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THE BAHAI CAUSE?



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



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ALLEGED WILL & TESTAMENT
OF ABDU'L BAHAI - ANALYSIS



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Say: God is indeed the Maker of all things.

O God! Recompense those who endure patiently in Thy days, and strengthen their hearts to walk undeviatingly in the path of Truth. Grant then, O Lord, such goodly gifts as would enable them to gain admittance into Thy blissful Paradise. Exalted art Thou, O Lord God. Let Thy heavenly blessings descend upon homes whose inmates have believed in Thee. Verily, unsurpassed art Thou in sending down divine blessings. Send forth, O God, such hosts as would render Thy faithful servants victorious. Thou dost fashion the created things through the power of Thy decree as Thou pleasest. Thou art in truth the Sovereign, the Creator, the All-Wise.

Say: God is indeed the Maker of all things. He giveth sustenance in plenty to whomsoever He willeth. He is the Creator, the Source of all beings, the Fashioner, the Almighty, the Maker, the All-Wise. He is the Bearer of the most excellent titles throughout the heavens and the earth and whatever lieth between them. All do His bidding, and all the dwellers of earth and heaven celebrate His praise, and unto Him shall all return.

- Prayer of The Bab



Foreword



Baha'i friends celebrate the 22nd of May as the day of the declaration of the Bab, who was the forerunner of Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith. It is one of the greatest and most significant of all festivals. The holy day marks the Declaration of the Bab, who in 1844 announced that He was a new divine Messenger, sent to herald a new age for humanity and to prepare the way for Baha'u'llah, the universal Messenger of God expected by people of all religions.

"I congratulate you on this sacred day, the anniversary of the declaration of the Bab - the day when for the first time on this earth Baha'u'llah's name was mentioned and in the world the dawn appeared on the horizon. May all of you become the cause of joy and of renewing the fire of the love of God in all hearts." (Abdu'l Baha, Divine Philosophy, p. 52)

It is an honour for us, yet again, that with the help of The Caravan Magazine there has been a sense of awareness amongst the Baha'i friends with regards to Huququ'llah. We have received a lot of emails / messages from around the world and the friends have not just appreciated our stand but have also sought advice on the spending of their Huququ'llah.

It gives us immense pleasure that this magazine has become a source of inspiration for the faithful Baha'is around the world who are steadfast in their faith in the face of the onslaught of the enemies who choose to belittle the Divine words and render meaningless the divine teachings for their material good.

We encourage the Baha'i friends to conduct, as commanded by the Master, "An Independent Investigation of Truth" to establish firm foundations for their beliefs, and we also encourage everyone to share the result of these investigations with us, as we would like to publish them in our magazine for it can be a great source of motivation for other friends around the world.

Taking another step forward, we herewith present the Linguistic Analysis of the Alleged Will and Testament of Abdu'l Baha in this magazine to prove how the Will was tainted in order to appoint Shoghi Effendi as the Guardian of the faith. We are at a point where the matter has become rather serious and thus we encourage our readers to read the analysis presented by us with an open heart.

"...May all of you become the cause of joy and of renewing the fire of the love of God in all hearts."

Foreword...

“Seize thy chance, for it will come to thee no more.” - Baha'u'llah

Here's your chance to read The Caravan and derive a fair-minded conclusion which is based on an Independent Investigation. If you have any feedback / suggestions / queries, kindly mail it to info@freebahais.org, and we will be happy to get in touch with you.

Thank you,
The Free Baha'i Team



Let no one among you say that God hath withheld the outpouring of His bounty unto you, for assuredly Gods mercy unto those to whom the Bayn is given hath been fulfilled and completed until the Day of Resurrection. Would that ye might believe in the signs of God.

- The Bab



Ye spend all your days contriving forms and rules for the principles of your Faith, while that which profiteth you in all this is to comprehend the good-pleasure of your Lord and unitedly to become well-acquainted with His supreme Purpose.

