

# THE CARAVAN

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from Mainstream to Free  
Baha'i Faith

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# PRAYER



God, my God! Illumine the brows of Thy true lovers, and support them with angelic hosts of certain triumph. Set firm their feet on Thy straight path, and out of Thine ancient bounty open before them the portals of Thy blessings; for they are expending on Thy pathway what Thou hast bestowed upon them, safeguarding Thy Faith, putting their trust in their remembrance of Thee, offering up their hearts for love of Thee, and withholding not what they possess in adoration for Thy Beauty and in their search for ways to please Thee.

O my Lord! Ordain for them a plenteous share, a destined recompense and sure reward.

Verily, Thou art the Sustainer, the Helper, the Generous, the Bountiful, the Ever-Bestowing.

**- Abdu'l Baha**

# FOREWORD

*"Verily, He Who is the Day-star of Truth and Revealer of the Supreme Being holdeth, with such strength that no one can imagine, the reins of the hearts of men. He doth whatever He willeth and ordaineth whatever He pleaseth." - Baha'u'llah*

(Reference: Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 91)

Welcome to the latest edition of our magazine, which aims to promote awareness of the true teachings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l Baha. As a team of Free Baha'is, we believe that the Baha'i Administration has deviated from the original teachings and principles of Baha'u'llah, and is no longer true to its purpose.

We are committed to spreading the message of unity, equality, and justice that lies at the heart of the Baha'i faith. Our magazine is a platform to share stories, insights, and reflections on the true teachings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l Baha.

This edition of the magazine features a wide range of content, including poetry, quotations, guest articles, and investigative

pieces. We are delighted to include some inspiring stories of individuals who have shown selflessness and generosity in their service to others, embodying the true spirit of Baha'u'llah's teachings.

We will also be highlighting the recent celebratory and important events in the Baha'i calendar, such as Ridvan, the Declaration of the Bab, and the Ascension of Baha'u'llah. These events are significant milestones in the history of the Baha'i faith, and we feel that they provide a great opportunity to reflect on the teachings and values of the faith.

We are proud to share the voices of those who are working towards upholding the true spirit of the Baha'i faith; let's call them the Free Baha'i activists. We believe that it is only by challenging the current Baha'i Administration and promoting the true teachings of Baha'u'llah that we can bring about positive change in the world.

We also seek to answer some of the most pressing questions about the Baha'i faith and provide a deeper understanding of its



principles.

"Whoso cleaveth to justice, can, under no circumstances, transgress the limits of moderation. He discerneth the truth in all things, through the guidance of Him Who is the All-Seeing. The civilization, so often vaunted by the learned exponents of arts and sciences, will, if allowed to overleap the bounds of moderation, bring great evil upon men... If carried to excess, civilization will prove as prolific a source of evil as it had been of goodness when kept within the restraints of moderation." - Baha'u'llah

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

As we continue to move forward in our mission to spread awareness of the true teachings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l Baha, we invite all readers to join us on this journey. We welcome your feedback, comments, and suggestions on how we can further promote the true spirit of the Baha'i faith.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our magazine and that it inspires you to explore the true teachings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l Baha.

With love and unity,

The team at Free Baha'is





# BROKEN PIECES

If you are broken by life trials  
and weary from life's defeats.  
If you have been badly battered  
and have no joy or peace.  
Give God your broken pieces  
so He will mold them back in place.  
He can make them better than before  
with a touch of His sweet grace.  
If your dreams have been shattered  
after much struggle and pain.  
Even if your life seems hopeless  
God can restore you again.  
God can take broken pieces  
and He can make them whole.  
It matters not how badly broken  
God has the power to restore.  
So we are never without hope  
no matter the shape we are in.  
God can take our fragmented lives  
and put them together again.  
So if you're broken beyond measure  
and you don't know what to do.  
God specializes in broken things  
so His glory can shine through.

- Lenora McWhorter



**April 27, 1920** - Abdu'l Baha was ceremonially knighted in "a most wonderful celebration," having been "created by King George V a K.B.E. for valuable services rendered to the British Government in the early days of the Occupation."



