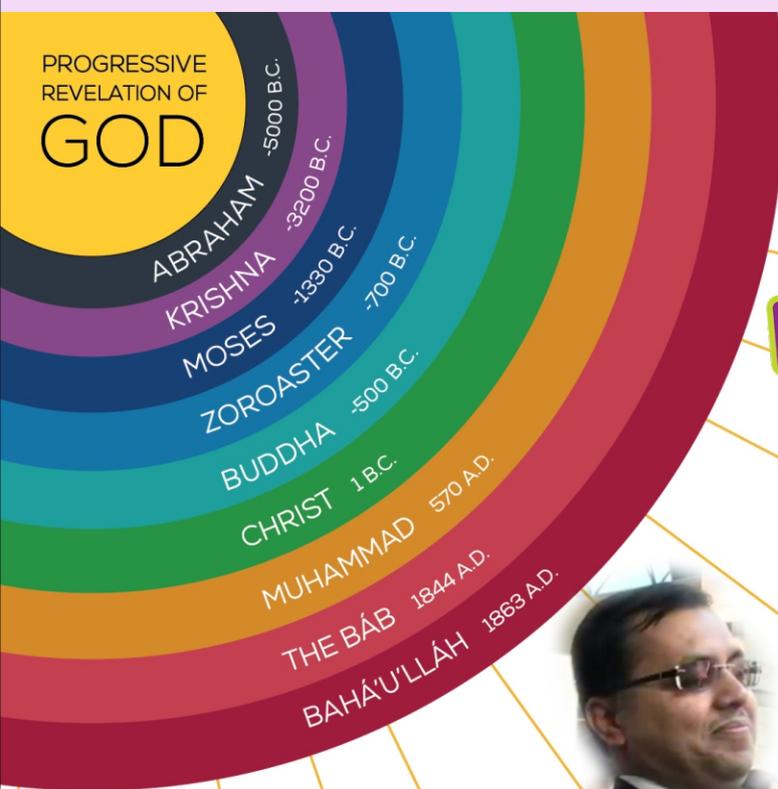




# The CARAVAN



Will & Testament  
of the Master

الوآح ووصايا من مباركة  
حضرت عبدالبهاء

Real or  
Fake?

Praveen Mallik  
Newly "Selected"  
UHJ member

Know about  
**Dur**  
ACTIVITIES

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“ There are no officers in this Cause. I do not and have not 'Appointed' anyone to perform any special service, but I encourage everyone to engage in the service of the Kingdom. The foundation of this Cause is pure spiritual democracy and not a theocracy. ”  
- Abdu'l-Baha

Prayer  
of the  
"Blessed  
Beauty"



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## The Book of God is wide open

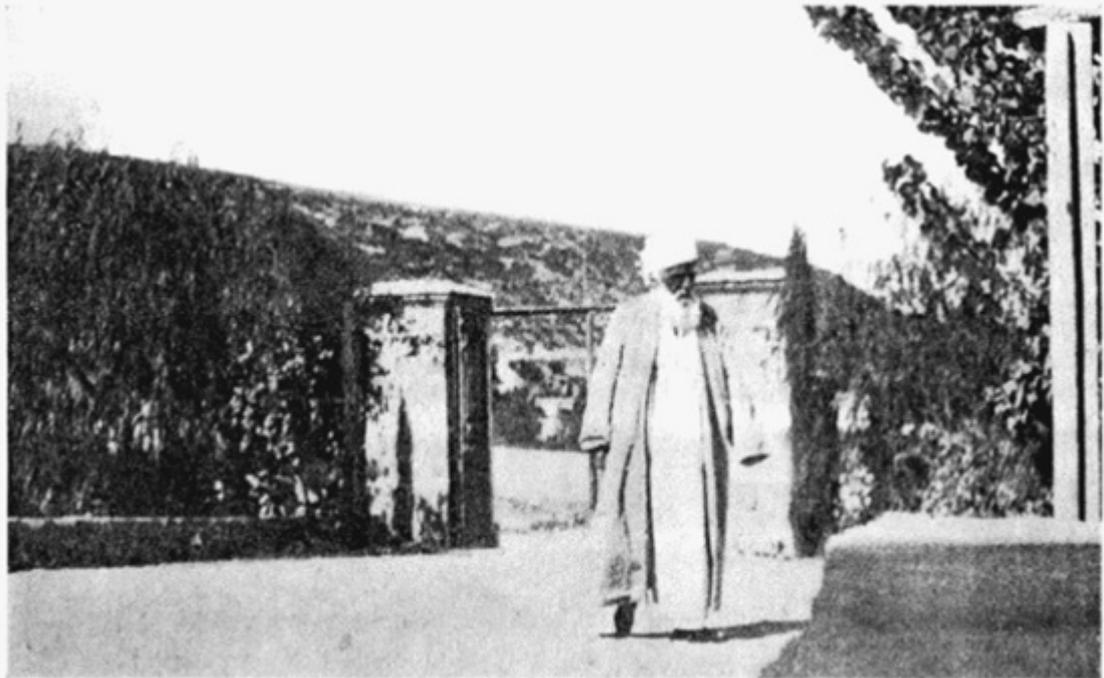
The Book of God is wide open, and His Word is summoning mankind unto Him. No more than a mere handful, however, hath been found willing to cleave to His Cause, or to become the instruments for its promotion. These few have been endued with the Divine Elixir that can, alone, transmute into purest gold the dross of the world, and have been empowered to administer the infallible remedy for all the ills that afflict the children of men. No man can obtain everlasting life, unless he embraceth the truth of this inestimable, this wondrous, and sublime Revelation.

