<http://entrybytroops.uhj.net/introduction.html>). Upon the passing of Pepe on April 11, 1994, Defendant, Neal Chase, became the third President of the Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah having been adopted and appointed by Pepe, the grandson of ‘Abdu'l-Baha in the



same manner and style in which ‘Abdu’l-Baha legally adopted and appointed his aghsan-son Mason to succeed him to the throne of King David.

26. Like Baha’u’llah and ‘Abdu’l-Baha, Defendant Neal Chase, is of the same family and lineage of King David of Jewish origin. At the time of the burning of the Jewish temple, in 586 BC, mentioned in the Bible, Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylon, took the Davidic King and throne of King David captive from Jerusalem into Babylon (modern day Iraq). One of his successors, took the Davidic King in exile--now entitled exilarchs: the exiled monarchs of King David--out of prison and set him back upon the throne of King David in exile and set the throne of David above the other thrones of the other kings that were with him in Babylon.

And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evilmerodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; And he spake kindly to him, and **set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon**; And changed his prison garments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days of his life. And his allowance *was* a continual allowance given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of his life. (2 Kings 25:27-30 KJV)

27. The Persian King, Cyrus the Great conquered the Babylonian empire, and freed the Jews to return to Israel and Jerusalem to rebuild their temple, but the Davidic Kingship, now entitled the exilarchs, *resh galutha* in Hebrew and *ras al-jalut* in Arabic remained within the Persian empire for 2300 years (Daniel 8:13-14) until the appearance of the Bab and Baha’u’llah in the country of Iran (modern day Persia), in the year 1844 and 1963. Baha’u’llah and ‘Abdu’l-Baha were then exiled from their home in Iran/Persia and banished to Akka and Haifa, Israel, where the throne of David was established in that land prior to the formation of the State of Israel. The first people to accept Baha’u’llah and ‘Abdu’l-Baha were the descendants of the 10 lost tribes of Israel, who had been lost to assimilation converting to Zoroastrians and Islam down

through the ages, now re-gathered around Baha'u'llah and the point of unity of His Covenant of the continuation of David's throne: Israel under its *new name* "Baha'i: which literally means "of glory" (Isaiah 62:2, Rev. 3:15, Isaiah 6:3, Ezekiel 43:2).

28. With the violation of the Baha'i Covenant by the "Hands" and plaintiff BOTUS-NSA, the throne of King David was relocated to Florence Italy, during the lifetime of the first and second Presidents of the Universal House of Justice (both American born citizens). With the passing of the second President, the throne of David has remained established here in the United States of America where the current IBC/UHJ is located in the prophesied New Jerusalem in the Rocky Mountains at the spot and in the locations designated by 'Abdu'l-Baha during his journey to the United States in the year 1912.

29. The IBC/UHJ was registered with the secretary of state in Montana in the year 1993 and also in the state of Colorado in the year 2006 (see Exhibit A). The Plaintiff filed suit against IBC/UHJ against UHJ.net at WIPO in 2005, and again in the 7th Circuit and 7th Circuit Court of Appeals (<https://cite.case.law/f3d/628/837/>) who ruled against plaintiff BOTUS-NSA in November of 2010. Defendant, Neal Chase, is not the owner of UHJ.net, the Council of the IBC/UHJ is the owner and defender of UHJ.net--the people's property--on behalf of the entire worldwide global international community of the Baha'is Under the provisions of the Covenant (<http://www.bahai-india.com/2019/05/the-spread-of-bahais-under-provision-of.html>).

30. The UHJ of Baha'u'llah is the Baha'i Temple of all the Baha'i peoples who are "living stones" in that temple/house: "And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple" (1 Peter 2:5 NLT) and as Paul writes: "Know ye not that ye [*all*] are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth [*with*]-in you? (1 Corinthians 3:16 KJV).

31. As the third President of the Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah, Defendant, Neal Chase, has a vote of one and no veto power. Defendant, Neal Chase has never received any moneys or revenue from IBC/UHJ's UHJ.net website. Plaintiff BOTUS-NSA appears to be mainly interested in only money, and the suppression of the true Baha'i peoples from teaching the faith, which is their religious right and freedom of spiritual practice, by giving the proofs and evidences for the reality of their own faith, the truth of the Davidic origins and foundations of the faith of Baha'u'llah; and the proofs and evidences for the authenticity of our real and authentic IBC/UHJ which is firmly established in the world today since the year 1991.

