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Message to all the believers in Baha'u'llah

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After the first Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, Shoghi Effendi, left this world on Nov. 4, 1957, a group of people, then elevated to the rank of the Hands of the Cause of God, led by Ruhiyyah Khanum, openly opposed and challenged the authority of C. M. Remey, the head of the embryo of the Universal House of Justice, who was appointed by the first guardian of the Faith, to that position, on 9th of January, 1951. As the head of the Universal House of Justice and the office of the Guardianship is the same, C.M. Remey became the 2nd Guardian of the Baha'i faith on 4 Nov. 1951. C.M. Remey declared his position as the 2nd Guardian of the Baha'i Faith and the successor to the 1st Guardian, in his declaration of Ridvan, 117 of B.E.

The group of the ex-Hands of the Cause collectively claimed the successor ship to the 1st Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, Shoghi Effendi, and after *"assuming the reins of authority with no documents"** to support them, formed an illegitimate Universal House of Justice in 1963 to mislead the believers.

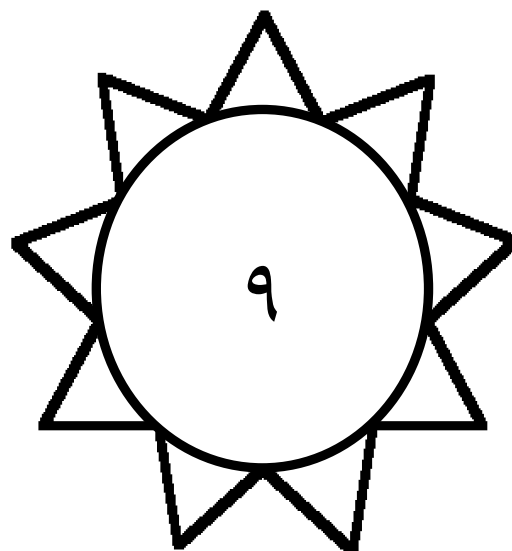
The so called Universal House of Justice does not have the Guardian, in person, as its president, a fundamental requirement under the provision of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha. It has not been formed in accordance with the Writings of the Baha'i Faith. It has not been the development of the embryo of Universal House of Justice, established by the first Guardian of the Faith in early 1951. Thus this body, the budded Universal House of Justice, is false Universal House of Justice and it is illegitimate.

The first Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, has rejected, in advance, validity of such an institution in his letter of summer of 1925 where he states:

"Any institution that is not established in accordance with the Divine Order, not in conformity with the principles and the conditions recorded in the Holy Writings, as it is required for this august institution, consequently such an institution is void of credential deprived of spiritual station, and forbidden to have any right to legislate and enact laws and ordinances which are not explicitly recorded in the Holy Writings. It also lacks the essential qualities and the Divine confirmation."

[Reference to the Universal House of Justice]

*Ref. Introduction to "The Ministry of the Custodians 1957—1963" by Ruhiyyah Khanum, page 9



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لوح كرمل

حَبَّذا هَذَا الِْيَوْمُ الَّذِي فِيهِ تَضَوَّعَتْ نَفَحَاتُ الرَّحْمَنِ فِي الْإِمْكَانِ حَبَّذا
هَذَا الِْيَوْمُ الَّذِي لا تُعَادِلُهُ الْقُرُونُ وَ الْأَعْصَارُ حَبَّذا هَذَا
الِْيَوْمُ اذ تَوَجَّهَ وَجْهُهُ الِْقَدَمِ إِلَى مَقَامِهِ إِذَا نَادَتْ الْأَشْيَاءُ وَ عَنْ وَرَائِهَا الْمَلَأُ
الْأَعْلَى يَا كَرْمِلِ انْزِلِي بِمَا أَقْبَلَ الْيَكِ وَجْهُهُ اللَّهُ مَالِكِ مَلَكُوتِ الْأَسْمَاءِ وَ
فَاطِرِ السَّمَاءِ إِذَا أَخَذَهَا اهْ تَزَارَ السُّرُورُ وَ نَادَتْ بِأَعْلَى النِّدَاءِ نَفْسِي لِإِقْبَالِكَ
الْفِدَاءِ وَ لِعَنَائِكَ الْفِدَاءِ وَ لِتَوَجُّهِكَ الْفِدَاءِ قَدْ أَهْلَكْنِي يَا مَطْلَعُ
الْحَيَاةِ فِرَاقَكَ وَ أَخْرَقْنِي هَجْرَكَ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ بِمَا أَسْمَعْتَنِي نِدَائَكَ وَ شَرَّفْتَنِي
بِقُدُومِكَ وَ أَحْيَيْتَنِي مِنْ نَفَحَاتِ أَيَّامِكَ وَ صَرِيرِ قَلَمِكَ الَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ صَوْرًا بَيْنَ
عِبَادِكَ فَلَمَّا جَاءَ أَمْرُكَ الْمَيِّمِ نَفَخْتَ فِيهِ إِذَا قَامَتِ الْقِيَمَةُ الْكُبْرَى وَ ظَهَرَتْ
الْأَسْرَارُ الْمَكْنُونَةُ فِي خَزَائِنِ مَالِكِ الْأَشْيَاءِ فَلَمَّا بَلَغَ نِدَائُهَا إِلَى ذَاكَ الْمَقَامِ

الأعلى قُلْنَا يَا كَرِملُ اَحْمَدِ رَبِّكَ قَدْ كُنْتَ مُحترقة بِنارِ الفِراقِ اِذاً ما جَ بَحْرُ
 الوصالِ امامَ وَجْهِهِ كَ بِذلِكَ قَرَّتْ عَينُكَ وَ عَينُ الوُجودِ وَ ابْتَسَمَ ثَغْرُ
 الغَيبِ وَ الشُّهُودِ طُوبى لَكَ بِما جَعَلَكَ اللهُ فى هَذا اليَومِ مَقَرَّ عَرشِهِ وَ مَطْلَعِ
 آيَاتِهِ وَ مَشْرِقِ بَينَاتِهِ طُوبى لَعَبْدٍ طافَ حَولَكَ وَ ذَكَرَ ظَهورَكَ وَ بُرُوزَكَ وَ
 ما فَزَتِ بِهِ مِنْ فَضْلِ اللهِ رَبِّكَ خُذِ كَأْسَ البَقاءِ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الأَبهى ثُمَّ اشْكُريهِ
 بِما بَدَّلَ حُزنَكَ بالسُّرُورِ وَ هَمَّكَ بِالفرَحِ الأَكْبَرِ رَحْمَةً مِنْ عِندِهِ إِنَّهُ يُحِبُّ المَقامِ
 الذِّى اسْتَقَرَّ فِيهِ عَرشُهُ وَ تَشَرَّفَ بِقُدُومِهِ وَ فازَ بِلقائِهِ وَ فِيهِ ارْتَفَعَ
 نِداؤُهُ وَ صَعَدَتِ زَفرائُهُ يا كَرِملُ بَشِّرِ صَهيُونَ قُولى آتَى المِكنونُ بِسُلطانِ
 غَلَبِ العالَمِ وَ بَنُورِ ساطِعٍ بِهِ اشْرَقَتِ الأَرْضُ وَ مَنْ عَلَیْها إِيّاكَ أَنْ تَكُونِ
 مُتَوَقِّعَةً فى مَقامِكَ اسرعى ثُمَّ طُوفِ مَدِينَةَ اللهِ الَّتِى نُزِّلَتْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ وَ كَعْبَةَ
 اللهِ الَّتِى كَانَتْ مَطافِ المَقَرِّينَ وَ المَخْلُصِينَ وَ المَلائِكَةِ العالِينَ وَ احبُّ أَنْ
 أُبَشِّرَ كُلَّ بُقْعَةٍ مِنْ بَقاعِ الأَرْضِ وَ كُلِّ مَدِينَةٍ مِنْ مَدائِنِها بِهَذا الظُّهُورِ الذِّى بِهِ
 انجَذَبَ فِؤادُ الطَّورِ وَ نادَتِ السَّادَّةُ المَلِكَ وَ المَلَكُوتُ لِلهِ رَبِّ الأَرْبابِ
 هَذا يَومٌ فِيهِ بُشِّرَ البَحْرُ وَ البَرُّ وَ أُخْبِرَ بِما يَظْهَرُ مِنْ بَعدِ مِنْ عِنايَاتِ اللهِ
 المِكنونَةِ المُستُورَةِ عَنِ العُقُولِ وَ الأبْصارِ سَوفَ تَجْرى سَفينَةُ اللهِ عَلَیْكَ وَ يَظْهَرُ
 أَهلُ البَهاةِ الَّذِينَ ذَكَرَهُمْ فى كِتابِ الأَسْماءِ تَبارَكَ مَولى الوَرى الذِّى بَذَرَهُ
 انجذبتِ الذَّرَّاتُ وَ نَطَقَ لسانُ العَظَمَةِ بِما كانَ مَكنوناً فى عِلْمِهِ وَ مَخزوناً فى كَنْزِ
 قُدْرَتِهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ المَهِيمُنُ عَلَى مَنْ فى الأَرْضِ وَ السَّمَاءِ بِاسْمِ مِهمِهِ المَقْتَدِرِ
 العَزِيزِ المُنِيعِ .