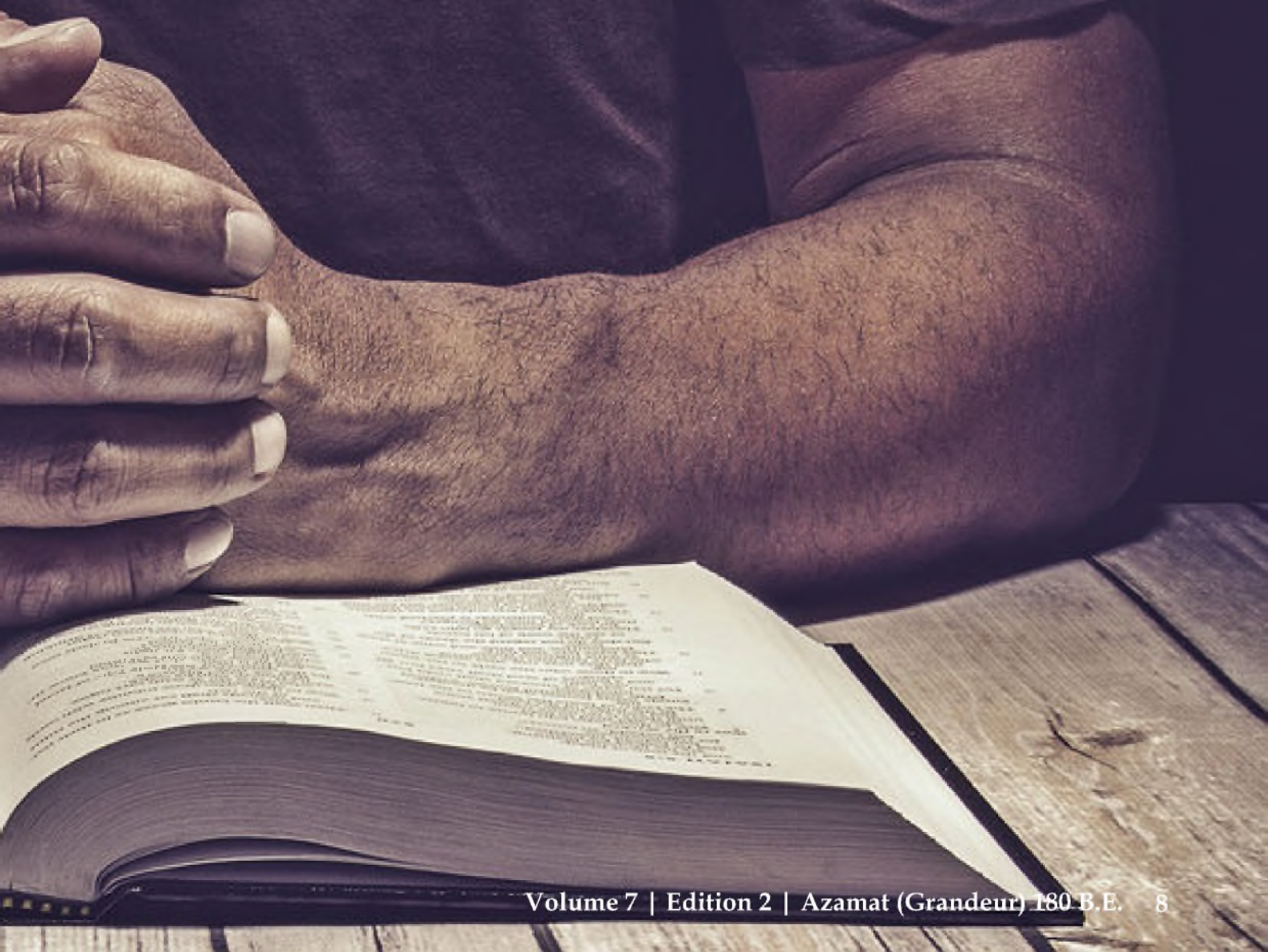
# DIVINE LAWS



In the name of Him who is the Ruler (al-hakim) over what was and what will be.

God has ordained that in every city they make a House of Justice, and the souls according to the number of al-Baha' will assemble in it. There is no harm if the number increases. They shall see as though they are entering the presence of God, the High, the Most High. And they shall see Him who is not seen. They must be stewards of the Merciful among (those in the realm of) the possible and agents of God for the whole earth. And God has ordained that they shall consult about the welfare of creatures (al-'ibad) for the sake of God, just as they consult about their own affairs, and that they choose what is the choice. Thus commanded your Lord, the Mighty One, the Forgiver. Beware lest you neglect what is inscribed in the Tablet. Fear God, O you who see.

**(Source: Al-Kitab Al-Aqdas by Baha'u'llah, Translated from Arabic by Earl Elder & William Miller)**



# BREAKING AWAY: MY JOURNEY FROM MAINSTREAM TO FREE BAHAI FAITH

My name is John, and I am currently 47 years old. I was raised in the United States as a Baha'i and accepted the Baha'i faith when I was only 23, through a close friend of mine whose entire family was actively involved in the community. My friend and her family taught me the importance of Baha'i teachings while I was young, and I grew up with a strong connection to my faith. However, as I got older, I became more curious about the different sects within the Baha'i faith and started to do my own research.

At first, I was drawn to the Free Baha'i sect. I found their beliefs and practices to be more in line with my own personal values, and I appreciated the emphasis they placed on social justice and community involvement. However, I was hesitant to fully embrace the Free Baha'i faith, as I knew it would be a major departure from the mainstream institution in which I was raised.

Despite my reservations, I continued to learn more about the Free Baha'i teachings. I was struck by the depth and complexity of their beliefs and began to see how many of the things I had taken for granted in my

upbringing were not necessarily universal to all Baha'is.