32. Plaintiff BOTUS-NSA furthermore only recently trademarked "UHJ" according to their own admission in the year 2020, long after UHJ.net was launched by IBC/UHJ in the year 2001, and long after the 2005 WIPO ruling that found: "that "UHJ" as an acronym is not commonly used in the [Plaintiff's version of the sans-guardian] Baha'i Faith to refer to the[ir BOGUS headless] Universal House of Justice [*sic*]" (<https://www.wipo.int/amc/en/domains/decisions/html/2005/d2005-0214.html>); and again they moved to get the "mark" "UHJ" in 2020, ten years after the 7th Circuit over-ruled plaintiff BOTUS-NSA.

33. No trademark registration maneuverings are ever going to thwart the fulfillment of Bible prophecy of God, nor cover up the truth of this Cause, nor settle the issue of the peoples as to authenticity of Baha'u'llah's true Universal House of Justice with the descendant of King David as its president so we can recognize the true Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah from fakes, frauds, and imitations. Plaintiff BOTUS-NSA plainly took themselves out from under the provisions of the Covenant of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha, as admitted by them in their own Article II (see above).

34. These apparently endless law cases, litigations, and complaints by the plaintiff upon IBC/UHJ and now a summons upon its third president, personally, especially coming at this time of covid-19, when the peoples of the world need Baha'u'llah's message of hope more than ever, feels like plain old harassment.

35. Trade marking "UHJ" in the year 2020, to turn around in yet another attempt to shut down the UHJ.net website by naming the current president of the UHJ as the defendant, when he clearly is not the registered owner; but the Council IBC/UHJ is the owner of UHJ.net (see Exhibit A) feels like an abuse of the legal system.

### **MOTION TO DISMISS**

36. The Baha'i faith has grown and spread all throughout the world during the last 30 years (1991-2021) since the re-establishment of the second IBC/UHJ in the Rocky Mountains of the United States in Montana and Colorado. This same beef has been heard and tried in court at the UN, at WIPO, and in the 7th Circuit, whose outcomes was to protect and preserve our rights of freedom of religion, freedom of the press (such as websites) and right to assemble (locally, regionally/nationally, and internationally such as meeting as the Council of the IBC/UHJ: the living temple of the Baha'i peoples under the provisions of the Covenant).

37. It is our hope, that the Colorado District Court will see the important reality concerned here, and based on the fact that Defendant, Neal Chase, is not the owner of UHJ.net, and based on the other facts set forth in this answer and response will see fit to dismiss this case. Defendant Neal Chase, respectfully requests that this case be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted, this 15th day of June, 2021:

//Neal Chase//

Neal Chase, Defendant

President of the Universal House of Justice, (UHJ.net)

Guardian of the Baha'i Faith. (BUPC.org)

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UNITED NATIONS PALESTINE COMMISSION

Communication Received from National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States and Canada, concerning the Organization's position with regard to Palestine and the preservation of religious rights.

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Office of the Secretary:  
536 Sheridan Road, Wilmette, Illinois.

April 6, 1948

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche  
United Nations Palestine Commission  
Lake Success, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Bunche:

Acting through our Assembly, eight National Bahá'í Assemblies in North America, Europe, Africa, the Middle and Far East, and Australasia are accredited to the Non-Governmental Section of United Nations as an international organization.

On behalf of the international Bahá'í community, we desire to record with the Palestine Commission the following statement on the Bahá'í interests in Palestine, and respectfully appeal to the Commission for the preservation of these religious rights.

The three sacred persons of our faith are interred in Palestine, and their shrines have for many years, interrupted only by the two world wars, been the goal of pilgrimage for Bahá'ís of East and West. The founder of our religion, Bahá'u'lláh, was exiled to Akka from Adrianople before 1870 and died in 1892. His eldest son, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, appointed his successor and the interpreter of his written teachings, shared this exile and continued to live in Akka and Haifa under official duress until the overthrow of the Turkish regime in 1908, and in a condition of freedom until his death in 1921. The Bab, who heralded the coming of Bahá'u'lláh, martyred in Tabriz for his faith in 1850, was interred on Mount Carmel by direction of 'Abdu'l-Bahá in 1909.