Tablet of Carmel

ALL glory be to this Day, the Day in which the fragrances of mercy have been wafted over all created things, a Day so blest that past ages and centuries can never hope to rival it, a Day in which the countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards His holy seat. Thereupon the voices of all created things, and beyond them those of the Concourse on High, were heard calling aloud: ‘Haste thee, O Carmel, for lo, the light of the countenance of God, the Ruler of the Kingdom of Names and Fashioner of the heavens, hath been lifted upon thee.’

Seized with transports of joy, and raising high her voice, she thus exclaimed: ‘May my life be a sacrifice to Thee, inasmuch as Thou hast fixed Thy gaze upon me, hast bestowed upon me Thy bounty, and hast directed towards me Thy steps. Separation from Thee, O Thou Source of everlasting life, hath well nigh consumed me, and my remoteness from Thy presence hath burned away my soul. All praise be to Thee for having enabled me to hearken to Thy call, for having honoured me with Thy footsteps, and for having quickened my soul through the vitalizing fragrance of Thy Day and the shrilling voice of Thy Pen, a voice Thou didst ordain as Thy trumpet-call amidst Thy people. And when the hour at which Thy resistless Faith was to be made manifest did strike, Thou didst breathe a breath of Thy spirit into Thy Pen, and lo, the entire creation shook to its very foundations, unveiling to mankind 4 such mysteries as lay hidden within the treasures of Him Who is the Possessor of all created things.’

No sooner had her voice reached that most exalted Spot than We made reply: ‘Render thanks unto thy Lord, O Carmel. The fire of thy separation from Me was fast consuming thee, when the ocean of My presence surged before thy face, cheering thine eyes and those of all creation, and filling with delight all things visible and invisible. Rejoice, for God hath in this Day established upon thee His throne, hath made thee the dawning-place of His signs and the dayspring of the evidences of His Revelation. Well is it with him that circleth around thee, that proclaimeth the revelation of thy glory, and recounteth that which the bounty of the Lord thy God hath showered upon thee. Seize thou the Chalice of Immortality in the name of thy Lord, the All-Glorious, and give thanks unto Him, inasmuch as He, in token of His mercy unto thee, hath turned thy sorrow into gladness, and transmuted thy grief into blissful joy. He, verily, loveth the spot which hath been made the seat of His throne, which His footsteps have trodden, which hath been honoured by His presence, from which He raised His call, and upon which He shed His tears.

‘Call out to Zion, O Carmel, and announce the joyful tidings: He that was hidden from mortal eyes is come! His all-conquering sovereignty is manifest; His all-encompassing splendour is revealed. Beware lest thou hesitate or halt. Hasten forth and circumambulate the City of God that hath descended from heaven, the celestial Kaaba round which have circled in adoration the favoured of God, the pure in heart, and the company of the most exalted angels. Oh, how I long to announce unto every spot on the surface of the earth, and to carry to each one of its cities, the glad-tidings 5 of this Revelation—a Revelation to which the heart of Sinai hath been attracted, and in whose name the Burning Bush is calling: “Unto God, the Lord of Lords, belong the kingdoms of earth and heaven.” Verily this is the Day in which both land and sea rejoice at this announcement, the Day for which have been laid up those things which God, through a bounty beyond the ken of mortal mind or heart, hath destined for revelation. Ere long will God sail His Ark upon thee, and will manifest the people of Bahá who have been mentioned in the Book of Names.’

Sanctified be the Lord of all mankind, at the mention of Whose name all the atoms of the earth have been made to vibrate, and the Tongue of Grandeur hath been moved to disclose that which had been wrapt in His knowledge and lay concealed within the treasury of His might. He, verily, through the potency of His name, the Mighty, the All-Powerful, the Most High, is the ruler of all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth.

Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! Every man of insight confesseth Thy sovereignty and Thy dominion, and every discerning eye perceiveth the greatness of Thy majesty and the compelling power of Thy might. The winds of tests are powerless to hold back them that enjoy near access to Thee from setting their faces towards the horizon of Thy glory, and the tempests of trials must fail to draw away and hinder such as are wholly devoted to Thy will from approaching Thy court.

Methinks, the lamp of Thy love is burning in their hearts, and the light of Thy tenderness is lit within their breasts. Adversities are incapable of estranging them from Thy Cause, and the vicissitudes of fortune can never cause them to stray from Thy pleasure.

I beseech Thee, O my God, by them and by the sighs which their hearts utter in their separation from Thee, to keep them safe from the mischief of Thine adversaries, and to nourish their souls with what Thou hast ordained for Thy loved ones

on whom shall come no fear and who shall not be put to grief.

Bahá'u'lláh



ای دوست لسانی من

قدری تأمل اختیار کن هرگز شنیده ئی که یار و اغیار در قلبی بگنجد؟ پس اغیار را بران تا جانان به منزل خود در آید.



O SON OF LOVE!

Thou art but one step away from the glorious heights above and from the celestial tree of love. Take thou one pace and with the next advance into the immortal realm and enter the pavilion of eternity. Give ear then to that which hath been revealed by the pen of glory.