One day, after a particularly enlightening conversation with a friend from a Free Baha'i background, I made the decision to accept the Free Baha'i teachings. It was a difficult choice, as I knew it would mean breaking up with many of my friends, but I felt it was the right thing to do. Sadly, many of my close friends turned away from me and declared me a covenant breaker after I informed them about my conversion.

Over time, I became more and more involved in the Free Baha'i teachings. I started holding meetings at my house and worked towards taking care of the less privileged and the needy. I was inspired by the concept of working for humanity and worked hard to help those in need in my locality and nearby places.

Despite the challenges I faced in the face of social boycotts from my friends, I never regretted my decision to accept the core teachings of the cause. I felt that it had given me a deeper understanding of my faith and a





stronger connection to Baha'u'llah.

However, as I became more involved in the teachings, I began to encounter some eye-opening facts about the history of the Baha'i faith and the differences between Haifans and Free Baha'i beliefs. I learned about the early conflicts between the two sects and how those conflicts have shaped the Baha'i faith today.

I was also shocked to discover some of the prejudices and misconceptions that existed within the Haifan community about the Free Baha'is. I realized that many Haifans had a distorted view of Free Baha'i beliefs and practices.

Eventually, I came to the difficult decision to leave the mainstream Baha'i faith altogether. It was not a decision I made lightly, as I had many friends within the Haifan community. But I felt that I could no longer ignore the differences between the Haifan and Free Baha'i beliefs and that I needed to be true to my own convictions.

Leaving the Haifans was a difficult process for me, but I felt a sense of liberation as well. I was now free to fully embrace the Baha'i teachings

and read and implement the core teachings of Baha'u'llah and the Master, and to work towards building a more inclusive and unified world. I was free to question anything and everything wrong in the faith and, at the same time, not get excommunicated by anyone. I know that my journey is far from over, but I am excited to see where it will take me next.



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# INSPIRING QUOTES



“O Lord! Unto Thee I repair for refuge and toward all Thy signs I set my heart. O Lord! Whether travelling or at home, and in my occupation or in my work, I place my whole trust in Thee. Grant me then Thy sufficing help so as to make me independent of all things, O Thou Who art unsurpassed in Thy mercy! Bestow upon me my portion, O Lord, as Thou pleasest, and cause me to be satisfied with whatsoever Thou hast ordained for me. Thine is the absolute authority to command.”

— The Bab

“The All-Knowing Physician hath His finger on the pulse of mankind. He perceiveth the disease, and prescribeth, in His unerring wisdom, the remedy. Every age hath its own problem, and every soul its particular aspiration. The remedy the world needeth in its present-day afflictions can never be the same as that which a subsequent age may require. Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and centre your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements.”

— Baha'u'llah

" Now the new age is here and creation is reborn. Humanity hath taken on new life. The autumn hath gone by, and the reviving spring is here. All things are now made new. Arts and industries have been reborn, there are new discoveries in science, and there are new inventions; even the details of human affairs, such as dress and personal effects — even weapons — all these have likewise been renewed. The laws and procedures of every government have been revised. Renewal is the order of the day. And all this newness hath its source in the fresh outpourings of wondrous grace and favor from the Lord of the Kingdom, which have renewed the world. The people, therefore, must be set completely free from their old patterns of thought, that all their attention may be focused upon these new principles, for these are the light of this time and the very spirit of this age.”

— Abdu'l Baha

# FREE BAHAI ACTIVITIES

*"Naw Ruz is the Day of God. It marks the end of the old year and the beginning of the new one. It is the time of springtime and of the renewal of all things. Every day is a Naw Ruz, every hour a new beginning, and every moment a divine gift." - Baha'u'llah*

Dear faithful Baha'is,

Allah'u'Abha!

The Baha'i community celebrates two of its most significant events, Naw Ruz and Ridvan, with immense joy and fervor. Naw Ruz marks the beginning of the Baha'i calendar, while Ridvan commemorates the twelve days that Baha'u'llah spent in a garden in Baghdad, Iraq, during which he declared himself as the Promised One of all religions.

During these holy days, the Free Baha'is, in fact all Baha'is around the world engage in various activities to celebrate these auspicious events. They gather in their homes and invite their friends and neighbours to join them in prayer and fellowship. The aim is to share the message of love, unity, and peace that Baha'u'llah brought to the world.

In many countries, Baha'is read books like "Some Answered Questions" by Abdu'l Baha

and "Tablets of Abdu'l Baha" during these gatherings. These books contain profound teachings of the Baha'i faith that help deepen the understanding of the spiritual principles of the faith.

In Germany, Baha'is organized a special event to mark Naw Ruz, which included a program of music, speeches, and refreshments. The event was well-attended, and the participants had a great time sharing their experiences and learning about the faith.

Similarly, in the United States, Free Baha'is gathered in their homes to celebrate the holy days of Naw Ruz and Ridvan. They prayed together, read from the holy writings, and shared their thoughts and feelings about the significance of these events.