In his will and testament, 'Abdu'l-Bahá provided for the Bahá'ís an international administrative order under the headship of his grandson, Shoghi Effendi, in the office of Guardian and chairmanship of the Bahá'í

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House of Justice to be elected in the future.

Our religious head, Shoghi Effendi, maintains the Baha'i world center in Haifa which supervises and coordinates the local and national activities of the faith in other lands. The Guardian has likewise developed the Baha'i shrines and represented the Baha'i interests in Palestine in relation to the civil authority since 1922.

In the light of these facts, the Baha'is point out that their religious interests in the Holy Land are unique, in that Palestine embraces their world center of pilgrimage and their international administrative seat as well. The soul and mind of this new worldwide religion are both identified with the Holy Land, and the members of the faith have during recent decades greatly increased the holdings of property adjacent to our shrines. These properties due to their religious nature have been exempted from both government and municipal taxation.

The future political disposition of the Holy Land is not our concern. The Baha'is take no side in any political issue. Ours is a deep and abiding spiritual devotion to the maintenance of our sacred places and the development of future religious institutions for the furtherance of the universal principles given the world today by Baha'u'llah.

Yours faithfully,

National Spiritual Assembly

By: /s/ Horace Holley

Secretary.

THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH  
TO PALESTINE

A Statement By  
Shoghi Rabbani

To Mr. Justice Emil Sandstrom, Chairman  
United Nations Special Committee on Palestine

July 14, 1947



Mr. Justice Emil Sandstrom, Chairman  
United Nations Special Committee on Palestine

Sir:

Your kind letter of July 9th reached me and I wish to thank you for affording me the opportunity of presenting to you and your esteemed colleagues a statement of the relationship which the Baha'i Faith has to Palestine and our attitude towards any future changes in the status of this sacred and much disputed land.

I am enclosing with this letter, for your information, a brief sketch of the history, aims and significance of the Baha'i Faith, as well as a small pamphlet setting forth its views towards the present state of the world and the lines on which we hope and believe it must and will develop.

The position of the Baha'is in this country is in a certain measure unique; whereas Jerusalem is the spiritual center of Christendom it is not the administrative center of either the Church of Rome or any other Christian denomination. Likewise although it is regarded by Moslems as the spot where one of its most sacred shrines is situated, the Holy Sites of the Mohamedam Faith, and the center of its pilgrimages, are to be found in Arabia, not in Palestine. The Jews alone offer somewhat of a parallel to the attachment which the Baha'is have for this country inasmuch as Jerusalem holds the remains of their Holy Temple and was the seat of both the religious and political institutions associated with their past history. But even their case differs in one respect from that of the Baha'is, for it is in the soil of Palestine that the three central figures of our religion are buried, and it is not only the center of Baha'i pilgrimages from all over the world but also the permanent seat of our Administrative Order, of which I have the honor to be the Head.

The Baha'i Faith is entirely non-political and we neither take sides in the present tragic dispute going on over the future of the Holy Land and its peoples nor have we any statement to make or advice to give as to what the nature of the

political future of this country should be. Our aim is the establishment of universal peace in this world and our desire to see justice prevail in every domain of human society, including the domain of politics. As many of the adherents of our Faith are of Jewish and Moslem extraction we have no prejudice towards either of these groups and are most anxious to reconcile them for their mutual benefit and for the good of the country.

What does concern us, however, in any decisions made affecting the future of Palestine, is that the fact be recognized by whoever exercises sovereignty over Haifa and Acre, that within this area exists the spiritual and administrative center of a world Faith, and that the independence of that Faith, its right to manage its international affairs from their source, the right of Baha'is from any and every country of the globe to visit it as pilgrims (enjoying the same privilege in this respect as Jews, Moslems and Christians do in regard to visiting Jerusalem) be acknowledged and permanently safeguarded.

The Sepulchre of the Bab on Mt. Carmel, the Tomb of 'Abdu'l-Baha in that same spot, the Pilgrim Hostel for oriental Baha'is in its vicinity, the large gardens and terraces which surround these places (all of which are open to visits by the public of all denominations), the Pilgrim Hostel for western Baha'is at the foot of Mt. Carmel, the residence of the Head of the Community, various houses and gardens in Acre and its vicinity associated with Baha'u'llah's incarceration in that city. His Holy Tomb at Bahji, near Acre, with His Mansion which is now preserved as a historic site and a museum (both likewise accessible to the public of all denominations), as well as holdings in the plain of Acre -- all these comprise the bulk of Baha'i properties in the Holy Land. It should also be noted that practically all of these properties have been exempted from both Government and Municipal taxes owing to their religious nature. Some of these extensive holdings are the property of the Palestine Branch of the National Spiritual Assembly of the United States and Canada, incorporated as a religious society according to the laws

of the country. In future various other Baha'i National Assemblies will hold, through their Palestine Branches, parts of the International Endowments of the Faith in the Holy Land.