Incline your ears, O friends of God, to the voice of Him Whom the world hath wronged and hold fast unto whatsoever will exalt His Cause. He, verily, guideth whomsoever He pleaseth unto His straight Path. This is a Revelation that infuseth strength into the feeble, and crowneth with wealth the destitute.

With the utmost friendliness and in a spirit of perfect fellowship take ye counsel together and dedicate the precious days of your lives to the betterment of the world and the promotion of the Cause of Him Who is the Ancient and Sovereign Lord of all. He, verily, enjoineth upon all men what is right, and forbiddeth whatsoever degradeth their station.

**Baha'u'llah**

(Reference: Gleanings from the Writings of  
Baha'u'llah)



ABDUL BAHA IN HIS GARDEN AT HAIFA  
WITH MOUNT CARMEL IN THE BACKGROUND

**Abdul Baha in his garden at Haifa,  
With Mount Carmel in the background**

# FOREWORD

With great honor, we present to our dear readers the fourth edition of this magazine, which through the last couple of editions has grown from strength to strength due to efforts of the faithful and divine blessings.

We are confident of our success in this endeavor as we find strength in the fact that spreading the pristine message of Baha'u'llah affords to us a blessing so magnanimous that we are propelled to success.

Anyone who has previously read through The Caravan (revived) will easily be able to gauge the fact that we Baha'is are very particular about following the factual teachings and Principles of the Faith, taking guidance from the words of Baha'u'llah or Abdul Baha as a source of our beliefs.

We always encourage the faithful, based on the teachings of Abdul Baha to conduct an 'Independent Investigation of Truth' and only then come to a conclusion rather than joining the bandwagon of accepting something because it has been agreed upon by the majority.

Most Baha'is have been made to believe that the Will and Testament of the Abdul Baha is Authentic, but does that really make it authentic? Does it not matter that no investigation of any kind has gone into the various allegations and evidences provided which prove its tampering?

The Focus of this magazine is not only a presentation of inspiring material about the Baha'i faith, but it is also a showcase for pieces of intensive research works which will be published in due course of time.

From this edition onwards, we plan to analyze the Will of the Master piecemeal so that our readers get to know the facts thereby enabling themselves to come to an informed conclusion.

We hope that this endeavor will serve its noble purpose of awakening the Baha'is who believe in following the unaltered teachings of Baha'u'llah.

We have tried our best to address all Baha'is in general without any bias or prejudice.

Thank you all for being a great support and helping us in spreading the true values of the Divine manifestation.

Regards,  
The Free Baha'i Team.

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## **I am lost, O Love**

I am lost, O Love, possessed and dazed,  
Love's fool am I, in all the earth.

They call me first among the crazed,  
Though I once came first for wit and worth.

O Love, who sellest me this wine,  
O Love, for whom I burn and bleed,

Love, for whom I cry and pine—  
Thou the Piper, I the reed.

If Thou wishest me to live,  
Through me blow Thy holy breath.

The touch of Jesus Thou wilt give  
To me, who've lain an age in death.

Thou, both End and Origin,  
Thou without and Thou within—

From every eye Thou hidest well,  
And yet in every eye dost dwell.

**-Abdu'l Baha**

(Memorials of the Faithful)

# The Principles of the Free Baha'i Faith Explained

The Third basic Baha'i Principle is:

*“The Foundation of all Religions is One.”*

Each Revelator has given the same “New Heaven and Earth,” but man has polluted and misrepresented these Divine Laws. In reality, they are all one. The third foundation stone, the chalcedony, is pure white, of which 'Abdu'l-Baha said: “While white is apparent, yet in it is hidden and concealed the seven colors. In white all colors are brothers and sisters.” White is the symbol of purity, and in its origin each religion is pure, and a brother to every other religion, for all truth is one.

There is only one Religion.

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There is but one GOD, by whatever name HE is called. There is but one human race. There can be but one religion. But this one religion has many Speakers, and many expressions.

The life and progress of man are dependent upon the Word of God. In past times, the human race was divided by oceans, mountain ranges, forests, deserts, all the physical barriers which modern inventions have succeeded in surmounting. This is one reason why there have been many Revealers of the Word of God, so that all mankind should receive it.

Baha'u'llah teaches that revelation is progressive, and that each manifestation of God answers the need of his time. This need has two voices. One, crying for spiritual food, satisfaction of the inner life, “knowledge of God”, Faith, is always answered in the same way, through spiritual teachings, an outpouring of love, and a renewal of the Soul's vigour. The other voice cries for laws to regulate excesses, abrogation of outworn customs, and organization of daily affairs. Both cries are answered.