ای اهل دیار عشق

شمع باقی را اریاح فانی احاطه نموده و جمال غلام روحانی در غبار تیره ظلمانی مستور مانده. سلطان سلاطین عشق در دست رعایای ظلم مظلوم و حمامه قدسی در

دست جفدان گرفتار. جميع اهل سرادق ابهى و ملأ اعلی نوحه و ندبه می نمایند و شما در کمال راحت در ارض غفلت اقامت نموده اید و خود را هم از دوستان خالص محسوب داشته اید. فباطل ما أنتم تظنون.

NEW WORLD ORDER

Man's Rule over Man with Man's Rules is about to be closed and new Order will be spread instead.

Baha'u'llah states:

The world's equilibrium hath been upset through the vibrating influence of this most great, this new World Order. Mankind's ordered life hath been revolutionized through the agency of this unique, this wondrous System—the like of which mortal eyes have never witnessed.

Immerse yourselves in the ocean of My words, that ye may unravel its secrets, and discover all the pearls of wisdom that lie hid in its depths. Take heed that ye do not vacillate in your determination to embrace the truth of this Cause—a Cause through which the potentialities of the might of God have been revealed, and His sovereignty established. With faces beaming with joy, hasten ye unto Him. This is the changeless Faith of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future. Let him that seeketh, attain it; and as to him that hath refused to seek it—verily, God is Self-Sufficient, above any need of His creatures.

Say: This is the infallible Balance which the Hand of God is holding, in which all who are in the heavens 137 and all who are on the earth are weighed, and their fate determined, if ye be of them that believe and recognize this truth. Say: Through it the poor have been enriched, the learned enlightened, and the seekers enabled to ascend unto the presence of God. Beware, lest ye make it a cause of dissension amongst you. Be ye as firmly settled as the

immovable mountain in the Cause of your Lord, the Mighty, the Loving.
Baha'u'llah

هو العزيز الباقي

اليوم أعظم أمور ثبوت بر امرالله بوده و هست چه که شياطين از جميع اَشطار ظاهر و بتمام مكر در تخریب حصن أمر مشغول. بر هر نفسی از نفوس مطمئنّه لازم که در كل احيان پناه بخداوند متعال برند که شاید محفوظ مانند. بر آنجناب لازم است که بقدر قوّه در حفظ أمر سعی نمایند که مبادا فراعنه بر جنود الهیّه غلبه نمایند. این قول نظر بتکلیف آنجناب ذکر میشود و الاّ جند الله غالب بوده و خواهد بود. فاستقم على الأمر و لا تلتفت الى أحد فتوکل على الله المهيمن القيوم ان يا ورقة الأحديّه تمسک بهذه الشجرة لئلا تسقط حين الذي تهبّ أرياح النفاق عن كلّ ماكر لعين. باری در این ایام شیطان باسم رحمن دعوت مینماید و سامری بذکر ازلی ندا میکند و ابلیس بنهایت تلبیس مشغول گشته. ففرّوا عنه يا ملأ الأرض لعلّ أنتم بلقاء الله ترزقون. ان شاء الله امیدواریم که از بدایع الطاف لا یزالى و عنایات ابهائی از صراط أمر نلغزی و در کنف عصمة الله مستريح شوی. و الله يقول الحق و هو يهدى السبيل. باری این چند کلمه با قلم شکسته مرقوم شد. و الروح عليك و على من معك و على الذى سمى بالكریم من لدن عزیز حکیم

The Path of Light and the Course of Lucifer

“Today the greatest obligation hath been, and is the steadfastness in the Cause of God for Satans [evil-doers] are visible in all directions, and with the utmost trickery, they are working to ruin the Citadel of the Cause [of God]. It is incumbent upon each of the believers, in all the time, to seek the protection of the Lord, the Most High, that they may remain safeguarded . It behoveth thou make an effort as much as feasible to defend the Cause so that Pharaohs [arch-enemies] may not become victorious over the hosts of God. My objective of this utterance is not but to explain your obligation; Otherwise, the host of God hath been, and will ever be triumphant. Be firm in the Cause and turn not to anyone else; Rely on God the Help in Peril, the Self-Subsisting. O the leaf of Monotheistic Tree! Hold unto this Tree, that perchance thou may not fall when the winds of discord blow from the course of every abominable deceiver. However, in these days, Satan calleth to himself in the name of the Compassionate God, and Samiri [deceiver] crieth his voice in the name of Azali ; Lucifer misleadeth with the utmost craftiness . Distance ye from him, O people of the earth that ye may be blessed by the visitation of God . God willing, We hope with the advance of Divine grace and Abha [Glorious] providence thou may not become separated from the Path of the Faith and remain sheltered under the shadow of God’s infallibility. God speaketh the truth, and He guideth to the Path .”

A Tablet by Baha’u’llah; Majmou’e-i-Alvahe Mobarake, p. 337
Translation and Footnotes by Kamran Taimouri

Footnotes

Pharaohs:

The ancient rulers of Egypt, mentioned in the Book of Exodus, The Old Testament, and in holy Book of Islam, The Koran . The Pharaoh, who lived in time of prophet Moses, was an oppressor of the Israelites. Pharaohs’ name has been used allegorically by Baha’u’llah, in His writings, to refer to His arch-enemies.

Samiri:

This name is recorded in The Koran, Chapter 20: Verses 85,87,95-97. It is a given name to the man who deceived and misled the Israelites to worship the Golden Calf in the desert .

Azal:

Means eternal, everlasting in Arabic. Azali means being everlasting; It is one of God’s name. Mirza Yahya who became an opponent of Baha’u’llah used this name as his own title, and his followers were called Azali latter on.

Tablette d'Ahmad

Il est le Roi, l'Omniscient, le Sage ! Voici que le Rossignol du Paradis chante, sur les branches de l'Arbre d'Eternité, de saintes et douces mélodies annonçant aux âmes sincères les joyeuses nouvelles de la proximité de Dieu, invitant ceux qui croient en l'Unité divine, à se rendre aux parvis du Très-Généreux, informant « les peuples du détachement » du message révélé par Dieu le Roi, le Glorieux, l'Incomparable, guidant les âmes des adorateurs vers le Trône de Sainteté et vers cette resplendissante Beauté. En vérité, voici la Beauté sublime, annoncée dans les Livres des Messagers, par qui la vérité pourra se distinguer de l'erreur, par qui sera éprouvée la sagesse de tout commandement. Il est, en vérité, l'Arbre de Vie qui porte les fruits de Dieu, l'Exalté, le Puissant, le Grand !

O Ahmad! Sois témoin qu'en vérité, Il est Dieu et qu'il n'y a pas d'autre Dieu que Lui, le Roi, le Protecteur, l'Incomparable, l'Omnipotent. Et que Celui qu'Il a envoyé sous le nom d'Ali, c'est-à-dire Sa Sainteté le Bab, fut le véritable envoyé de Dieu, au commandement de qui nous nous conformons tous.

Dis : O peuple, obéissez aux ordres de Dieu qui ont été donnés dans le Bayan par le Glorieux, le Sage. En vérité, Il est le Roi des Messagers et son Livre est le Livre-Mère, si seulement vous pouviez le comprendre !

Ainsi le Rossignol, de cette prison, vous lance Son appel. Il délivre ce clair message. Celui qui veut se détourner de ces avis, qu'il le fasse et celui qui désire les suivre, qu'il choisisse le chemin menant vers Son Seigneur.