In view of the above information I would request you and the members of your Committee to take into consideration the safeguarding of Baha'i rights in any recommendation which you may make to the United Nations concerning the future of Palestine.

May I take this opportunity of assuring you of my deep appreciation of the spirit in which you and your colleagues have conducted your investigations into the troubled conditions of this Sacred Land. I trust and pray that the outcome of your deliberations will produce an equitable and speedy solution of the very thorny problems which have arisen in Palestine.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Shoghi Rabbani

Haifa, Palestine

July 14, 1947

The Faith established by Baha'u'llah was born in Persia about the middle of the nineteenth century and has, as a result of the successive banishments of its Founder, culminating in His exile to the Turkish penal colony of Acre, and His subsequent death and burial in its vicinity, fixed its permanent spiritual center in the Holy Land, and is now in the process of laying the foundations of its world administrative center in the city of Haifa.

Alike in the claims unequivocally asserted by its Author and the general character of the growth of the Baha'i community in every continent of the globe, it can be regarded in no other light than a world religion, destined to evolve in the course of time into a world-embracing commonwealth, whose advent must signalize the Golden Age of mankind, the age in which the unity of the human race will have been unassailably established, its maturity attained, and its glorious destiny unfolded through the birth and efflorescence of a world-encompassing civilization.

Though sprung from Shi'ah Islam, and regarded, in the early stages of its development, by the followers of both the Muslim and Christian Faiths, as an obscure sect, an Asiatic cult or an off-shoot of the Muhammadan religion, this Faith is now increasingly demonstrating its right to be recognized, not as one more religious system superimposed on the conflicting creeds which for so many generations have divided mankind and darkened its fortunes, but rather as a restatement of the eternal verities underlying all the religions of the past, as a unifying force instilling into the adherents of these religions a new spiritual vigor, infusing them with a new hope and love for mankind, firing them with a new vision of the fundamental unity of their religious doctrines, and unfolding to their eyes the glorious destiny that awaits the human race.

The fundamental principle enunciated by Baha'u'llah, the followers of His Faith firmly believe, is that religious truth is not absolute but relative, that Divine Revelation is a continuous and progressive process, that all the great

religions of the world are divine in origin, that their basic principles are in complete harmony, that their aims and purposes are one and the same, that their teachings are but facets of one truth, that their functions are complementary, that they differ only in the non-essential aspects of their doctrines, and that their missions represent successive stages in the spiritual evolution of human society.

The aim of Baha'u'llah, the Prophet of this new and great age which humanity has entered upon--He whose advent fulfills the prophecies of the Old and New Testaments as well as those of the Qur'an regarding the coming of the Promised One in the end of time, on the Day of Judgment - is not to destroy but to fulfill the Revelations of the past, to reconcile rather than accentuate the divergencies of the conflicting creeds which disrupt present day society.

His purpose, far from belittling the station of the Prophets gone before Him or of whittling down their teachings, is to restate the basic truths which these teachings enshrine in a manner that would conform to the needs, and be in consonance with the capacity, and be applicable to the problems, the ills and perplexities, of the age in which we live. His mission is to proclaim that the ages of the infancy and of the childhood of the human race are past, that the convulsions associated with the present state of its adolescence are slowly and painfully preparing it to attain the stage of manhood, and are heralding the approach of that Age of Ages when swords will be beaten into plowshares, when the Kingdom promised by Jesus Christ will have been established, and the peace of the planet definitely and permanently ensured. Nor does Baha'u'llah claim finality for His own Revelation, but rather stipulates that a fuller measure of the truth He has been commissioned by the Almighty to vouchsafe to humanity, at so critical a juncture in its fortunes, must needs be disclosed at future stages in the constant and limitless evolution of mankind.