“Know of a certainty that in every Dispensation the light of Divine Revelation has been vouchsafed to men in direct proportion to their spiritual capacity. Consider the sun. How feeble its rays the moment it appeareth above the horizon. How gradually its warmth and potency increase as it approaches its zenith, enabling meanwhile all created things to adapt themselves to the growing intensity of its light. How steadily it declines until it reaches its setting point. Were it all of a sudden to manifest the energies within it, it would no doubt cause injury to all created things.... In like manner, if the Sun of Truth were suddenly to reveal, at the earliest stages of its manifestation, the full measure of the potencies which the providence of the Almighty hath bestowed upon it, the earth of human understanding would waste away and be consumed; for men's hearts would neither sustain the intensity of the revelation, nor be able to mirror forth the radiance of its light. Dismayed and overpowered, they would cease to exist.” – Baha'u'llah

The true educator of man is the Founder of Religion, who trains him in morals and the higher virtues and reveals to him his spiritual reality. All the Prophets have served this purpose. They have trained men in honesty, truthfulness, trustworthiness, reverence, modesty, civil obedience and self-sacrifice for others. The essential teachings of all Religions is the same.

In time, religion becomes corrupt; it loses its early vigor and degenerates into institutions with no spiritual force to energize the inner life of man. Therefore, it must be renewed and purified. This is accomplished through the influence of a Messiah, another Speaker.

Man, through successive seasons of civilization and decline, grows in understanding and social capacity. He therefore needs, from time to time, a further measure of that essential, real truth which is both the food of his spirit and the energy of new civilization. This truth is revealed by a Divine Messenger. Baha'u'llah teaches, that religious revelation is progressive, that old forms and institutions must give way to new ones, that revelation is according to the need and capacity of the time.

Jesus Christ also supports these teachings, religious revelation is according to the capacity and the need. 'I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth.' "You cannot bear it now.' Jesus not only kept the full intensity of God's Revelation from them, but as well spoke the name of a successor, i.e., "The Spirit of Truth", is one of the many literal English expressions to say, 'Baha'u'llah'.

The names of the Speakers are different. They apply spiritual truth differently to different conditions, and that is a great source of annoyance to conventional minds.

The differences in religion are due to the different requirements of the times in which each revelation was made, and the enmity between religions is due to prejudice and ignorance.

"Know thou assuredly that the essence of all the Prophets is one and the same. Their unity is absolute. God, the Creator saith: There is no distinction whatsoever among the Bearers of My Message. They all have but one purpose; their secret is the same secret."

*"It is clear and evident, therefore, that any apparent variation in the intensity of their light is not inherent in the light itself but should rather be attributed to the varying receptivity of an ever-changing world. Every Prophet whom the Almighty and Peerless Creator hath purposed to send to the peoples of the earth hath been entrusted with a Message and charged to act in a manner that would best meet the requirements of the age in which he appeared."*

**- Baha'u'llah**

Religion is of one common foundation, it comes from God. His messengers speak the same words of unity, harmony and oneness. The Progressive Revelation brought by the Prophets of God, is but the progression of the spiritual evolution and education of mankind's soul, to bring him closer, back unto the pathway of his Creator. There is but one God, there is but one Word, and one Message for mankind.

# An Independent Investigation into the alleged will of Abdul Baha

## Prologue

The fundamental pillar of the youngest divine religion amidst us (viz. the Baha'i faith); is unity of the divine truth, i.e. "The message sent down by the Almighty Lord through his divine messengers as means of salvation for the mortal beings of this realm steadfastly remains the same".

So strong is the emphasis for this truth that throughout all the revelations of the said divine religions, we see that time and again, there is a reminder for attaining truth in its free form.

The Bible quotes the word of the Lord in an ever-living phrase -

*"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."  
(Holy Bible, John 8: 31, 32)*

As religions have progressed, this message from the Almighty Lord became more and more relevant in light of the deviations produced which constantly seek to pull man away from the divine light in pursuit of greed and worldly desires.

After centuries and millennia of progression of the message of our lord in various forms (and by various beings), this truth today stands codified amongst us in the form of a miracle bought to us as a divine bounty by none other than the glory of our Lord; the Bahauallah, it's message being what we today recognize as the Baha'i Faith.

However, since the advent of time, the greed of a few devious wretched men has led many a pious man astray. These few unscrupulous mortals - in different eras of time, in different manners of working, and in different styles of propagation - have time and again constantly tampered with the divine light of guidance, cloaking it with a cloak of greed and selfishness to satisfy their inner materialistic desires, not caring a bit for the spiritual thirst of the inhabitants of these vast horizons.

Sadly, the unfortunate tampering of the truth, revealed upon us by the Almighty Lord has constantly and continually, spared none of his messages to us mortal beings. Sensing a similar danger and knowing the innate greedy nature of man, the manifestation of the Almighty, the Bahauallah and the centre of the covenant Abdul Baha have time and again emphasized on an independent investigation of truth to verify and validate the words of all and have thereby prohibited the act of blind following as is encouraged by some religions in today's era.