- The Bab



Is there any Remover of difficulties save God? Say: Praised be God! He is God! All are His servants and all abide by His bidding!

- The Bab

The Shrine Of The Bab





Now you've Recovered

When you recover, what will you do?
When you recover, will you still be you?
Will you be stronger, will you be new,
When you recover from what you've been through.

Can life get better than it was before?
Will you realize your dreams and improve your score?
Will people still remember your name,
Or will they forget you because they're ashamed?

Life in recovery may not be the same.
The rules may have changed in this brand-new game.
You can pick up the pieces and make a new start,
And courage and hope keep you from falling apart.

The world all around you seems different and changed.
Things that once were now seem out of range,
But you can recapture your life and fulfill
The dreams that were lost when you took ill.

The journey to wellness takes time and is long,
And those that get well are exceptionally strong
For depression can kill, but you have survived.
Your goal to recover has kept you alive.

Now you're recovered, what will you do?
You suffered and conquered and saw it through.
Back from the black and abyss of despair,
It is time to move on; it is time to care.

-Charles A Cino

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The Principles of The Free Baha'i Faith Explained

The Nineth Basic
Baha'i Principle is:

**“A Spiritual Solution
to the Economic Problem”**

The ninth foundation stone, the Chrysoprasus, is like opaque Chrysolite, a clear green which embodies truthfulness, justice, sincerity and purity, and these are the requisites necessary for the solution of all economic problems- the Golden Rule-“Do unto others as Ye would have that they do unto you.” - Abdu'l Baha

There is no cut and dried system of economics. Baha'u'llah establishes certain principles and leaves it to us to build the structure. There is a danger of the popular term “new world order” conjuring up a picture of something for nothing, of state supported individuals enjoying all the advantages of prosperity without any adequate contribution of hard work or service. Baha'u'llah requires everyone to work, no idle rich and no idle poor.

“The most despised of men before God is he

who sits and begs. ... The best men are they that earn a livelihood by their calling and spend upon themselves and upon their kindred for the love of God, the Lord of all worlds.” - Baha'u'llah

The tragic story of modern waste is now commonplace. Fruit rotting on the trees and vines, sugar falling from wharves into the sea, wheat being burned. Millions underfed and in need of these things. Railways and ships being left idle. Producers anxious to sell and workers eager to gather and dispatch. But the destruction of food, and starvation, face each other across the world, even across the very same country! Thus, in spite of the fact that 'laissez faire' and unrestricted competition give way to socialization and cooperation, the basis of prosperity is still individual effort, hard work and independence.

“...it is incumbent on everyone to engage in crafts and professions, for therein lies the secret of wealth to men of understanding! Trees that yield no fruit have been and will ever be for the fire.” - Baha'u'llah

The weird and wonderful devices advocated to stimulate buying power brings wealth only back onto the wealthy. Future generations looking back at this period, must be forever amazed at a generation which could capture a

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beam from Arcturus to light the opening of the World's Fair and at the same time tolerate the poverty and misery of millions in the midst of an overwhelming plenty, a generation which spends a huge proportion of its wealth on war.

"The fundamentals of the whole economic structure are Divine in nature and are associated with the world of the heart and spirit."

"Although, the body politic is one family, yet because of lack of harmonious relations some members are comfortable and some in direct misery, some members are satisfied and some members are hungry, some members are clothed in most costly garments and some families in need of food and shelter. Why? Because this family (of mankind) lacks the necessary reciprocity and symmetry. This household is not well arranged. This household is not living under a perfect law. All the laws which are legislated do not insure happiness. They do not provide comfort. Therefore, a law must be given to this family by means of which all the members will enjoy wellbeing and happiness." – Abdu'l Baha

Reciprocity and symmetry, these are the needs of the new social order. Cooperation must replace unbridled competition and planned economic system must take the place of the present muddle. This is the real economic problem, that in an age when cooperation is needed in human affairs, principles which served mankind successfully during the age of competition,

are still upheld and regarded as inviolate. They are lamentably effete as shown by results.