In Thailand, the Baha'i community organized a special program to mark Naw Ruz, which included a cultural performance, prayers, and a talk on the spiritual significance of the event. The program was attended by Baha'is and non-Baha'is alike, who all enjoyed the festive atmosphere and the spiritual teachings.

In India, Baha'is celebrated Naw Ruz by organizing various events, including prayer



meetings, service projects, and musical programs. They also shared food and sweets with their neighbours and friends as a sign of unity and love.

The Free Baha'is celebrate these events by remembering the teachings of Baha'u'llah and the Master. They recognize the importance of these events and strive to deepen their understanding of the faith and its principles.

The Free Baha'is are working tirelessly against the malpractices of the Administration. They believe that the Administration has deviated from the true teachings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l Baha and has become corrupt and oppressive. The Free Baha'is are dedicated to raising awareness about the true teachings of the faith and working towards a more just and equitable society.

On the occasion of the declaration of the Bab and the Ascension of Baha'u'llah, the Free Baha'is organized various events around the world. They held prayer meetings, read from the holy writings, and engaged in acts of service and charity. They also emphasized the importance of the teachings of the Bab and Baha'u'llah in the current world scenerio.

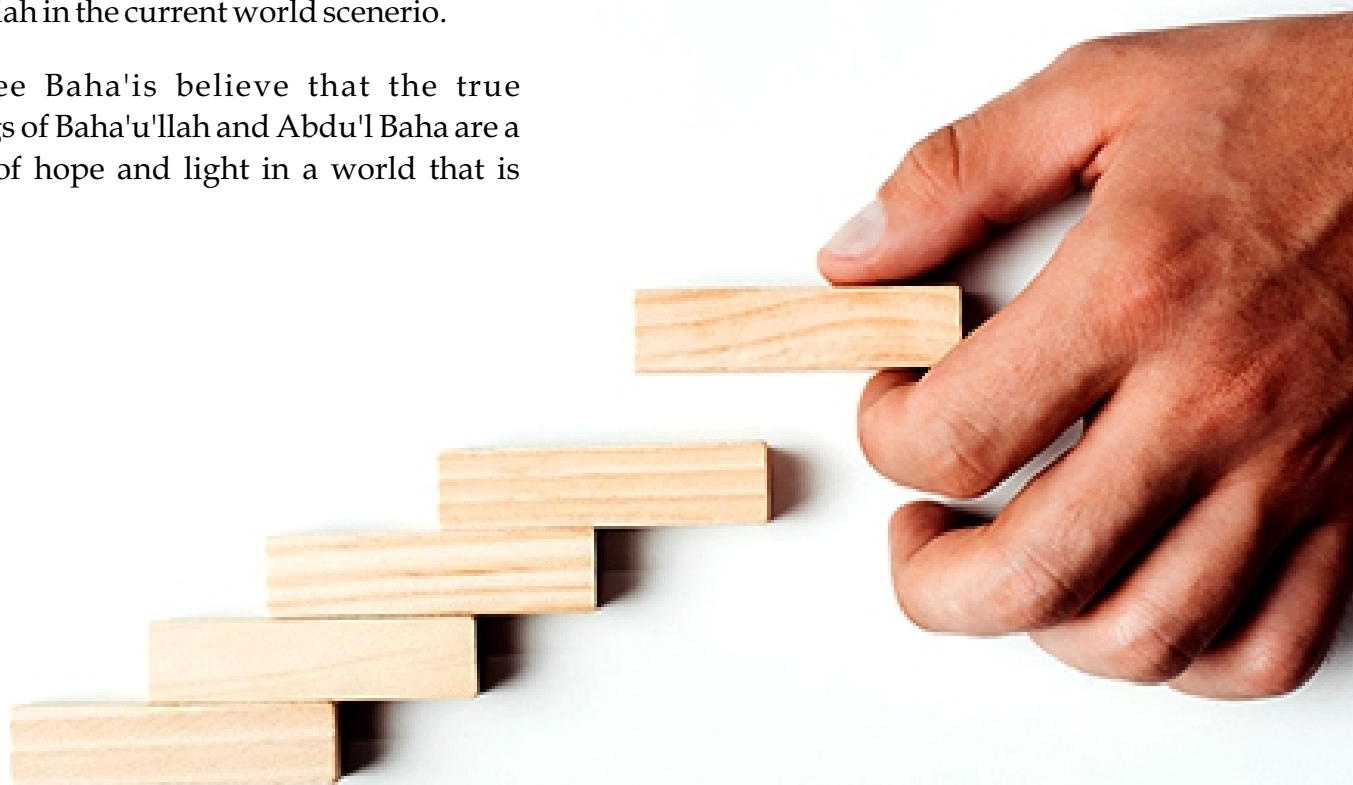
The Free Baha'is believe that the true teachings of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l Baha are a beacon of hope and light in a world that is

increasingly divided and polarized. They believe that the message of unity, love, and peace that Baha'u'llah brought to the world is more relevant today than ever before.