O peuple, si vous rejetez ces versets, sur quelle preuve fondez-vous votre foi ? Produisez-la donc, ô assemblée de fourbes ! Par Celui qui tient Mon âme dans Sa Main, ils ne le peuvent et ne le pourront jamais, dussent-ils s'allier tous pour le faire.

O Ahmad ! Que Mon absence n'efface pas en toi le souvenir de Mes faveurs. Souviens-toi de Mes jours pendant tes jours et de Ma détresse et de Mon exil en cette lointaine prison. Et demeure si ferme dans Mon amour que ton âme ne vacille pas, dussent les épées de tes ennemis faire pleuvoir sur toi leurs coups et tout au ciel et sur la terre se lever contre toi.

Sois pour Mes ennemis comme la flamme du brasier et pour Mes bien-aimés comme un fleuve de vie éternelle, et ne sois pas de ceux qui doutent. Et si, en Mon sentier, tu es surpris par l'affliction, ou si, à cause de Moi, tu es dépouillé de ton honneur, que ton âme n'en soit pas troublée.

Confie-toi en Dieu, ton Dieux et le Dieu de tes pères. Car les hommes se perdent dans les sentiers de l'erreur, privés du discernement qui leur ferait voir Dieu de leurs propres yeux ou entendre Sa mélodie par leurs oreilles.

C'est ainsi que leurs superstitions ont tissé des voiles entre eux-mêmes et leurs propres cœur et les ont éloigné du chemin de Dieu, l'Exalté, le Grand.

Sois assuré que celui qui se détourne de cette Beauté s'est en même temps détourné des Messagers du passé et qu'il fait preuve d'orgueil vis-à-vis de Dieu pour toute l'éternité.

Grave en ton cœur cette Tablette, ô Ahmad ! Chante-la jusqu'à la fin de tes jours et ne t'en écarte pas. Car, en vérité, Dieu a réservé à celui qui la chante, la récompense de cent martyrs et un service dans les deux mondes.

Ces faveurs, Nous te les avons accordées, en gage de Notre miséricorde, pour que tu sois du nombre de ceux qui sont reconnaissants. Par Dieu ! Si cette Tablette est lue avec une absolue sincérité par celui qui est plongé dans l'affliction ou le chagrin, Dieu dissipera sa tristesse, résoudra ses difficultés et le délivrera de ses épreuves. En vérité, Il est le Miséricordieux, le Compatissant, Loué soit Dieu, le Seigneur de tous les mondes.

BAHA'U'LLAH THE RETURN OF CHRIST PROOF FROM BIBLE SCRIPTURES

PEOPLE OF ALL THE GREAT RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD AWAIT THE COMING OF A HOLY ONE WHO WILL BRING PEACE ON EARTH. The Jews have the promise of the LORD OF HOSTS and the MESSIAH. The Christians look for the return of CHRIST. The Moslems await the coming of the MADHI. The Zoroastrians expect the return of ZOROASTER. The Buddhists await the coming of the 5TH BUDDHA.

WHAT IS THIS RETURN AS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHETS?

The best way to explain return is to let Jesus and Baha'u'llah do it. As you know prophecy is not for private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20-21)

AS TAKEN FROM THE GOSPEL:

When John the son of Zacharias appeared, and gave to men the glad tidings of the KINGDOM OF GOD, they asked him: "Who art thou? Art thou the promised Messiah? He replied, I am not the Messiah." (John 1:19-23) On the day of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor, CHRIST SAID PLAINLY THAT JOHN THE SON OF ZACHARIAS WAS THE PROMISED ELIJAH. In Mark 9:11-13 they asked Christ, "Why say the scribes that Elijah must come first?" And He answered and told them, "ELIJAH VERILY COMETH FIRST, AND RESTORETH ALL THINGS: AND HOW IT IS WRITTEN OF THE SON OF MAN, THAT HE MUST SUFFER MANY THINGS, AND BE SET AT NAUGHT. BUT I SAY UNTO YOU THAT ELIJAH IS INDEED COME AND THEY HAVE DONE UNTO

HIM WHATSOEVER THEY LISTED AS IT IS WRITTEN OF HIM." In Matthew 17:13 it is said: THEN THE DISCIPLES UNDERSTOOD THAT HE SPAKE UNTO THEM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST." When they asked John if he was Elijah he answered, "No I am not!" If he was not Elijah, why did Christ say that he was?

THE EXPLANATION IS THIS: The same perfections that were in Elijah existed in John the Baptist and they were exactly realized in him. Therefore he was the promised Elijah.

The Disciples of Christ accepted His explanation in this matter and realized the scriptures had been fulfilled. The other Jewish people did not.

Their priests scoffed at this idea. Their tradition held that Elijah went up into heaven in a whirlwind, (2Kings 2:11) and he would return in like manner. In Malachi 4:5-6 it plainly states, "Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

The Disciples of Christ were greatly blessed because they accepted Jesus' explanation. Their blessings were spiritual. Physically they suffered terribly because they accepted Jesus as the promised Messiah. Emotionally they suffered because they were made to endure the ridicule of family and friends. All this did not matter, THEY KNEW THEIR LORD AND THEY KNEW THEY WOULD BE WITH HIM FOREVER.

If the Jewish Nation had accepted their promised Messiah and had taken to heart His teaching, "BY THIS SHOULD ALL MEN

KNOW YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER", they would not have had to endure the misery they brought upon themselves by their rejection. The destruction of Jerusalem and their dispersement was a direct result of their rejection. They rejected Christ because they did not want a spiritual Messiah, they wanted a material one. One that would restore to them the glory they enjoyed in the days of Solomon. They were trapped by their attachment to this world and all its folly. They were held in bondage by their priests.

One can easily prove Jesus was the Promised One by turning to the Book of Daniel, 9:24-27. From the rebuilding of Jerusalem to the martyrdom of Christ, seventy weeks are appointed. These 70 weeks begin with the restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem, concerning which four edicts were issued by three kings. The first was issued by Cyrus in the year 536 B.C. and this is recorded in the first chapter of the book of Ezra. The second edict is that of Darius of Persia in 519 B.C. The third is that of Artaxerxes in the 7th year of his reign in the year 457 B.C., recorded in Ezra 6. The 4th edict is of Artaxerxes in the year 444 B.C. Daniel refers especially to the third edict which was issued in the year 457 B.C. Seventy weeks make 490 days. Each day (a prophetic day) according to the Holy Bible represents a year. It says in Numbers 14:34 "Each day for a year", meaning the day of the Lord is a year.....Therefore 490 days are in reality 490 years. The third edict of Artaxerxes was issued 457 years before the birth of Christ, and Christ when he was martyred and ascended was 33 years old. When you add 457 and 33 the result is 490, which is the time announced by Daniel for the Manifestation of Christ... In Daniel 9:25 this is expressed in another manner, as 7 weeks and 62 weeks. Daniel mentions two dates. One of these dates begins with the command of Artaxerxes to Ezra to rebuild Jerusalem: this is the 70 weeks which came to an end with the ascension of Christ, when by His martyrdom the sacrifice and oblation ceased. The second period, which is found in the 26th verse means that after the termination of the rebuilding of Jerusalem

until the ascension of Christ, there will be 62 weeks: the seven weeks are the duration of the rebuilding of Jerusalem, which took 49 years. When you add 7 weeks to 62 weeks and in the last week the ascension of Christ took place, these 70 weeks are thus completed and there is no contradiction.