Tariffs, currency manipulation, monopoly of raw materials, low wages, these are the great saboteurs of world prosperity. But they are only agents, the real monster is economic self-sufficiency. Nearly every nation, or groups of nations, has tried to practice this, and has gloried in what it believed to be its ability to be self-supporting. At the same time every effort has been made to keep up "foreign" trade, that is to sell the other man something without buying anything in return.

Economic self-sufficiency is born of fear and selfishness and leads straight to war. In this modern world all people need each other, can supply each other's wants, and by the reciprocal action of buying and selling, contribute to an increasing standard of living. This is provided of course that the results of labor are equitably shared, and not concentrated in the hands of a minority. And the basis of equity must be universal, otherwise some nations will undersell all the others by using cheaper labor, and that will start the same old round again of nations will undersell all the others by labor, and that will start the same old tariffs, and etc.....

The economic problem, like every major difficulty facing us today, is insoluble except on a world scale. We cannot have poverty in one country and prosperity in the rest, the Atlantic Charter recognizes this. Neither can we cure poverty and unemployment in one

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country alone, it is a world problem.

A spiritually united body can solve the economic problem once given the authority to set the world's standards. It can remove the barriers to international trade which result from the attempts of nations to be self-sufficient. It can liberate the energies now devoted to war for service to the arts of peace, and it can provide the necessary machinery for an easier and greater interchange of goods and services. Such things as a world currency, a world bank, a single system of weights and measures would come within its Charter. It

must maintain free access to the raw materials of the planet, and protect the rights of all peoples. Maintain a universal minimum standard of living, and limit the economic power of individuals.

“God is not partial and is no respecter of persons. He has made provisions for all. The harvest comes forth for everyone. The rain showers upon everybody and the heat of the sun is destined to warm everyone. Therefore, there should be for all humanity the utmost happiness, the utmost comfort, the utmost well-being.” – Abdu'l Baha

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 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
Thank you!



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)



Inspiring Quotes



“The Lord of the universe hath never raised up a prophet nor hath He sent down a Book unless He hath established His covenant with all men, calling for their acceptance of the next Revelation and of the next Book; inasmuch as the outpourings of His bounty are ceaseless and without limit.”

— 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

“There is one God; mankind is one; the foundations of religion are one. Let us worship Him, and give praise for all His great Prophets and Messengers who have manifested His brightness and glory.”

— Abdu'l Baha



THE ALLEDGED WILL OF ABDU'L BAHA - AN ANALYSIS



Part 5

In continuation with our discussion from last edition, here too we shall discuss the linguistic comparison from the parts of alleged Will and text from an author. Comparison involves use of same or similar words & tone in both the texts which raises a very high suspicion that author is the same for both the texts. Below is the comparison presented in the columns, which contains parts and quotes from the alleged Will and Testament of Abdul Baha on the left and from an author on the right. We request the readers to minutely examine the similarity of the style and words and themselves arrive to some conclusion.

The Will and Testament of Abdul Baha - Wilmette 1971	Sample B
"What deviation can be more odious. " - p. 7	as a flagitious crime p. 52 with so heinous a crime p. 63 a heinous betrayal p. 38 a people preeminent in atrocity p. 197

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<p>"What deviation can be more shameful..." p 7</p>	<p>of their nefarious activities p. 124 the infamous and insidious machinations. p. 327 of inducing him to rid himself of a shameful and profligate minister...p. 16 of inflicting atrocities as barbarous as p. 63 the perfidy of renegades p. 178</p>
<p>"What deviation can be more odious. " - p. 7</p>	<p>as to the low-born and infamous Amir-Nizam... p. 82 with the in famous crew... p.319</p>
<p>"What deviation can be more wicked..p. 7</p>	<p>of so wicked a conspiracy p. 4 to that wicked minister.... p. 27. through acts of indelible infamy...p. 408</p>
<p>What transgression can be more abominable, more odious, more wicked than this ! p. 8</p>	<p>More odious than... more shameful than more perfidious than.... more abhorrent than ... more infamous than. the monstrous behaviour of Mirza Yahya ... brought. . p. 163 the scheming, the ambitious and profligate Mirza Buzurg Khan . . . p. 232</p>