Let us strive together to promote Baha'u'llah's teachings and his message of human oneness.

Warmest Baha'i regards,

**Free Baha'i Team**





# CLERGY IN THE BAHA'I CAUSE

In answer to a question as to whether or not there would be any clergy in the Baha'i Cause?

“No. In this movement there will never be any paid ministers, no appointed clergy, no bishops, no cardinals, no popes, no ceremonies. A clergyman, assuming that he is ordained to his ministry, may think that he knows more about God than anyone else, whereas the humble man in his congregation may know more about God than he does. The sacerdotal and theological position makes a clergyman proud and haughty. But there is one thing in this Cause; some people may become greater than the rest, not through appointment, but through the purity of their hearts, their unselfish deeds, their heroic sacrifices, and their knowledge of God. Such illumined souls, like kind fathers or teachers, will guide and teach those less fortunate. They are the elder brothers of the members of the community. They do not arrogate to themselves any title or position. You will know them by their humility, their sincerity, their deeds, their severance, their knowledge, their spirituality, and their attraction.”

- Abdu'l Baha

(Source: Diary of Ahmad Sohrab, March 21, 1913)





# SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**Email 1:**

**Email 1:**

Is fasting and performing prayers is mandatory as per the Baha'is too? Can you please clarify.

**Answer:**

Hi SR,

Allah'u'Abha!

Hope this message finds you well. I am glad to hear from you after a long time. I understand that you are seeking clarification on a certain matter, and we the Free Baha'is are here to assist you in any way we can.

In regards to your query, I would like to refer to an extract from Kitab-i-Aqdas which I believe can provide further insight and clarity. The extract is as follows:

“Worship and Fasting are obligatory to you on your coming to maturity a command from God, your Lord and the Lord of your early fathers. Whoever is weak from illness or advanced age, God exempts him because of a Grace on His part. He is the Generous One, the Forgiver. God permits you to prostrate yourselves on everything pure, and we have taken away the ruling stipulated in the Book. God knows and you do not. Whoever does not find water, let him repeat five times, "bi-sm-illah, al- athar, al-athar" (In the name of God, the Purest, the Purest,) and then begin worship. This is what the Master of the worlds commanded. In those lands where nights and days are long they may perform worship by (using) clocks and objects which determine the times. He is the Wise One, the Explainer.”

In the subsequent passages, there are specific prayers mentioned that Baha'is are discharged from performing. I would be



happy to elaborate on these further and provide you with the necessary information.

The passages in question states the following:

“We have exempted you from worship (on the occasion) of wonders. Whenever they appear, make mention of God with greatness and power. He is the Hearing One, the Seeing One. Say: "al-'azama lillah, rabb ma yura wa wa ma la yura, rabb al-'alamin" (Greatness belongs to God, the Lord of what is seen and what is unseen, the Lord of the worlds).”

“Worship as individuals has been ordained for you; the commandment regarding group worship is remitted (rufi'a), except in worship for the dead. He is the Wise One, the Commanding One.”

I hope that the explanation provided has assisted you in gaining clarity on your question. Should you have any further queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us, and we will endeavor to provide you with the information you require.



Thank you for your interest in this topic. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to keep in touch with us.

Regards,

**Team Free Baha'is**

## Email 2:

I have a question regarding Baha'i inheritance laws. My uncle, a fellow Baha'i, recently passed away, and his property is being divided among his close relatives. I took care of him extensively before my marriage, even though he had daughters. Do the Baha'i laws entitle me to any share of his inheritance? I reached out to the LSA for help, but they were unable to assist me. Can you provide any guidance on this matter?

### Answer:

Hi Jenny,

Allah'u'Abha!

Certainly. And to answer your question, would like to take help from the Holy Book of Baha'u'llah. If we look at the Kitab-i-Aqdas, it suggests that while God commands people to love their relatives, this does not necessarily translate into a right to a share of one's property. It emphasizes the importance of loving one's family and maintaining strong relationships, while also recognizing the importance of personal property rights.

“Indeed, God has commanded you to love your relatives, but He has not decreed for them a right in one's property. He has no need of the worlds.”

This passage can be interpreted as a reminder that love for one's family should be based on an intrinsic desire to show affection and care for them, rather than an obligation to share one's material possessions with them. It also suggests that the ultimate authority over one's property lies with God, and that he has no need for material possessions or worldly goods.

In essence, the extract emphasizes the importance of balancing the love and care for one's family with the need to respect

individual property rights. It serves as a reminder that one should be generous and kind to their relatives, but also mindful of their personal property and the need to maintain a fair balance between family obligations and individual rights. Hope that answers your question.

If you have any more queries, feel free to write back to us.

Thanks and Regards,

**Team Free Baha'is**



### Email 3:

Hey, I have a situation and I'd love to hear your thoughts. So, I'm in love with this amazing girl who isn't a Baha'i, and we want to get married. But her parents are totally against it. Do you think it's worth going against their wishes and getting married anyway? And, will our marriage be considered valid under Baha'i laws?