The duty of upholding the faith was passed on from Baha'u'llah to Abdul Baha and thereafter to Shoghi Effendi who staked his claims based on the words from the Will and Testament of Abdul Baha.

What follows next would be an initiation of a series of articles that covers a myriad of issues regarding the said Will.

What is a Will? What are its implications and effects? And last but not the least, an elaborated discussion on the commonly presented Will and Testament of Abdul Baha and its impact on the Baha'i faith shall be presented in the upcoming magazine issues.

## Introduction

A will is the legal instrument that permits a person, the testator, to make a decision on how his estate will be managed and disposed off after his death.

A will serves a variety of important purposes. It enables a person to select his heirs rather than allowing the state laws of descent and distribution to choose the heirs, who, although blood relatives, might be people the testator dislikes or with whom he is unacquainted. It also allows a person to decide which individual could best serve as the executor of his estate, distributing the property fairly to the beneficiaries while protecting their interests, rather than allowing a court to appoint a stranger to serve as administrator. It safeguards a person's right to select an individual to serve as guardian to raise his young children in the event of his death.

It is common knowledge that every person who wishes to safeguard his property, wealth, and more importantly his legacy for the generations succeeding him, resorts to the age-old practice of writing his will and testament so as to advise and guide his successors regarding methods to dispose his estates and preserve his legacy.

This is so prevalent today that we see almost everyone in this day and age compiling their will so as to ensure the smooth disposal of their estates thereby avoiding any conflicts. Hence, was the practice in ancient Rome that the wealthy used to announce and read out their wills and testament amongst huge crowds in public markets / Squares called Foras. Another tradition similar to this is observed with the ancient Sumerian people who use to write their wills on the trunks of trees outside their palaces and houses to make common people aware of their priority in ensuring smooth transition of estate and property and in keeping tricksters and frauds at bay.

The magnitude of responsibility in ensuring the safeguarding of one's legacy is a direct consequence of his/her importance in the society. It is so because the succession has greater implications on the people around him or under him for a person of substance. As such, we see that the will of an ordinary person may only discuss division of a small piece of property or a couple of belongings, but wills of kings and rulers talk about appointing the future king and divisions in the kingdom.

Absence of clarity has been one the primary causes of battles and bloodshed between armies commanded by opposing benefactors of such ambiguous wills. Similar ambiguity in the appointment of successors to the messengers of divine religions has led to formation of sects which subsequently causes massive bloodshed, a fact which is well recorded in the annals of history.

Such is the implication of a will on the legacy of a person or on the continuity of his lineage or on the remembrance of his name or on the sanctity of his followers that any misdemeanor with regards to a will may cause a person's legacy or his property or his kingdom or his religion depending on whose will it is to implode in itself and lay waste to all the hard work and result a person may have put in or achieved over his lifetime.

Coming over to the youngest divine path, the sweet song of the Divine Lord, the gift from the Most Holy Manifestation to the mortals of this world, the Baha'i Faith, we observe that the matter of succession has always been addressed in the Last Will and Testament of the predecessor.

The Bab foretold the coming of Bahauallah by writing about it in his book. The appointment of Abdul Baha was made in the will of Bahauallah and as we all know the supposed appointment of the "Guardian of the Cause" Shoghi Effendi was made through the will of Abdul Baha.

Hence, it is imperative for every Baha'i today to study and ponder over this Will of Abdul Baha which anoints Shoghi Effendi as the Guardian of the Cause and thereby sets up the system of the Universal House of Justice as the seat of Baha'i administration.

These appointments and set ups are the very foundation of the faith as it exists today. Addressing it would answer the burning question amongst the believers with regards to leadership, because following the wrong leader is like riding on the wrong ship. You may be going somewhere but it is definitely not where you should be heading.

It is prudent for a wise man to not accept any and everything at face value but to study it, question it and satisfy himself with regards to its relevance and authenticity. Keeping ourselves in sync with the repeated request of the Centre of the Covenant, we embark on a journey, albeit with words and phrases to conduct an independent investigation of truth about everything that is contained within the will of Abdul Baha.

Next in this upcoming magazine series would be the Will and Testament of Abdul Baha in the form publicised by the evil-minded ones since the death of our Master.

Stay tuned to uncover the reality in the light of this Independent Investigation of the Truth.

# Why was Praveen Mallik elevated to the UHJ?

## **A step towards controlling the radical Iranian Baha'is in India!**

*Election rigging is an act of dishonestly organizing an election to get a particular result. It is an electoral fraud and an interference with the election process.*

In the Heterodox Baha'i Faith, the elections are not rigged because there are no elections in the first place. The whole election process is a stage managed act, in which the elected members are pre-decided, and the ballots are not even counted.

Like every previous International Convention, this year too, it was pre-decided to induct Praveen Kumar Mallik as the new UHJ member.