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Further we find: a deadly enemy... p. 7	by black-hearted foes... p. 409
with the utmost enmity p.5	by the implacable hostility p. 63 an unyielding enemy... p. 77
in utter falsehood p.17	this brazen heresy... p. 36
from such atrocious falsehoods! p.8	through his flagrant neglect p. 320
with utmost subtlety...p.8	which the infamous and crafty Siyyid Muhammed p. 117
the flagrant injustice ... p.4	a shameless apostate.... p.327 which his father had so foolishly, so shamelessly and so pitifully striven to extinguish p. 233
with hate and rebelliousness... p.17	the insatiable hatred...p.46
a hater and opponent...p.25	united in relentless hate p.63
to the wiles of the people of malice...p.4	that vile whisper... p.164

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The Right-hand side column is from the book God Passes by written by none other than Shoghi Effendi himself.

As was discussed earlier that each author or writer has his or her own personal style, it becomes quite evident as to who is the person behind this transgression with the Will and Testament of Abdul Baha. What has been stated above is not all. There is more evidence when comparison with regards to the language used is made. There are certain phrases in the will and testament of Abdul Baha which are exactly the opposite to what is the known style and flair of the master, For example non-usage of negative attributes.

However very brief analysis of the Will and Testament of Abdul Baha, show us the following shocking results:-

<p>WILL & TESTAMENT OF ABDUL BAHA - WILMETTE 1971</p>	<p>SHOGHI EFFENDI GOD PASSES BY WILMETTE 1970</p>
<p>they... strove with stubbornness, falsehood and slander, with scorn and calumny... p. 18</p>	<p>a vulgar, false-hearted and tickle-minded sterner...p.4 the arbitrary, bloodthirsty, reckless Amir-Nizam...p.4 the insolent, the avaricious and tyrannical Mirza... p. 83</p>
<p>the hostility, the flagrant injustice, the iniquity and rebellion of Mirza Yahya... p. 4</p>	<p>Had... been overshadowed by the inky clouds of a consuming haired, an ineradicable jealousy, an unrelenting malice... p. 110</p>
<p>this wronged servant of Thine, held fast in the talons of ferocious lions, of ravening wolves, of blood-thirsty beasts... p. 9</p>	<p>was such an atrocious, avaricious, blood-thirsty tyrant p.23</p>

The Alleged Will of Abdul Baha - An Analysis...

As is noticeable the manner of expressions in negative terms is very similar notwithstanding the fact that the master Abdul Bahas style and flair is never negative. To give credit even though, Muhammed Ali effendi is called as the centre of sedition, a title which is negative, but the grace is never missing.

We find further extraordinarily similar style of narration when we compare the mention of wrath of God in the Will and Testament of Abdul Baha with the mention of the same theme in the book God passes by:-

<p>ALLEGED WILL & TESTAMENT OF ABDUL BAHA - WILMETTE 1971</p>	<p>SHOGHI EFFENDI GOD PASSES BY WILMETTE 1970</p>
<p>"afflicted by the wrath of God. (the Center of Sedition) sunk into a degradation and infamy" p. 24</p>	<p>"and God's avenging wrath had taken the Chains from His neck" p.279 "They ware visited by the wrath of the Almighty..."p. 407</p>
<p>"And now you are witnessing how the wrath of God hath from all sides afflicted him . . ." p. 6</p>	<p>"seized with fear lest his act should provoke the wrath of God...." p.52</p>
<p>"May the wrath, the fierce indignation, the vengeance of God rests upon him!" p. 11</p>	<p>"Already an aggressive hand, unmindful of God's avenging wrath, has been stretched out...p. 355</p>