### Answer:

Hi Paul,

Allah'u'Abha!

Based on the teachings of Baha'u'llah, consent of both parties is a necessary condition for marriage. While Baha'u'llah desired love, affection, and unity among people, He also made it dependent on the consent of both the parents and the couple to prevent any potential discord or ill will. Therefore, if you and your partner decide to go against her parents' wishes and get married without their consent, it may not be recognized as a valid marriage under Baha'i laws.



Let's look at the extract from the Kitab-i-Aqdas for a clear understanding.

“Indeed, in al-Bayan He made the consent of the two parties the condition (for marriage). Since We desired love and affection and the union of the creatures, We made (marriage) dependent on the consent of the parents in addition to the two of them (the bride and groom), lest there occur rancour and hatred. And We have other aims and so is the matter decided.”

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. The team at Free Baha'is is here to support you.

Regards,

**Team Free Baha'is**



## Email 4:

I have noticed that despite repeated requests, many people are unable to obtain the account of the Huququ'llah funds collected by the Universal House of Justice (UHJ). What steps would Team Free Baha'is recommend for addressing this issue?

### Answer:

Hi Bob,

Allah'u'Abha!

If efforts to obtain the account of Huququ'llah funds collected by the UHJ have been unsuccessful, it may be necessary to escalate the matter to lower authorities within the Baha'i community. This could include contacting the National Spiritual Assembly or the International Teaching Center for guidance and support and indirectly put pressure on the UHJ to act on the same. It may also be helpful to gather support from other concerned individuals and groups, and to advocate for greater transparency and accountability in the handling of Baha'i funds.

One important step that we could take to ensure prompt implementation is to establish clear deadlines for submission, and follow up on any missed deadlines. This could involve engaging key Baha'i contributors to the fund to raise questions in meetings, and ensuring that these discussions are recorded in the meeting minutes for follow-up at subsequent meetings with stakeholders.

Ultimately, it is important to approach the situation with humility, patience, and a commitment to upholding the principles and values of the Baha'i Faith.

Please feel free to share any inspiring stories of your efforts to obtain Huququ'llah accounts from the UHJ. We would love to feature them

in our magazine and share them with the community as a powerful example of dedication and perseverance in upholding the principles of transparency and accountability.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards,

**Team Free Baha'is**





# INVESTIGATION OF REALITY

“God has given man the eye of investigation by which he may see and recognize truth. He has endowed man with ears that he may hear the message of reality and conferred upon him the gift of reason by which he may discover things for himself. This is his endowment and equipment for the investigation of reality. Man is not intended to see through the eyes of another, hear through another's ears nor comprehend with another's brain... Therefore, depend upon your own reason and judgment and adhere to the outcome of your own investigation; otherwise, you will be utterly submerged in the sea of ignorance and deprived of all the bounties of God.”

– Abdu'l-Baha, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, Volume 2, p. 287

# KNOW YOUR HERITAGE



Several of the carved seals of Baha'u'llah used to stamp letters or tablets to verify the author.



# WEBSPLORE



**trident765** • 19 days ago

Haifan Bahais worship and donate to their institutions, but the institutions they invest so much into never give anything back to them. I guess one benefit of the Baha'i organization is it provides a means to facilitate sharing the costs of having a place of worship, but the Baha'i administration wants to take even that away. Haifan Baha'ism is a scam! There is a reason why Baha'u'llah said to build a house of Justice "in every city", because it is a law of the universe that large global institutions end up becoming corrupt.

↑ 2 ↓  Reply  Share ...

*“Where there is love, nothing is too much trouble and there is always time.” – Abdu'l Baha*



With this, I pray to God to help us follow in the footsteps of the Master and take care of the poor and the needy, always. More power to you!

Want to be a contributor for 'The Caravan'?

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)

Thank you!

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

## ALBERT EINSTEIN SAYS—

*"Let me begin by stating this political conviction: that the State exists for man, not man for the State. The same may be said of economic institutions. This is an old principle, laid down by those who rated human personality as the highest of human values. I should hesitate to restate it if it were not constantly in danger of being forgotten, especially in this era of organization and standardization. I believe that the most important mission of the State is to protect the individual and to make it possible for him to develop into a creative personality.*

*"The State should be our servant; we should not be slaves of the State. The State violates this precept when it forces us to perform military service, especially when this servile employment has for its purpose the destruction of men of other countries or the infringement of their freedom. We should make only such sacrifices for the State as contribute to the free development of the human individual. These statements may be accepted as obvious by every American; but they are not so accepted by every European; therefore our hope is that the fight against war will be strongly supported by Americans."*

(Excerpt from "The Road to Peace" by Professor Albert Einstein, Sunday Times, November 22, 1931.)