To justify the result of the selection process, desired member, Praveen Mallik was inducted into the ITC. This gave Baha'is the idea that such a person is on the waiting list.

It was expected that very soon the UHJ will elevate the Indian ITC member from Bihar a very politically sensitive state of India to the UHJ. For a common Baha'i this has come as a shocker because Praveen Mallik has no Baha'i credentials to get elected to UHJ. It is not possible that the members of NSA of US and Europe will vote for him. It is unimaginable that any of the Indian NSA members would have voted for Praveen. There are many sincere and knowledgeable Baha'is worldwide to take up this position, but the UHJ has always been denying them for the reason known only to them.

THE BIG QUESTION IS – WHY DID THE UHJ ELEVATE HIM?

### **1 – To stop the downward trend of the Baha'i Faith in India**

UHJ is trying hard to uphold the ever-decreasing trend of the Baha'i faith in India, where the last census data, conducted by the Government of India had just shown 4572 Baha'is in the country. The emerging of various Baha'i sects worldwide and particularly in India has shaken the beliefs of the ordinary Baha'is. These new and upcoming sects amongst the Baha'is i.e. Orthodox Baha'i Faith, Baha'is Under the Provision of Covenant, Reform Baha'is, and the Free Baha'i Faith are giving sleepless nights to the Baha'i Administration.

### **2 – To have a check on activities of the Persian Baha'is in India**

Persian Baha'is like Mr. B. Afshin, Mr. Jabbar, Dr. Ahmed Ansari and Lesan Azadi are active in teaching and spreading the faith. Brilliant reports are submitted of their work although the official statistics prove otherwise. In short, Praveen will carry out the responsibility of harassment, which earlier used to carry out by R. N. Shah against the Persian Bahais.

It is a trend in India that once a counselor is relieved of his responsibility, he will be elected/elevated to the position of being the NSA of India. Mr. Rasheed Lateef, Mr. Bhaskaran, and Mrs. Zena Sorabjee were once Counselors and now are members of the NSA; except B. Afshin who was also a counselor but was never selected for the NSA. He was even humiliated and banned from visiting places. Even his wife was denied permission for attending any conferences despite her remarkable service in India.

Similarly, Dr. Ahmed Ansari was removed from NSA, just for being a Persian Baha'i. Even his delegate election was manipulated and the UHJ instructed that if he gets elected as a delegate, he will be asked to resign.

Some years back, Mrs. Farida Vahedi, another sincere Persian Baha'i was asked to resign from the NSA of India. Mr. Sohail Mohajer, brother of a UHJ member Payman Mohajer, was booted out of the NSA.

Another example is Lesan Azadi who was removed from the post of ABM and was never appointed for any administrative post, even though other ABMs were given the opportunity of holding some position in the faith.

### **3 - Cleansing of the UHJ from the Persian Baha'is**

Selecting Praveen Mallik will help in cleansing the UHJ from the Persian Baha'is. After the retirement of Mr. Arbab, there was no replacement of a Persian member; and very similarly after the retirement of Firaydoon Javaheri there was no Persian member elevated to the UHJ. The Iranian membership in the UHJ has fallen from 5 to 3. Next member to retire would be Payman Mohajir, followed by Shahriar Razvi, and then Ayman Rouhani.

This stroke of UHJ will have a reverse output, because the Persian Baha'is will be further isolated from the Baha'i Faith, and we should further expect an 'exit by troops' of the Indian Baha'is in the future.

- Former NSA Member of India (guest article by one of the faithful from India)

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## **Want to be a contributor for The Caravan Magazine ?**

Interested in contributing to the Caravan Magazine by writing a guest article?

Kindly send us your article at [thecaravan@freebahais.org](mailto:thecaravan@freebahais.org) and if we find your article unique, knowledgeable and interesting enough for our readers, we will surely publish it in our upcoming issue.

If you have any other queries, you can write to us at  
[info@freebahais.org](mailto:info@freebahais.org)

# Inspiring Quotes of Baha'u'llah

*“Be generous in prosperity and thankful in adversity,  
Be fair in thy judgment and guarded in thy speech.  
Be a lamp unto those who walk in darkness, and a home to the stranger.  
Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring.  
Be a breath of life to the body of humankind, a dew to the soil of the human heart,  
and a fruit upon the tree of humility.”*

**– Baha'u'llah**

*“Beautify your tongues, O people, with truthfulness, and adorn your souls with the  
ornament of honesty. Beware, O people, that ye deal not treacherously with any one.”*

**– Baha'u'llah**

*“Dedicate the precious days of your lives to the betterment of the world”*

**– Baha'u'llah**

*(Reference: Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah)*

# Inspiring Quotes of Abdul Baha

*“Where there is love, nothing is too much trouble and there is always time.”*

**– Abdu'l Baha**

*“Do not be content with showing friendship in words alone, let your heart burn with loving kindness for all who may cross your path”*

**– Abdu'l Baha**

*“A humble man without learning, but filled with the Holy Spirit, is more powerful than the most nobly-born profound scholar without that inspiration. He who is educated by the Divine Spirit can, in his time, lead others to receive the same Spirit.”*