The Baha'i faith upholds the unity of God, recognizes the unity of His Prophets, and inculcates the principle of the oneness and wholeness of the entire human race. It proclaims the necessity and the inevitability of the unification of mankind, asserts that it is gradually approaching, and claims that nothing short of the transmuting spirit of God, working through His chosen Mouthpiece in this day, can ultimately succeed in bringing it about. It, moreover, enjoins upon its followers the primary duty of an unfettered search after truth, condemns all manner of prejudice and superstition, declares the purpose of religion to be the promotion of amity and concord, proclaims its essential harmony with science, and recognizes it as the foremost agency for the pacification and the orderly progress of human society. It unequivocally maintains the principle of equal rights, opportunities and privileges for men and women, insists on compulsory education, eliminates extremes of poverty and wealth, abolishes the institution of priesthood, prohibits slavery, asceticism, mendicancy and monasticism, prescribes monogamy, discourages divorce, emphasizes the necessity of strict obedience to one's government, exalts any work performed in the spirit of service to the level of worship, urges either the creation or the selection of an auxiliary international language, and delineates the outlines of those institutions that must establish and perpetuate the general peace of mankind.

The Baha'i Faith revolves around three central Figures, the first of whom was a youth, a native of Shiraz, named Mirza 'Ali-Muhammad, known as the Bab (Gate), who in May, 1844, at the age of twenty-five, advanced the claim of being the Herald Who, according to the sacred Scriptures of previous Dispensations, must needs announce and prepare the way for the advent of One greater than Himself, Whose mission would be, according to those same Scriptures, to inaugurate an era of righteousness and peace, an era that would be hailed as the consummation of all previous Dispensations, and initiate a new cycle in the religious history of mankind. Swift and severe persecution, launched by the organized forces of Church and State in His

native land, precipitated successively His arrest, His exile to the mountains of Adharbayjan, His imprisonment in the fortresses of Mah-Ku and Chihriq, and His execution, in July 1850, by a firing squad in the public square of Tabriz. No less than twenty thousand of his followers were put to death with such barbarous cruelty as to evoke the warm sympathy and the unqualified admiration of a number of Western writers, diplomats, travelers and scholars, some of whom were witnesses of these abominable outrages, and were moved to record them in their books and diaries.

Mirza Husayn-'Ali, surnamed Baha'U'llah (the Glory of God), a native of Mazindaran, Whose advent the Bab had foretold, was assailed by those same forces of ignorance and fanaticism, was imprisoned in Tihran, was banished, in 1852, from His native land to Bagdad, and thence to Constantinople and Adrianople, and finally to the prison city of Acre, where He remained incarcerated for no less than twenty-four years, and in whose neighborhood he passed away in 1892. In the course of His banishment, and particularly in Adrianople and Acre, He formulated the laws and ordinances of His Dispensation, expounded, in over a hundred volumes, the principles of His Faith, proclaimed His Message to the kings and rulers of both the East and the West, both Christian and Muslim, addressed the Pope, the Caliph of Islam, the Chief Magistrates of the Republics of the American continent, the entire Christian sacerdotal order, the leaders of Shi'ah and Sunni Islam, and the high priests of the Zoroastrian religion. In these writings He proclaimed His Revelation, summoned those whom He addressed to heed His call and espouse His Faith, warned them of the consequences of their refusal, and denounced, in some cases, their arrogance and tyranny.

His eldest son, 'Abbas, Effendi, known as 'Abdu'l-Baha (the Servant of Baha), appointed by Him as His lawful successor and the authorized interpreter of His teachings, Who since early childhood had been closely associated with His Father, and shared His exile and tribulations, remained a prisoner until 1908, when, as a result of the Young Turk Revolution, He was released from His confinement.

Establishing His residence in Haifa, He embarked soon after on His three-year journey to Egypt, Europe and North America, in the course of which he expounded before vast audiences, the teachings of His Father and predicted the approach of that catastrophe that was soon to befall mankind. He returned to His home on the eve of the first World War, in the course of which He was exposed to constant danger, until the liberation of Palestine by the forces under the command of General Allenby, who extended the utmost consideration to Him and to the small band of His fellow-exiles in Acre and Haifa. In 1921 He passed away, and was buried in a vault in the mausoleum erected on Mount Carmel, at the express instruction of Baha'u'llah, for the remains of the Bab, which had previously been transferred from Tabriz to the Holy Land after having been preserved and concealed for no less than sixty years.