From the beginning, Jesus knew he would be killed. This beautiful Holy Soul willingly sacrificed His life for humanity. In doing so he demonstrated God's love for the whole of humanity, not just the Jewish people. Jesus knew the Christian Faith, the new Faith He brought would be spread around the world by His Self Sacrifice. He sacrificed His physical body that the Spiritual Truth He brought would remain alive.

THE SPIRITUAL TRUTH JESUS BROUGHT WAS THE WORD OF GOD. In John 1:14 it is said, AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US. In other words Jesus was a Manifestation of God. Moses also was a Manifestation of God. The people in Jesus' Day claimed to believe in Moses and the law. Jesus said, "HAD YOU BELIEVED IN MOSES YE WOULD HAVE BELIEVED ME: FOR HE WROTE OF ME." (John 5:46) Jesus in turn told of the Manifestation of God that would come after Him.

The true story of what religion is all about is told by Jesus in the Parable of the vineyard. Please read this story in Matthew 21: 33-40. From the beginning of time, religion has been progressive. There always is the need to send Spiritual Educators to the world from time to time, for the people forget their spiritual lessons and need to be reeducated. An interpretation of the parable of the vineyard is this: God is the owner of the vineyard, or world. From time to time He sends His Holy Souls, His Manifestations to spiritually educate the people of the world. Each time these Holy Ones are treated miserably, some killed. Finally He sends Jesus. Jesus tells of God's great love for mankind. Up to Jesus's Day people thought of God and trembled in terror. The priests told them what to do to please God and they

performed the sacrifices they thought were honoring God. This was the extent of their worship. Jesus told them the Truth. The priests were angered and killed Jesus. In verse 40 Jesus says, "WHEN THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD COMETH, WHAT WILL HE DO UNTO THOSE HUSBANDMEN?" WHO IS THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD? IS IT GOD? HERE JESUS SAYS THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD IS COMING!!!!!!!

Every time God sends His Holy Soul , "The Anointed One" into the world, He accomplishes the Mission for which He was sent. To the outer world this is not realized until a much later time. The Message of Christ was for the whole world, not just the Jewish people. Because of their rebellion the knowledge of the Unity of God was established around the world. "All are His servants and all abide by His Bidding. "(Prayer of the Bab) Before Jesus left this world He told of a time when God would again send His "Anointed One" and gave His Name "Baha'u'llah".

You can search the scriptures from beginning to end and you will not find the name Baha'u'llah written in any English translation because Jesus spoke the Aramaic tongue. Mathew 16:27, Mark 8:38 and Luke 9:26 say: " THE SON OF MAN SHALL COME IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER." If you translate GLORY OF GOD OR FATHER back into Aramaic, you will say, BAHU'U'LLAH. The early translators and writers of the Bible did not understand Jesus was giving the name of the New Manifestation of God. The early Christians thought Jesus himself would return to earth and they thought it would be very soon. They overlooked the scripture which says, "YET A LITTLE WHILE AND THE WORLD SEETH ME NO MORE." (John 14:19) Jesus thought it was important for the believers to know when again the "Anointed One" appeared He would have a NEW NAME. Revelations 3:12 states, "I WILL WRITE UPON HIM MY NEW NAME." Isaiah also says, "AND THOU SHALL BE CALLED BY A NEW NAME WHICH THE MOUTH

OF THE LORD SHALL NAME." (Isaiah 62:2) In Matthew 24:4-5, Jesus says, "TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECIEVE YOU. FOR MANY SHALL COME IN MY NAME SAYING, I AM THE CHRIST AND SHALL DECIEVE MANY." Again, Jesus knew the Holy One would have a NEW NAME.

Please continue reading Matthew 24 until you reach verse 15. "When ye therefore shall see the Abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the Prophet, STAND IN THE HOLY PLACE." (WHOSO READETH, LET HIM UNDERSTAND). Here Jesus sends us to the book of Daniel. In Daniel 8:13 it is written: "Then I heard one Saint speaking, and another Saint said unto that certain Saint which spoke, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? Then he answered, Two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.(v.17) But he said unto me;...AT THE TIME OF THE END SHALL BE THE VISION." That is to say, how long will this misfortune, this ruin, this abasement and degradation last? Meaning, when will be the dawn of the Manifestation. Then he answered, 2300days. Briefly he appoints 2300years for in the text of the Bible, each day is a year. We will use the SAME DATE OF 457 B.C. THAT PROVES JESUS IS THE CHRIST. When going from B.C. to A.D., one must subtract one year, so using the date 456 B.C. add 1844. THE 2300 YEARS ARE COMPLETED WHICH BRINGS US TO THE MANIFESTATION OF THE BAB (OR GATE) OF BAHU'U'LLAH. (456+1844=2300)

Jesus said we must stand in the Holy Place to be able to understand. The Holy Place where Daniel had his vision was the ancient city of Sushan or Susa in Persia. (Daniel 8:2) In modern times this city is known as Shiraz in Iran and Jesus said this is where the Holy One would be found. A young man by the name of Mulla Husayn was the first one to find the Bab of Baha'u'llah. The Bab told Husayn to tell no one of his discovery, that

soon 18 souls independently would make the same discovery. These people became known as the 18 Letters of the Living. They went throughout Persia telling of the Advent of the Promised One. Just as John the Baptist prepared the people to accept Jesus, the Bab was preparing the people to recognize and accept Baha'u'llah. About 10 thousand souls embraced His Cause and gave their lives for it. The Bab himself was martyred in Tabriz.

WE WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE DATE OF THE MANIFESTATION OF BAHU'ULLAH FROM THE BIBLE. This date is calculated according to Lunar years from the mission and the Hejira of Muhammed. (The Islamic calendar is measured from this time) In Daniel 12:6 it is said: "and one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river. How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half: and that when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people all these things shall be finished." Times, Times and one half represent 3 and 1/2 years. 3 and 1/2 years equal 42 months. 42 months are 1260 days. A prophetic day of the Father signifies a year. So 1260 days are in reality 1260 years. The Bab, the precursor of Baha'u'llah appeared in the year 1260 from the Hejira of Muhammed, by the reckoning of Islam. The year 1260 corresponds to 1844 A.D. Afterwards in Daniel 12:11 it is said: AND FROM THE TIME THAT THE DAILY SACRIFICE SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY AND THE ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATION SET UP, THERE SHALL BE A THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY DAYS. (1290 prophetic days equal 1290 years) Baha'u'llah in the year 1290 (1863-1864 of our era) from the proclamation of the mission of Muhammed caused His Manifestation to be known.

In the beginning of the 7th century after Christ, when Jerusalem was conquered, the Holy of

Holies was outwardly preserved: that is to say the house which Solomon built: but outside the Holy of Holies the outer court was taken and given to the Gentiles. Revelations 11:2 "And the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months." That is to say, the Gentiles shall govern and control Jerusalem 42 months, signifying 1260 days or 1260 years. These prophecies are from the time of the appearance of Islam, when Jerusalem was trodden under foot, which means it was dishonoured. But the Holy of Holies was preserved, guarded and respected: and these events continued until the year 1260. Again this 1260 years is a prophecy of the manifestation of the Bab of Baha'u'llah which took place in the year 1260 of the Hejira of Muhammed. Consider how the prophecies of Daniel and Revelations correspond with one another. Daniel expresses it as three times and a half. John, who wrote for Jesus writes 42 months and again in Revelations 12:6 as a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Isaiah 35:1-2 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, and they shall see the GLORY OF THE LORD AND THE EXCELLENCY OF OUR GOD. Baha'u'llah was sent as a Prisoner to Mount Carmel. From there the message of: THE GLORY OF THE LORD (BAHA'ULLAH) was sent around the world. The rulers of the world heard from Him and were advised to turn to God. They were warned what would happen to them if they did not turn to God. In essence they were advised to beat their swords into plowshares and not learn war anymore.