**– Abdu'l Baha**

# An Update on Free Baha'i Activities

*Say: God sufficeth all things above all things, and nothing in the heavens or in the earth or in whatever lieth between them but God, thy Lord, sufficeth. Verily, He is in Himself the Knower, the Sustainer, the Omnipotent.*

*(Selections from the Writings of the Báb)*

Dear Faithful Friends,

***Allah'u'Abha!***

Firstly, we would like to offer our deepest condolence to Baha'is around world on the anniversary of the martyrdom of the Bab (The Gate) – the prophesier of the coming of "The One whom God shall manifest" i.e. Baha'u'llah. His execution was carried out on the eve of the very day which fell on the ninth of July 1850; during the thirty-first year of His life and the seventh year of His ministry; and His bullet ridden body was then transferred from the courtyard of the barracks to outside the gates of the city. But his prophesy was fulfilled by the Declaration of Baha'u'llah, although there were 19 more false claimants to this title, but the faithful recognized him by the glory of his radiant face, words of love and peace which he spelt from his supreme pen.

Baha'i faithful from Thailand, USA, Singapore and Canada have informed us that they have refrained from working on this day and had gathering with their relatives, friends and neighbours to have a prayer meet on the occasion.

We are publishing our 4th quarterly (as per the Baha'i Calendar) magazine and have received very encouraging responses from many countries. One of Faithful from India has submitted a beautiful article on the "election" of the new UHJ member and has highlighted many good points. As per his request we have accommodated his article on our magazine ad verbatim without any changes to the content (grammar or otherwise) what so ever.

Some Canadian Baha'is have informed us that they have printed the magazine and posted it to many of their friends worldwide. We really appreciate their kind support for the cause and laud their efforts.

At the end we would like to thank all those who have joined this Caravan of Baha'u'llah for the beautiful cause of spreading love and peace and helping the under privileged and thus working for the development of mankind.

God Bless.

# Some Questions Answered / Write to us

## Question 1

almost Inbox x

Bonifacio Quirog <h...@gmail.com>  
to info

dear friends,

i almost became a bahai. i studied it for a few years. believed in all its principles, got hold of the card and almost signed it.

but why not? here's what happened. i invited bahais to my office. i went to the toilet while they sat at my sala. they saw a prayer poster which said in the ending: "may christ return to it". i overheard them laughing.

they were laughing because according to them christ has come already, and his second coming is bahaulah.

i could not stomach their insistence. they were so sure of it. so, i said, i will never become a bahai because i do not believe in people insisting that their "truth" is the only truth.

i have also attended an international interfaith gathering and bahais quarreled with the organizers because they believe their truth is the only truth. they were quite sure.

can you comment on this? are free bahais also like that?

thank you.

### Answer:

Dear Bonifacio,  
Alla'u'Abha!

Thank you for your email.

We are sorry to hear about your plight. It is certainly an unfortunate incident. Even we have noticed this habit, mainly amongst the Baha'is of Persian origin. We are strictly against any kind of discrimination and believe that man should be free from all prejudices. Our main focus should be on doing an 'Independence Investigation of Truth', as Baha'u'llah and the Master have recommended it to be one of the most important Baha'i principle.

Do let us know if you have any other queries about the faith.

Humbly,  
Free Baha'i Team

## Question 2

Magazine Acknowledgement Inbox x

Rajesh Guba <h...@gmail.com>  
to info

Respected sir,

Alla'u'Abba from India. :)

Firstly, i would like to thank you for sending across the Free Baha'i magazine via post. it was well received at my end. FYI, i'm a Former NSA member of India and Rajesh is not my real name. To safeguard my identity and to protect myself from excommunication, i'm using this name for communication.

Please note that I have written a short article (as attached) on Mr. Praveen Malik and regarding his recent promotion to the UHJ in spite of lacking efficiency. Kindly give it a read and tell me how do you find my analysis and understanding of the matter. Would be great if you can publish it in your next magazine. Kindly relook at the grammar issues.

Thank you again for the magazine. :)

Warm Regards,  
Former NSA Member of India

**Answer:**

Dear Rajnesh,  
Thank you for writing to us.

Alla'u'Abha to you and the entire Baha'i community of India. May the message of Baha'u'llah reach far and wide. We really liked your article on Praveen Mallik and have already updated the same on our blogs and it has also been included in this edition of The Caravan. We got some amazing feedback from our friends on the same. We would encourage you to continue doing an independent investigation of truth and keep sharing such eye-opening facts with the world.

Keep in touch with our team at [info@freebahais.org](mailto:info@freebahais.org) for any feedback, suggestions and queries.  
Humbly,  
The Free Baha'i Team

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**Question 3****Answer:**

Hello David,  
Allah'u'Abha!