(Reference: The New Historian, Volume 1, Number 4, January, 1932)



# DECLARATIONS

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 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."

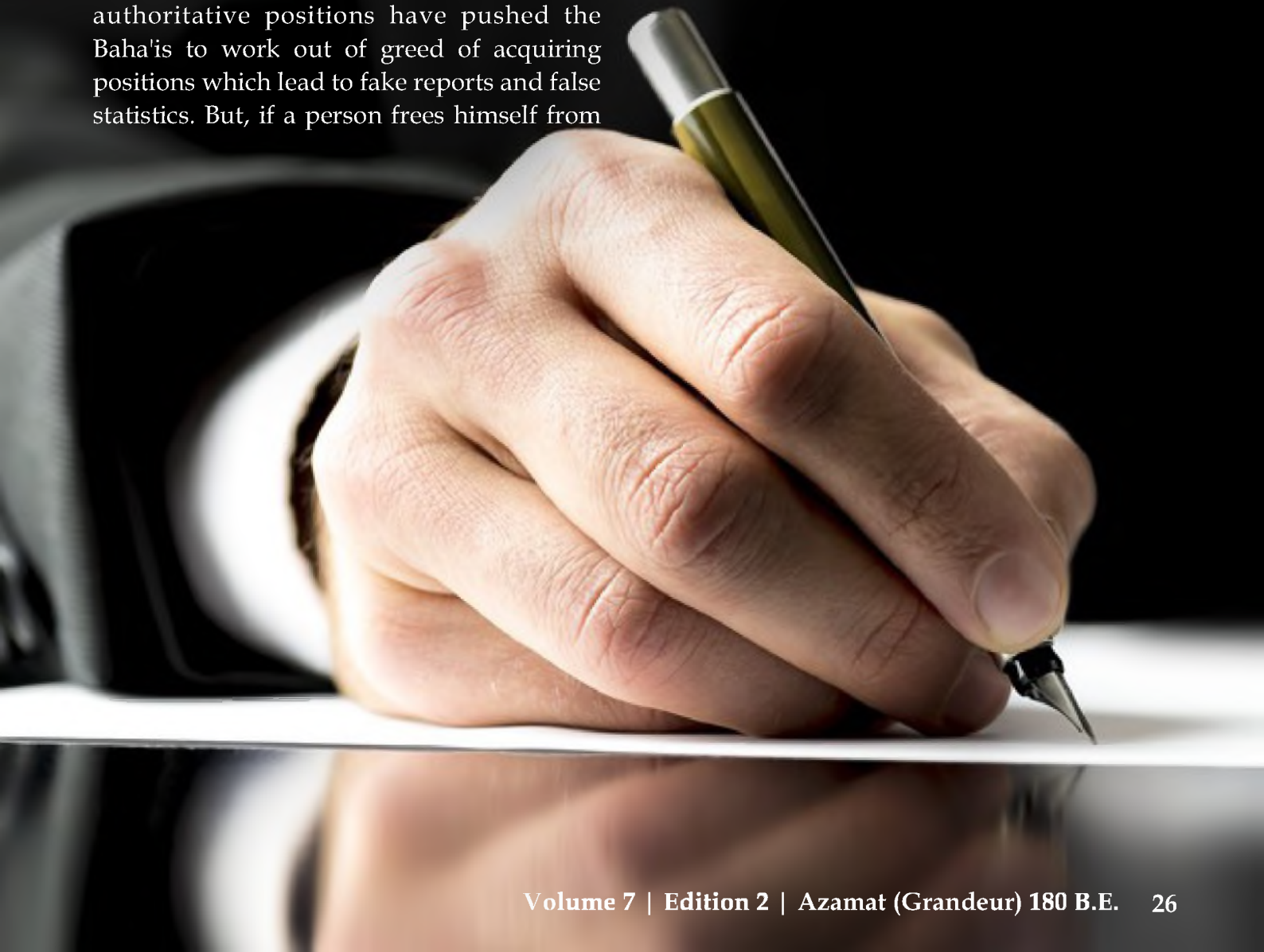
(Reference: Star of the West, Vol. 8, pg. 116)

These man-made assemblies and authoritative positions have pushed the Baha'is 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?