Professor Edward G. Brown of Cambridge University visited Baha'u'llah on Mt. Carmel in the year 1890 and recorded his impressions as follows: "The face of Him on whom I gazed I can never forget, though I cannot describe. Those piercing eyes seemed to read one's very soul, power and authority sat on that ample brow: while the deep lines on the forehead and face implied an age which the

jet-black hair and beard flowing down in indistinguishable luxuriance almost to the waist seem to belie: no need ask in whose presence I stood, as I bowed myself before One who is the object of a devotion and love which Kings might envy and emperors sigh for in vain:"

"A mild dignified voice bade me be seated and then continued: Praise be to God that thou hast attained! Thou hast come to see a prisoner and an exile... We desire but the good of the world and the happiness of the nations yet they deem us a stirrer up of strife and sedation worthy of bondage and banishment...That all nations should become one in Faith and all men as brothers; that the bonds of affection and unity between the sons of men should be strengthened: that diversity of religion should cease, and difference of race be annulled...what harm is there in this?...Yet so it shall be; these fruitless strifes, these ruinous wars shall pass away, and the Most Great Peace shall come...Do not you in Europe need this also. Is not this that which Christ foretold?...Yet do we see your Kings and rulers lavishing their treasures more freely on means for the destruction of the human race than on that which would conduce to the happiness of mankind...These strifes and this bloodshed and discord must cease, and all men be as one kindred and one family. Let not a man glory in this, that he loves his country; let him rather glory in this, that he loves his kind..."

"Baha'u'llah left many books and tablets instructing the people of the world unto the Knowledge of God. The originals written in the Persian or Arabic language are preserved and stored on Mount Carmel in Israel.

One of Baha'u'llah's books is entitled, "THE HIDDEN WORDS". Each small gem of truth He unveiled in this book, when studied, can release volumes of knowledge.

THE FIRST HIDDEN WORD IS:

1. O Son of Spirit!

My first counsel is this; Possess a pure kindly and radiant heart, that thine may be a

sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting.

2. O Son of Spirit!

The best beloved of all things in my sight is Justice: Turn not away there from if thou desirest me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shall see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behooveth thee to be. Verily justice is my gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes.

5. O Son of Being!

Love me, that I may love thee. If thou lovest me not, my love can in no wise reach thee, Know this O servant.

14. O My Friends!

Have ye forgotten that true and radiant morn, when in those hallowed and blessed surroundings ye were all gathered in My presence beneath the shade of the tree of life, which is planted in the all-glorious paradise? Awestruct ye listened as I gave utterance to these three most holy words: O friends! Prefer not your will to mine, never desire that which I have not desired for you, and approach Me not with lifeless hearts, defiled with worldly desires and cravings. Would ye but sanctify your souls, ye would at this present hour recall that place and those surroundings, and the truth of My utterance should be made evident unto all of you.

44. O Companion of My Throne!

Hear no evil, and see no evil, abase not thyself, neither sigh and weep. Speak no evil, that thou mayest not hear it spoken unto thee, and magnify not the faults of others that thine own faults may not appear great; and wish not the abasement of anyone, that thine own abasement be not exposed. Live then the days of thy life, that are less than a fleeting moment, with thy mind stainless, thy heart unsullied, thy thoughts pure, and thy nature sanctified, so that, free and content, thou mayest put away this mortal frame, and repair unto the mystic

paradise and abide in the eternal Kingdom for evermore.

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Announcement

With great sadness I have been informed that our dear friend in the Cause Baha'u'llah, Mr. A. Jamalian left this world for ever. His date of ascension to Abha Kingdom was 13 Oct. 2010. Mr. Jamalian was born on 13 April, 1934 in Sangsar, a town in North of Persia [Iran]. His mother was a believer in Baha'u'llah and his father accepted the Faith when he was several year old. During his youthful years he was informed of the issue of Guardianship by his uncle and after investigation and studying the material related to the continuation of Guardianship in the Faith he accepted Guardianship of C. M. Remey as the 2nd Guardian of the Faith. He started teaching and informing other believers in Baha'u'llah of the continuation of Guardianship in the Faith.

After Iranian revolution he made a visit to the 3rd Guardian of the Faith Donald A. Harvey, in Paris, France. During his visit the 3rd Guardian gave Mr. Jamalian a chart. This chart is published in this issue of RIDVAN on page ****. After returning to Iran from Paris he passed the chart to his relatives and one of them passed the chart to Haifa

الله ابهی

آقای محمد ابراهیم جمالیان متولد بیست و چهارم فروردین ماه یکهزار و سیصد و سیزده خورشیدی در خانواده ای واقع در شهرستان سنگسرچشم بجهان گشود. هنگام تولد مادر ایشان مؤمن بجمال اقدس ابهی بود. در سنین کودکی پدرش به شرف ایمان فائزگشت. در سنین جوانی توسط دائی خود از حقیقت اسرار ولایت امرالله مطلع گردید سپس با مطالعه کتاب الواح وصایا وسایر آثار امری یقیناً مؤمن به ولایت امر گردید. بعد از یقین بجستجوی قلوب مستعده و تبلیغ نفوس بهائیان پرداخت. در اوایل انقلاب ایران به فرانسه برای ملاقات آقای دونالد هاروی مسافرت نمود با اینکه بصورت ظاهری نتوانستند با یکدیگر صحبت نمایند ولی ایشان چارتی از اولیای امرالله درگذشته و آینده برای آقای جمالیان کشیدند. پس از ملاقات آقای جمالیان منجذب تر و با اشتیاق بیشتر جهت تبلیغ به ایران مراجعت نمودند با رعایت حکمت به تبلیغ مشغول شدند. با بعضی از اعضای فامیل و خانواده خویش درباره سر ولایت امر و وجود ولی امرالله بعد از آقای شوقی ربانی صحبت نمودند و چارتی را که آقای هاروی به ایشان ارائه نموده بودند به فامیل نشان دادند که بسیار باعث تعجب فامیل گشت یکی از اعضای فامیل کپی آن چارت را در اختیار تشکیلات بهائیان زیر نظر بیت العدل فعلی قرار دادند. کم کم آقای جمالیان نزد احبا و فامیل بعنوان مخالف بیت العدل فعلی شناخته شده وصحبتهایش مورد تردید قرار گرفت. آقای جمالیان برای اینکه بتواند سر ولایت امرالله را به افراد مختلف احبا ابلاغ نماید سعی میکرد واضحاً مورد برخورد با تشکیلات جامعه بهائی قرار نگیرد. چندین بار توسط یاران ایران مورد اخطار قرار گرفت. در مدت چهل سالی که در شغل عینکسازی بخدمت خلق مشغول بود به احبای بسیاری اعم از مشتریان و کارمندانش این خبرمهم را ابلاغ نمود ولی کمتر کسی اعتنا نمود. در اواخر ایام اشتغال بکار در عینکسازی به یکی از کارمندان خود سر ولایت امر را القا نمود و ایشان به تحقیق در آثار امربهائی پرداخت با تشویق آقای جمالیان با دیگر احبا آگاه ومطلع از حقیقت ولایت امر تحقیق، تفحص و صحبت نمود. پس از یقین به تبلیغ افراد بهائی در جلسات امری یا بطور فردی پرداخت. آتش غضب دربین دست اندرکاران جامعه بهائی تشدید شد. بطور غیرمستقیم به آقای جمالیان متذکرگشتند تا به کارمند سابق خود توصیه کند تا دست از آگاهی رسانی به افراد جامعه