We appreciate your email and the efforts taken for writing to us asking for your query. Lady Ruth White, the first inspiration of the Free Baha'i faith through divine guidance challenged the authenticity of the Will and Testament of the Master and hired Dr. Charles Ainsworth Mitchell, a British chemist and forensic scientist who made a special study of the microscopic and chemical study of handwriting. His report concluded in agreement with Lady Ruth, that the document was a forgery. Would request you to kindly view the Handwriting Analysis Report of the Alleged Will on our official website – [www.freebahais.org](http://www.freebahais.org). Stay tuned for we plan to publish our work of thorough analysis of the Will in The Caravan's upcoming edition and we're certain it will be of your interest.

If you have any other questions you can get in touch with our team at [info@freebahais.org](mailto:info@freebahais.org). We will be happy to help you. Although we expect a courteous mail next time.

Humbly,  
The Free Baha'i Team

## Question 4



## Answer:

Hello Paul,

Thank you for your email.

We are pleased to hear about the Free Baha'is existence in Australia. You and friends are doing a remarkable job of spreading the teachings of Baha'u'llah. Trust us, this is the true work that will bring you closer to the Lord in the afterlife. We appreciate your efforts in making those videos and would love to see more of your work in the future.

Regarding your query, we have uploaded quite a lot of books on our official website under the Books section, feel free to download and upload them on your website. We do have a lot of books published at the New History Society which will be made available for the viewers really soon. We are also working towards launching our own books that some of our friends from US/Canada and here in Singapore are working on, they will be published on our website as soon as they are published.

We appreciate your motive of spreading the pristine message of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l Baha across the world. Our literature is openly available for all those who are interested in doing independent investigation of truth. For further queries feel free to write to us at [info@freebahais.org](mailto:info@freebahais.org) and we will be happy to help you.

Humbly,

The Free Baha'i Team

# Declarations into the Free Baha'i Faith

*We* the Free Baha'is do not believe in declarations. We believe in spreading the true teachings of Baha'u'llah and don't work for numbers. A Free Baha'i should purify himself from greed of attaining positions, and start working out of love for humanity and world peace.

Our Master Abdul Baha' has clearly stated,

*"There are no officers in this Cause. I do not and have not appointed any one to perform any special services, but I encourage everyone to engage in the service of the Kingdom. The foundation of this Cause is purely a democracy, and not a theocracy."*

**(Reference: Star of the West, Vol. 8, pg. 116)**

These man-made assemblies and authoritative positions have pushed the Baha'i to work out of greed of acquiring positions which lead to fake reports and false statistics. But, if a person frees himself from administration, he will fulfil his duties towards Baha'u'llah and not for NSA or UHJ. Thus, he will be rewarded by Baha'u'llah for his efforts. For this reason, Free Baha'is do not believe in Officers or Office Bearers and one must be the Guardian of his own faith and action.

So, anyone who would wish to work for the faith should follow the teachings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l Baha, serve the faith and promote world peace and harmony.

**Why do you think the Baha'i Faith got split into various groups after the passing away of the Master? Don't you think the rule of the so-called guardian Shoghi Effendi and his Administration has played a very crucial role in the division and disunity of the Baha'is?**

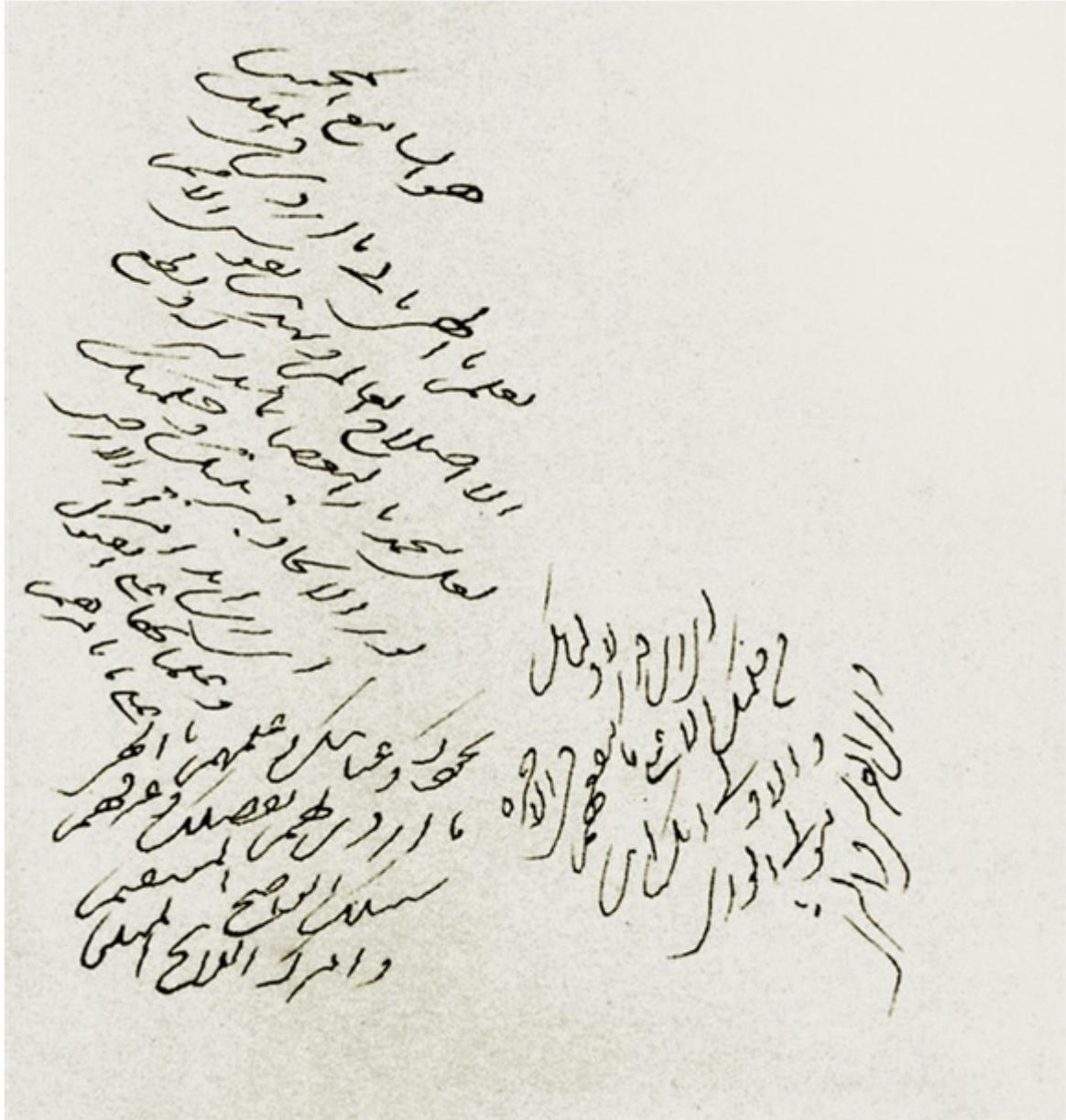
# Who is a True Baha'i?