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"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 . . ." p. 13

"who..had at the first taste of God's avenging wrath, fled ignominiously.."
p. 18

"the avenging wrath of God ' did not stop at the misfortunes..."p. 85

"Inform National Assemblies that God's avenging wrath having afflicted . . ." (Shoghi Effendi. Messages to the Baha'i World, 1971, p. 24)

While being astonishingly similar, it must be noted that the master Abdul Baha had no such views about the wrath of God. In fact, one of his very famous saying to his daughter is as follows:

"Read, my daughter, the holy books of humanity, especially study the New Testament as a Christian: show me where the great Master Jesus speaks of the "wrath of God". But He does speak of the consuming love of the Father for the lost Son!" "Baha'i-Nachrichten", August 1952. Vol. 5. p. 16

These contradictions only help strengthen the points mentioned earlier.

Based on the style of writings and noticing as to how similar the style and flair of the will and testament of Abdul Baha is to that of God passes by, one can only make 2 conclusions:

1. Abdul Baha is the author of God Passes By

OR

2. The tampering in the will and testament has been made by Shoghi Effendi

Since the 1st scenario is quite untenable, we have to sadly consider the second scenario based on the overwhelming documentary evidence. However, all of these discussions and arguments presented herein above maybe discarded as anecdotal by the feeble closed-minded ones however the most exciting part of the thesis comes from what was inference in the subsequent analysis which is the visual analysis.

In the following editions, we shall present to our valued readers, an expert analysis of the alleged Will that was done then by a handwriting expert and his conclusion based on the analysis. Hope our readers would benefit from these analyses from various point of view and decide for themselves.



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"When thou findest the way to the Kingdom, the earthly world shall be of no account; and when thou art illumined the darkness will not affect thee – nay, rather the four corners of the earth will then be radiant and every thorn will become a rose and a rose-garden.

(Tablet of Abdul Baha)

Dear faithful Baha'is,

Allah'u'Abha!

On the eve of 22nd May 1844, a significant moment in human history occurred. In the city of Shiraz, Iran, the Bab declared the beginning of a new religious cycle for the world.

At midnight, on that same evening, a baby was born in Tehran. Baha'u'llah, in honor of His own father, named His newborn son, Abbas. But, in time, Abbas chose to call Himself Abdu'l Baha, the "Servant of Baha", and, through His life of service to humanity, became known as the living embodiment and exemplar of Baha'u'llah's teachings. We're thankful to the faithful Baha'is for sending us greetings on the blessed occasion of the birth anniversary of our beloved Abdu'l Baha. Stay blessed, always!

To encourage our readers to participate in the Cause, we requested our friends who are

managing Country Blogs to send us the statistics of their respective blogs for us to publish those numbers in our magazine. We hope seeing those numbers will definitely give a sense of awareness that the pristine message of Baha'u'llah is spreading far and wide and more people will move forward in participating in the Cause.

Moreover, we would like to thank all those friends who are actively participating and helping us spread the word of Baha'u'llah. We would humbly request everyone to avoid using offensive language while writing articles for our magazine. Any article that is shared with us should not contain obscene language otherwise it will not be made a part of 'The Caravan'. The idea should be to put across your feelings / thoughts in a polite manner so that it helps in sending a valid message across. A few articles submitted in the last quarter had a strong language and thus we thought of dropping them from this issue as we are against the idea of editing the article and giving our touch to it. We would rather prefer putting them up as is to avoid any kind of misinterpretation. We have replied all those friends and have requested to tone down their articles, if they would want to and resubmit it for the chance of becoming a

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part of The Caravan's next edition. We're looking forward to their reply.

Thank you so much for supporting us and spreading the true message of the Cause.

Warmest Baha'i regards,

Team Free Baha'i



Since thou hast faithfully obeyed the true religion of God in the past, it behooveth thee to follow His true religion hereafter, inasmuch as every religion proceedeth from God, the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting.