بهائی بردارد و او را منع نماید. آقای جمالیان همراه دوست و پسر روحانی جدید به ارسال استدلالیه های امری در اثبات تسلسل ولایة امرالله با آثار بهائی مخصوصاً الواح حضرت عبدالبهاء و توقیعات مبارکه حضرت ولی امرالله به افراد جامعه بهائی پرداخت. بالاخره یک نسخه از استدلالیه بدست دست اندرکاران جامعه بهائی رسید و سپس در اختیار بیت العدل فعلی قرارگرفت. بیت العدل پس از تفحص این حرکت در جامعه بهائی نتیجه گیری نمود تمام مشکلاتی که در جامعه بهائی بواسطه سنوالاتی که میان احبا درباره ولایت امر از دست اندرکاران جامعه بهائی میشود و آنان پاسخ قانع کننده ای بر اساس آثار بهائی نمی یابند، توسط آقای جمالیان هدایت ورهبری میشود. در این مرحله سخت گیری بیشتری از طرف مسئولین جامعه بهائی بر ایشان وارد شد تا از معاشرت با پسر روحانی خود محروم گردد سپس همسر وفرزندانش شروع به مبارزه با تفکر ایشان نمودند و زندگی را برایش سخت تر نمودند. ولی آقای جمالیان شاکر و صبور بود.



بعد از مدتی دستور جدید از طرف بیت العدل فعلی توسط شوهر خواهر همسر آقای جمالیان که رابط مستقیم بیت العدل درباره طرد آقای جمالیان در ایران بود صادرشد تا خانواده و فامیل با آقای جمالیان مانند یک فرد طرد روحانی شده، رفتار نمایند. پس از زمینه سازی فکری در خانواده و فامیل ایشان و مقداری ایجاد رعب وترس از طرد موهم بیت العدل فعلی بطور ناگهانی همسر و تنها فرزند وی در ایران بدون اطلاع قبلی در زمانی که آقای جمالیان برای دیالیز به بیمارستان مراجعه نموده بود خانه را ترک کردند و تا آخرین لحظه حیات و زندگی آقای جمالیان مراجعت ننمودند. حتی تماس تلفنی را هم دریغ نمودند.

بعد از عملکرد یاران ایران در چند سال اخیر روابط جامعه بهائی با اولیای حکومتی بکلی تیره و تار است. حکومت تشکیل جلسات بهائی را منع نموده است. در نتیجه مسئولین جامعه بهائی ایران حتی نتوانستند مطابق نظم اداری مورد قبول خودشان اقدام به طرد روحانی آقای جمالیان از جامعه بهائی نمایند. با حيله و نیرنگ جدا شدن خانواده آقای جمالیان را بدلیل اختلافات خانوادگی جلوه دادند. با اینکه همیشه در جلسات رسمی بهائی تأکید میشود احبا به شایعات توجه ننمایند و فقط دستورات اداری جامعه بهائی را توسط ضیافات نوزده روزه پی گیری نمایند، ولی مشاهده شد چون از طریق نظم اداری مورد قبول بیت العدل فعلی راهنشان برای طرد روحانی آقای جمالیان بسته دیدند به روش نادرست و غیر بهائی شایعه پراکنی و گوش به گوش نمودن خبر طرد آقای جمالیان بین احبا توسط مسئولین پنهان جامعه بهائی اقدام نمودند. با این روش عدم پایبندی تشکیلات فعلی بهائی با نظم اداری دیانت بهائی، ثابت نمودند که هدف وسیله را توجیه میکند. انحراف در بین تشکیلات رایج فعلی بهائی تا چه حد که رأس حرم جامعه بهائی فعلی (بیت العدل فعلی) برای رسیدن به هدف خود از راهکارهای غیر بهائی استفاده میکند.

سپس احبا، فامیل و خانواده آقای جمالیان توسط رابط مستقیم بیت العدل بواسطه ایجاد رعب و ترس از طرد روحانی برای آنان بطور کلی ارتباطشان را با آقای جمالیان قطع کردند. ایشان یکه و تنها با تمام مشکلات استقامت نموده و از مسیر عهد و میثاق با حضرت بهاء الله منحرف نشدند. همیشه در شرایط سخت سه ماه آخر حیاتشان این مصرع شعر را می خواندند :

من نمیگویم شمع باش یا پروانه باش

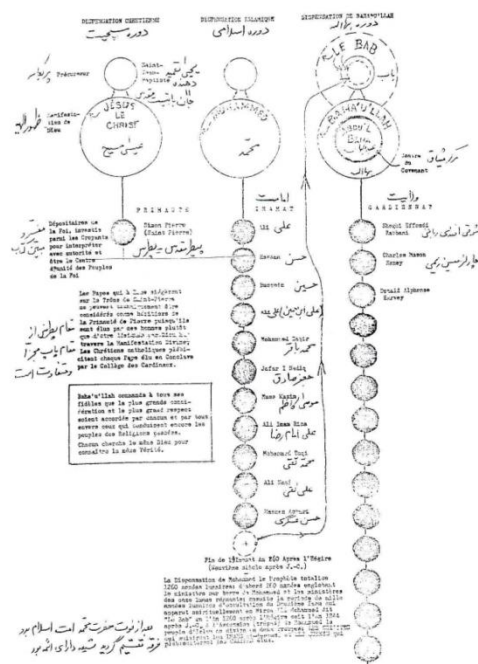
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نکته مهم چنین است آنچنان که همسر و فرزند آقای جمالیان ایشان را ترک کرده و اصلاً علاقه ای به سرنوشت وی نداشتند، آقای جمالیان همواره نگران زندگی و سلامت همسر و فرزندش بوده که چگونه بدون هیچ امکانات زندگی ایام را سپری می نمایند. پس از گذشت سه ماه دوری از همسر و فرزندش و شرایط تحمیل شده بر ایشان، جمعه بیست و سوم مهرماه هنگام شب در حالی که وی سرما خورده بود و حالش