“... It is the duty of everyone to investigate reality, and investigation of reality by another will not do ...”

“They should justify their claim to be Baha'is by deeds and not by name. He is a true Baha'i who strives by day and by night to progress and advance along the path of human endeavor, whose most cherished desire is so to live and act as to enrich and illuminate the world, whose source of inspiration is the essence of Divine virtue, whose aim in life is so to conduct himself as to be the cause of infinite progress. Only when he attains unto such perfect gifts can it be said of him that he is a true Baha'i. For in this holy Dispensation, the crowning glory of bygone ages and cycles, true Faith is no mere acknowledgement of the Unity of God, but rather the living of a life that will manifest all the perfections and virtues implied in such belief.”

– Abdu'l-Baha, *The Baha'i World*, Volume 1, p. 12.

# Know your Heritage



A Prayer of Baha'u'llah written in His own handwriting

# Did YOU Know ??

In order to cope with the righteous disturbance created in the minds of Baha'is by the challenging articles appearing monthly in New History (later became famous as The Caravan), the National Spiritual Assembly advised its membership as follows:

**In response to inquiries from many believers who wish to know what they should do with the literature received unsolicited from The New History Society, the National Assembly advises the friends to mark the envelopes “refused” and drop them in the nearest post box or post office for return to the sender.**

**—Bahai News, May, 1941, Page 6.**

Is this what Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l Baha have taught their followers and is this what you call the “Independent Investigation of Truth”, which was the basic principle of the Baha'i faith?

*“The principles of the Teachings of Baha'u'llah should be carefully studied, one by one, until they are realized and understood by mind and heart — so will you become strong followers of the light, truly spiritual, heavenly soldiers of God, acquiring and spreading the true civilization....”*

*– Abdu'l-Baha, Paris Talks, p. 22.*

The Master believed that no soul should follow ancestral or traditional views without first questioning and examining their own inner landscape. But, as soon as the Master left for the Eternal Abode, the so-called Guardian, Shoghi Effendi tried implementing his own view points in the Baha'i cause and changed the core beliefs of the faith to something which was against the pristine teachings of Baha'u'llah.

# A Memorable Day — MAY 23rd, 1844

America - on a high hill in New England, the assembled Millerites, dressed in white, await the appearance of the Lord. Persia — in Teheran, Abbas (later known as Abdu'l Baha) first sees the light of day.

An upper chamber of a house in Shiraz, flooded with soft golden light — it is one hour before sunset, on the fortieth day of Mullah Hussein's visit to the city. An outward silence has fallen over teacher and pupil, but their spirits are in contact on the plane of the super-conscious.

## **The awaited moment has arrived!**

Mullah Hussein breaks the stillness, "Speak and say who you are," and the answer comes:

*"O Hussein, the first to believe in me! Verily I declare that I am the Bab - the Gate of God!"*

Then he says: "This night, this very hour will, in future times, be celebrated as one of the greatest and most significant of all festivals."

On the following day, May 24th, the first telegraph message is flashed from Baltimore to Washington: 'What God hath wrought.'

**Reference: Living Pictures by Mirza Ahmed & Julie Chanler**

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