The passing of 'Abdu'l-Baha marked the termination of the first and Heroic Age of the Baha'i Faith and signalized the opening of the Formative Age destined to witness the gradual emergence of its Administrative Order, whose establishment had been foretold by the Bab, whose laws were revealed by Baha'u'llah, whose outlines were delineated by 'Abdu'l-Baha in His Will and Testament, and whose foundations are now being laid by the national local councils which are elected by the professed adherents of the Faith, and which are paving the way for the constitution of the World Council, to be designated as the Universal House of Justice, which, in conjunction with me, as its appointed Head and the authorized interpreter of the Baha'i teachings, must coordinate and direct the affairs of the Baha'i community, and whose seat will be permanently established in the Holy Land, in close proximity to its world spiritual center, the resting-places of its Founders.

The Administrative Order of the Faith of Baha'u'llah, which is destined to evolve into the Baha'i World Commonwealth, and has already survived the assaults launched against its institutions by such formidable foes as the Kings of the Qajar dynasty, the Caliphs of Islam, the ecclesiastical leaders of Egypt, and the Nazi regime in Germany, has already extended its ramifications to every continent of the



globe, stretching from Iceland to the extremity of Chile, has been established in no less than eighty-eight countries of the world, has gathered within its pale representatives of no less than thirty-one races, numbers among its supporters, Christians of various denominations, Muslims of both Sunni and Shi'ah sects, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs, Zorcastrians and Buddhists. It has published and disseminated, through its appointed agencies, Baha'i literature in forty-eight languages; has already consolidated its structure through the incorporation of five National Assemblies and seventy-seven local Assemblies, in lands as far apart as South America, India and the Antipodes - incorporations that legally empower its elected representatives to hold property as trustees of the Baha'i community. It disposes of international, national and local endowments, estimated at several million pounds, and spread over every continent of the globe, enjoys in several countries the privilege of official recognition by the civil authorities, enabling it to secure exemption from taxation for its endowments and to solemnize Baha'i marriage, and numbers among its stately edifices, two temples, the one erected in Russian Turkistan and the other on the shore of Lake Michigan at Wilmette, on the outskirts of Chicago.

This Administrative Order, unlike the systems evolved after the death of the Founders of the various religions, is divine in origin, rests securely on the laws, the precepts, the ordinances and institutions which the Founder of the Faith has Himself specifically laid down and unequivocally established, and functions in strict accordance with the interpretations of the authorized Interpreters of its holy scriptures. Though fiercely assailed, ever since its inception, it has, by virtue of its character, unique in the annals of the world's religious history, succeeded in maintaining the unity of the diversified and far-flung body of its supporters, and enabled them to launch, unitedly and systematically, enterprises in both Hemispheres, designed to extend its limits and consolidate its administrative institutions.

The Faith which this order serves, safeguards and promotes, is it should be noted in this connection, essentially supernatural, supranational, entirely non-political, non-partisan, and diametrically opposed to any policy or school of thought that seeks to exalt any particular race, class or nation. It is free from any form of ecclesiasticism, has neither priesthood nor rituals, and is supported exclusively by voluntary contributions made by its avowed adherents. Though loyal to their respective governments, though imbued with the love of their own country and anxious to promote, at all times, its best interests, the followers of the Baha'i Faith, nevertheless, viewing mankind as one entity, and profoundly attached to its vital interests, will not hesitate to subordinate every particular interest, be it personal, regional or national, to the over-riding interests of the generality of mankind, knowing full well that in a world of inter-dependent peoples and nations the advantage of the part is best to be reached by the advantage of the whole and that no lasting result can be achieved by any of the component parts if the general interests of the entity itself are neglected.

Nor should the fact be overlooked that the Faith has already asserted and demonstrated its independent religious character, has been emancipated from the fetters of orthodoxy in certain Islamic countries, has obtained in one of them an unsolicited testimony to its independent religious status, and succeeded in winning the allegiance of royalty to its cause.

"It is like a wide embrace," is Queen Marie of Rumania's own tribute, "gathering together all those who have searched for words of hope. It accepts all great Prophets gone before, it destroys no other creeds and leaves all doors open.....The Baha'i teachings brings peace to the soul and hope to the heart. To those in search of assurance the words of the Father are as a fountain in the desert after long wandering.....It is a wondrous message that Baha'u'llah and His son 'Abdu'l-Baha have given us. They have not set it up aggressively, knowing that the germ of eternal truth which lies at its core cannot but take root and

spread.....It is Christ's Message taken up anew, in the same words almost, but adapted to the thousand years and more difference that lies between the year one and today.....If ever the name of Baha'u'llah or 'Abdu'l-Baha comes to your attention, do not put their writings from you. Search out their books, and let their glorious, peace-bringing, love-creating words and lessons sink into your hearts as they have into mine."