- The Bab



Say, He Whom God shall make manifest is indeed the Primal Veil of God. Above this Veil ye can find nothing other than God, while beneath it ye can discern all things emanating from God. He is the Unseen, the Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Best Beloved.

- The Bab



It behooveth you to proclaim the Cause of God unto all created things as a token of grace from His presence; no God is there but Him, the Most Generous, the All-Compelling.

- The Bab



Some Questions Answered



راهنمایی Inbox x



Masud Masud [masud.masud@freebaha.com](#)
to info ▾

Fri, May 3, 11:48 PM



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Answer:

Dear Masud,

Thank you for your email. If you have any queries/feedback/suggestion regarding the Free Baha'i faith, kindly write to us in English and we will be happy to help you.

Unfortunately, we do not have anyone in our team who can understand the Arabic language and thus it becomes difficult on our part to reply to Arabic emails. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Looking forward to your reply.

Regards,

Team Free Baha'is



Some Questions Answered

Doubt about Huququ'llah Inbox x



Tenuu Pahl tenuu.pahl@gmail.com

Apr 15, 2019, 7:56 PM



to me, freebahais@yahoo.com

Where should I give my Huququ'llah? You said it is the right of the guardian or someone from the lineage of Bahau'llah, so where is this person?

Answer:

Hi Tenuu,

Thank you for writing to us, we are glad to receive your email.

Just to slightly correct you there, Huququ'llah is the right of the Guardian has been said by Abdu'l Baha and not by the Free Baha'is. It is just that we are spreading his message. It has been declared by the Master that "only the Guardian is the right authority of the Cause, and future Guardians will be the sole lawful recipients of the Huququ'llah."

So, now the question arises that if there are no living Guardian today, how can anyone collect the sum on their behalf in the name of the Cause? We request the beloved Baha'i friends to investigate this law and avoid paying their Huquq to unauthorized institution. Instead, spend it yourselves according to the guidelines prescribed by the Blessed Beauty and his rightful successor. Let us guard the "Right of God" against going in the wrong hands.

Let us know if you still have any queries or

have any suggestions with regards to The Caravan Magazine. Your suggestions are always welcomed and will be appreciated.

Regards,

Team Free Baha'is

Some Questions Answered

Dear friends Inbox x



Eric Clark info@freebahais.org, freebahais@gmail.com

May 18, 2019, 7:55 PM



Where are all the money of Huququ'llah going? I read your article and found it correct.

Answer:

Hello Eric,

Allah'u'Abha!

Thank you for writing to us. We're glad to read your feedback.

Your question is 100% valid and we advise you to raise awareness about Huququ'llah amongst other Baha'i friends. All the Baha'is around the world should question the authority, i.e. the UHJ and only then the Baha'is hard-earned money would be put to the right cause - that is - for the welfare of humankind, to promote education, peace and global prosperity, to safeguard human honour and the position of religion and to spread the message of Baha'u'llah and the Master. No unwanted expenses will be incurred out of Huququ'llah and we can put

all these monies to the right cause.

Do let us know if you have any other question/feedback/suggestions. We will be happy to help you.

Looking forward to hearing back from you.

Thank you!

Regards,

Team Free Baha'is





Statistics for the Free Baha'i Websites, Blogs & The Caravan Magazine



Although there are thousands of Free Baha'is around the world, but since we do not sign cards or keep a record of the people entering the faith, we do not have any official numbers to share with our readers. We take immense pleasure in publicizing the fact that our website and blogs are becoming a source for spreading the pristine message of Baha'u'llah.

Each year, millions of people visit the Free Baha'i websites, blogs and other social media platforms where after reading the unfiltered message of Baha'u'llah are attracted to the Baha'i Cause.

Here's presenting the total visits received on the Free Baha'i website in past 2 years, since May 2017 for the reference of our readers.