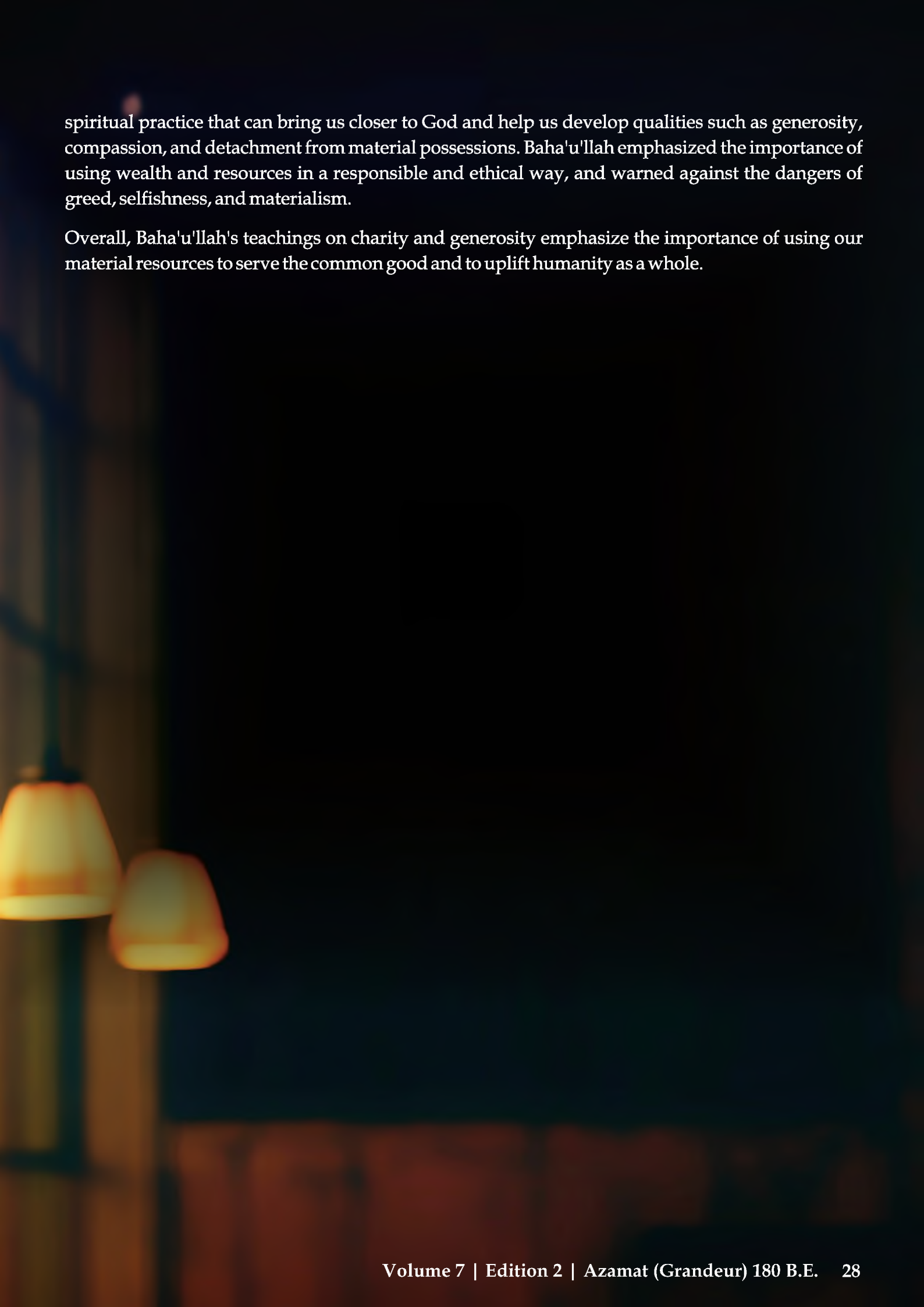


# DID YOU KNOW ?

Baha'u'llah emphasized the importance of charity and generosity throughout His teachings. His teachings demonstrate that he did not discriminate based on gender, race, or religion when helping someone. Here are a few examples from His life:

Baha'u'llah was known for His compassion and generosity towards the poor and needy. He would often give away His own clothes, food, and possessions to those in need. One of the most well-known stories about Baha'u'llah and charity is about a poor man who came to him asking for help. Baha'u'llah asked him what he needed, and the man said he needed a new pair of shoes. Baha'u'llah then took off his own shoes and gave them to the man, saying that he had no need for them. Another story is about a woman who came to Baha'u'llah asking for food for her family. He asked her if she had any bread in her house, and she replied that she had a little bit. Baha'u'llah then asked her to bring the bread to him, and he blessed it. When she returned home, she found that the bread had multiplied, and there was enough for her entire family.

Baha'u'llah also encouraged His followers to give voluntary contributions to support charitable causes and to help alleviate the suffering of others. Baha'u'llah taught that the act of giving is itself a



spiritual practice that can bring us closer to God and help us develop qualities such as generosity, compassion, and detachment from material possessions. Baha'u'llah emphasized the importance of using wealth and resources in a responsible and ethical way, and warned against the dangers of greed, selfishness, and materialism.

Overall, Baha'u'llah's teachings on charity and generosity emphasize the importance of using our material resources to serve the common good and to uplift humanity as a whole.



# THROWBACK



Copy of the Tablet of the Holy Mariner, rendered in the calligraphy of Abdu'l Baha

1863 – The above verses were revealed by Baha'u'llah just before He was forced to leave Baghdad for Constantinople (Istanbul), foretell the dark days to come. Baha'u'llah and His companions had set up tents outside Baghdad to celebrate Naw Ruz, the new year.

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