"The teachings of the Babis, "wrote Leo Tolstoy,"..... have a great future before them....I therefore sympathize with Babism with all my heart, inasmuch as it teaches people brotherhood and equality and sacrifice of material life for service to God....The teachings of the Babis which come to us out of Islam have through Baha'u'llah's teachings been gradually developed, and now present us with the highest and purest form of religious teaching."

"Take these principles to the diplomats," is the late President Masaryk's advice, "to the universities and colleges and other schools, and also write about them. It is the people who will bring the universal peace." "The Baha'i teaching," is President Eduard Benes' testimony, "is one of the great instruments for the final victory of the spirit and of humanity.....The Baha'i Cause is one of the great moral and social forces in all the world today. I am more convinced than ever, with the increasing moral and political crises in the world, we must have greater international coordination. Such a movement as the Baha'i Cause which paves the way for universal organization of peace is necessary."

"If there has been any Prophet in recent times," asserts the Rev. T. K. Cheyne in his 'The Reconciliation of Races and Religions', "it is to Baha'u'llah that we must go. Character is the final judge. Baha'u'llah was a man of the highest class - that of Prophets." "It is possible indeed, "declares Viscount Samuel of Carmel, "to pick out points of fundamental agreement among all creeds. That is the essential purpose of the Baha'i religion, the foundation and growth of which is one of the most striking movements that have proceeded from the East in

recent generations."

"Palestine," is Professor Norman Bentwich's written testimony, "may indeed be now regarded as the land not of three but of four faiths, because the Baha'i creed, which has its center of faith and pilgrimage in Acre and Haifa, is attaining to the character of a world religion. So far as its influence goes in the land, it is a factor making for international and inter-religious understanding."

And, finally, is the judgment passed by no less outstanding a figure than the late Master of Balliol, Professor Benjamin Jowett: "The Babi movement may not impossibly turn out to have the promise of the future." Professor Lewis Campbell, an eminent pupil of Dr. Jowett, has confirmed this statement by quoting him as saying: "This Baha'i Movement is the greatest light that has come into the world since the time of Jesus Christ. You must watch it and never let it out of your sight. It is too great and too near for this generation to comprehend. The future alone can reveal its import."

## **The Signs of His Grandeur**

--‘Abdu’l-Baha--

*“Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may **participate in the divine nature**” (2 Peter 1:4 NIV)*

*“Have you not known that you are a temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1 Cor. 3:16 LSV)*

This is the day when pure hearts have a portion of the everlasting bounties and sanctified souls are being illumined by the eternal manifestations. Praise be to God! You are believers in God, assured by the words of God and turning to the Kingdom of God. You have heard the divine call. Your hearts are moved by the breezes of the paradise of Abha. You have good intentions; your purpose is the good pleasure of God; you desire to serve in the Kingdom of the Merciful One.

Therefore, arise in the utmost power. Be in perfect unity. Never become angry with one another. Let your eyes be directed toward the kingdom of truth and not toward the world of creation. Love the creatures for the sake of God and not for themselves. You will never become angry or impatient if you love them for the sake of God. Humanity is not perfect. There are imperfections in every human being, and you will always become unhappy if you look toward the people themselves. But if you look toward God, you will love them and be kind to them, for the world of God is the world of perfection and complete mercy. Therefore, do not look at the short comings of anybody; see with the sight of forgiveness. The imperfect eye beholds imperfections. The eye that covers faults looks toward the Creator of souls. He created them, trains and provides for them, endows them with capacity and life, sight and hearing; therefore, **they are the signs of His grandeur**. You must love and be kind to everybody, care for the poor, protect the weak, heal the sick, teach and educate the ignorant. It is my hope that the unity and harmony of the friends in Chicago may be the cause of the unity of the friends throughout America and that all people may become recipients of their love and kindness. May they be an example for mankind. Then the confirmations of the Kingdom of Abha and the bestowals of the Sun of Reality will be all-encircling.