1. Official Free Baha'i Website -

<http://freebahais.org>

[\(Total Visits: 1,444,910+\)](#)

2. Blog for Thailand -

<https://freebahai19.wordpress.com>

[\(Total Visits: 69,960+\)](#)

3. Blog for USA -

<http://freebahais.blogspot.com>

[\(Total Visits: 148,270+\)](#)

4. Blog for Singapore -

<http://singaporebahai.blogspot.com>

[\(Total Visits: 283,100+\)](#)

5. Blog for Australia -

<https://australiabahais.wordpress.com>

[\(Total Visits: 7,200+\)](#)

6. Blog for Angola -

<https://angolafreebahais.wordpress.com>

[\(Total Visits: 700+\)](#)

7. Blog for Canada -

<https://freebahaisca.wordpress.com>

[\(Total Visits: 2,600+\)](#)

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8. Dedicated blog for The Caravan Magazine

<https://thecaravanmagazine.wordpress.com>

[\(Total Visits: 3800+\)](#)

We hope to see our friends from other countries, exclusive of the names mentioned above, build their blogs and build their presence on the internet and join us in working for the Cause.

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The only motive in sharing those numbers is to encourage our readers/volunteers to actively participate in helping us in promoting the Cause through Guest Articles,

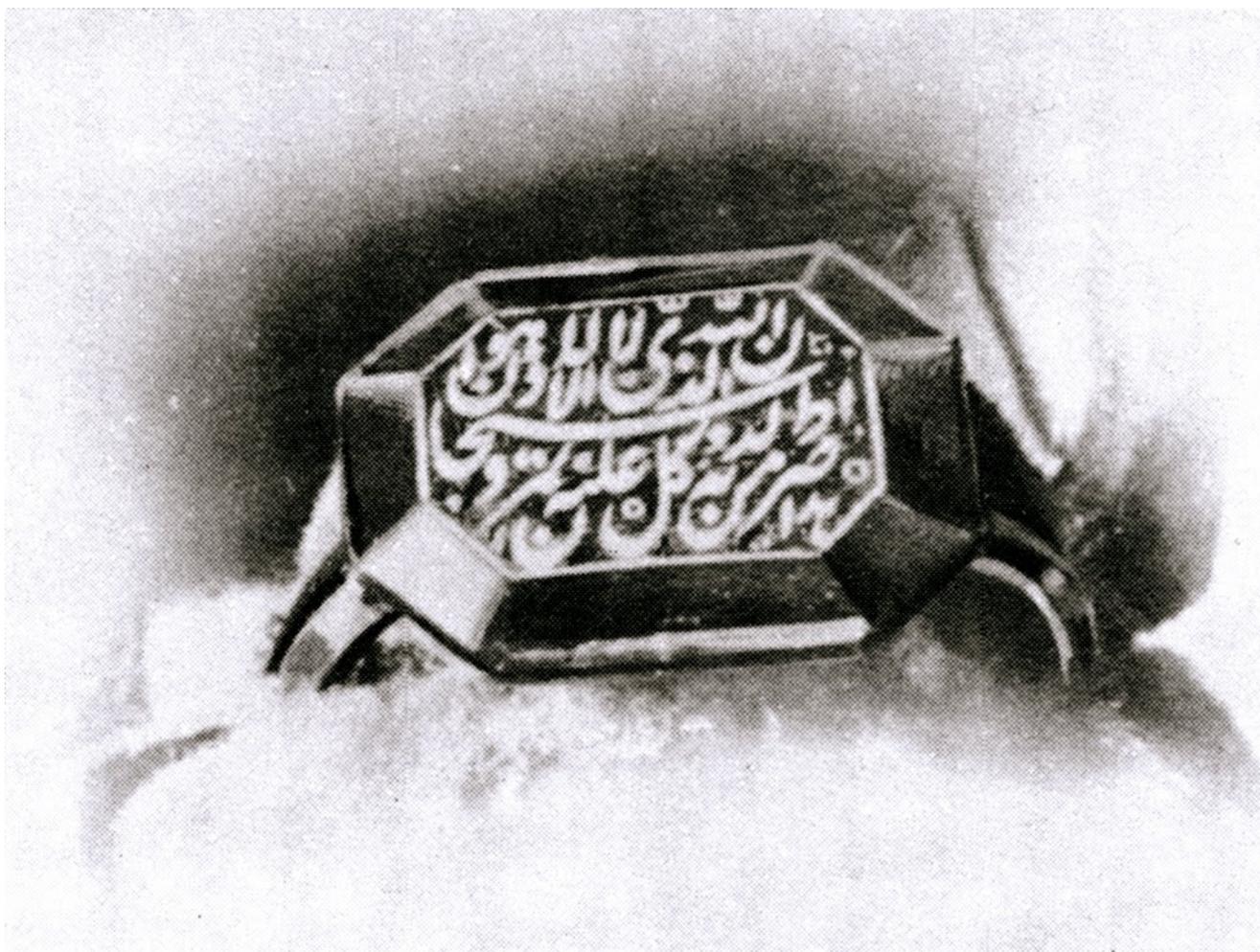
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Know your heritage



A signet ring of the Bab bearing the inscription:
*'Praise be unto Him; there is no God but Him.
This is a Path revealed by His behest and shall pass thereon.'*





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?



Investigation of Reality



Abdu'l Baha has said,

“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



THROWBACK - 1912



An ancient inn in Zanzibar where the Bab stayed

Views of the dilapidated inn in Zanzibar, Persia, where the Bab stayed in a room on the second floor (here marked with an "X").

The inn since then has fallen disrepair and in 1970's was used as a sort of depot for trucks.





DID YOU KNOW?

During World War I, Abdu'l Baha had a busy time in ministering to the material and spiritual wants of the people about Him. He personally organized extensive agricultural operations near Tiberias, thus securing a great supply of wheat, by means of which famine was averted, not only for the Baha'is but for hundreds of the poor of all religions in Haifa and Akka, whose wants He liberally supplied. He took care of all, and mitigated their sufferings as far as possible. To hundreds of poor people, He would give a small sum of money daily. In addition to money He gave bread. If there was no bread He would give dates or something else. He made frequent visits to Akka to comfort and help the believers and poor people there. During the time of war, He had daily meetings of the believers, and through His help the friends remained happy and tranquil throughout those troublous years.

(Baha'u'llah and the New Era, p. 63)

Abdu'l Baha in his entire life never claimed any special station for himself, beyond the station of servant. When the British government knighted him for his efforts averting famine during the war, he declined to

be called Sir, and simply continued giving food to the hungry, tender care to the sick and warm clothes to the homeless. He humbly encouraged others to selflessly act as servants to God by being servants to God's creation, humanity.

He explained that the Baha'i Faith called us all to bring about peace, unity and love:

“My admonition and exhortation to you is this: Be kind to all people, love humanity, consider all mankind as your relations and servants of the most-high God. Strive day and night that animosity and contention may pass away from the hearts of men, that all religions shall become reconciled and the nations love each other so that no racial, religious or political prejudice may remain and the world of humanity behold God as the beginning and end of all existence. God has created all, and all return to God. Therefore, love humanity with all your heart and soul. If you meet a poor man, assist him; if you see the sick, heal him; reassure the affrighted one, render the cowardly noble and courageous, educate the ignorant, associate with the stranger. Emulate God. Consider how kindly, how lovingly He deals with all, and follow His example. You

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must treat people in accordance with the divine precepts – in other words, treat them as kindly as God treats them, for this is the greatest attainment possible for the world of humanity.”

(Abdu'l Baha, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 290)

Keeping the above incident and the Master's quote in mind, we the Free Baha'is invite all

the Baha'I friends around the world to use their Huququ'llah money for the betterment of the society, instead of giving it in the hands which are not liable to collect them. By doing this, we all can in fact work on the footsteps of Baha'u'llah and the Master and play a leading role in spreading the Baha'i religion around the world.

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