وخیم تر میشد به همسایه بهائی خود تلفن میکند تا کمک به ایشان نماید او را به بیمارستانی که در آن دیالیز میشد منتقل نماید ولی همسایه بهائی از این کمک انسان دوستانه دریغ و کوتاهی کرده به بهانه ترس از مسئولین جامعه بهائی که ممکن است بفهمند و او را طرد روحانی نمایند. ناچاراً آقای جمالیان از همسایه مسلمان کمک گرفته حدود ساعت یازده شب در بخش اورژانس بیمارستان میلاد واقع در طهران بستری شدند. نیم ساعت از بستری در بخش اورژانس نگذشته بود که بطور ناگهانی دچار ایست قلبی شده و بملکوت ابدی صعود نمودند. صبح روز بعد یعنی شنبه بیست و چهارم مهرماه یکهزار و سیصد و هشتاد نه خورشیدی مسئولین بیمارستان به خواهر کوچک آقای جمالیان تلفن کرده از او میخواهند به بیمارستان مراجعه نماید. آقای جمالیان در اواخر زندگی به خواهر کوچک خود و پسر خواهرش تأکید نموده بود زمانی که فوت نماید فوراً پسر روحانی خود را خبر نمایند. صبح پسر روحانی و پسرخواهرش در بیمارستان حاضر شده و مشغول انجام مقدمات ترخیص جسد آقای جمالیان از بیمارستان میشوند. ولی چون ایشان در زمان کمتر از بیست و چهار ساعت در بیمارستان صعود نموده اند باید پلیس محل از همسر ایشان سئوالاتی بنماید. از مکان و محل اقامت فعلی همسر و پسر آقای جمالیان جز شوهر خواهر همسر آقای جمالیان که رابط مستقیم بیت العدل است کس دیگری از فامیل اطلاع نداشتند. ناچاراً با شوهر خواهر همسر آقای جمالیان توسط پسر خواهر آقای جمالیان تلفنی تماس گرفته شد و ادامه سیر اداری ترخیص از بیمارستان و سپس پزشک قانونی توسط ایشان انجام گرفت.

در سالهای اخیر تمام قبرستانها جزء اوقاف بهشت زهرا که قبرستان اسلامی است قرار دارد. مسئولین جامعه بهائی اختیار ممانعت از متوفائی که بستگان وی ادعای بهائی بودن وی را دارند در گلستان جاوید بهائی ندارند. چون ناچار از پذیرش جسد آقای جمالیان در گلستان بهائی بودند پس مسئولین جامعه بهائی و در رأس آنها شوهر خواهر همسر آقای جمالیان که رابط مستقیم بیت العدل بود در نهایت بی احترامی با تشییع جنازه آقای جمالیان رفتار نمودند. نگذاشتند از دوستان و آشنایان آن مرحوم کسی در گلستان حاضر شود و بقول خودشان خاکسپاری خانوادگی برگزار نمودند. فقط پسر روحانی ایشان و خانواده اش حضور داشتند. بعد از بلا تکلیفی

چارتی که آقای هاروی برای آقای جمالیان ترسیم نموده بود، چنین است :



صبح تا ظهر به خانواده اندک آقای جمالیان و پسر روحانی ایشان جهت تشییع جنازه بعد از ساعت اداری خبر دادند تا در گلستان حاضر شوند. طوری خبر نمودند که قبلاً پسر آقای جمالیان و رابط بیت العدل، جسد آقای جمالیان را شستشو و کفن نموده بودند. هنگامی که پسر روحانی وارد گلستان شد رابط بیت العدل تمام درب های اتاق نماز و شستشو را قفل کرده بود. هرچه سؤال از شستشو و کفن و نماز شد که آیا بجا آورده شد؟ رابط بیت العدل جواب درست نداد وقتی از پسر آقای جمالیان جهت شستشوی پدر سؤال شد گفت که شستشو و کفن انجام شده است ولی برای نماز خواندن جوابی نداد. هنوز خانواده اندک آقای جمالیان به گلستان نرسیده بودند که بدستور رابط بیت العدل جنازه را بکنار مزار آوردند. سؤال از خواندن نماز شد که رابط بیت العدل خاطرنشان نمود بعد از انجام کفن خوانده شده است در این هنگام خانواده اندک وارد گلستان جاوید شدند ولی همسر آقای جمالیان دربین آنها نبود و هنوز بکنار تابوت نرسیده بودند که با اصرار رابط بیت العدل تابوت را در خاک قرار دادند. وقتی که خواهر کوچک آقای جمالیان بکنار مزار ایشان رسید بسیار ناراحت شد که نتوانست برای آخرین بار صورت برادر خود را ببیند. سپس پسر روحانی به زیارت یک فقره از کلمات عالیات مشغول شد بعد کتاب ادعیه حضرت محبوب را به پسر آقای جمالیان داد تا برای پدرش دعائی بخواند و او با دستپاچگی امتناع کرد و چند قدم پایین تر از مزار پدر پشت به قبر پدراستاد. اعضای اندک فامیل در کنار قبر آقای جمالیان به تلاوت ادعیه و مناجات مشغول شدند. پسر روحانی دسته گلی که از قبل تهیه نموده بود را بر روی تابوت آقای جمالیان قرار داد ولی نه پسر متوفی و نه فامیل اندک حتی یک شاخه گل هم برسر قبر نیاورده بودند. هنوز خانواده در کنار مزار بودند که بدستور رابط بیت العدل کارمندان گلستان مشغول ریختن خاک بر روی قبر گردیدند و با سرعت زیاد روی قبر را پوشانیدند. بعد پسر آقای جمالیان فوراً گلستان را ترک کرد. کم کم اعضای خانواده شروع به ترک گلستان نمودند. پسر روحانی و خانواده اش تعلل در ترک گلستان نمودند و شک نمودند که رابط بیت العدل بدروغ گفته است نماز خوانده شده است چون تنها نمازی که در دیانت بهائی بطور دسته جمعی تلاوت میشود نماز میت است و چگونه است که هنوز اعضای خانواده نرسیده اند نماز را خوانده اند. سپس مشخص شد که

A Letter from the 3rd Guardian of the Faith

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To Mr. E.S. Yazdani

Dearly Beloved Friend in Baha'u'llah,

Allah O Abha !

Much thanks for your kind 14th June letter which reached me late this afternoon. Thanks to God my health is good. I wrote you but decided to retain the letter as too detailed in the horrors happening around me here in Paris. My time is counted as far as employ goes, I had hoped to be autonomous and it may not be possible so the Guardian will have to wholly step out and accounted as he should anyway the Glad Tidings of The Glory of God and of Baha'u'llah, something the Baha'is as a whole have not been able to do after nearly a century already.

I think all of us are prisoners of this material civilization, even myself hoping continued employ so to be able to live, but live how ? In this material world ? With all its "attractions", its seductions, its trappings ? That's the trouble, to allow such consideration to take precedence over the worship of God our Creator, a worship as taught by all the Great Divine Teachers such as Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Jesus the Christ, Mohammed, The Bab and Baha'u'llah. I think even myself do not rely as often as I should on this Prayer revealed by His Holiness 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". On the final count all the

peoples of the Earth will have to say and chant this blessed Verse, and it be better while still on Earth for if death overtake any before he or she does choose by free will to thus commune with the Creator, there will be thereafter no free will. Free will is God's gift to each individual who will certainly come around to discover the more he exercises his free will in the Right Direction, that of God and each and all His Messengers, the more he or she will enjoy such free will. Whoso has the misfortune like so many peoples nowadays to exercise free will in a wrong direction then the person become a prisoner of his or her own doings, doings that turn out to be wholly evil. As Christ says, "Ye shall find the truth and the truth will make you free", and Baha'u'llah says that, "it is by submission to the Law of God that one finds freedom".

I jotted down some thoughts as follows: Whenever someone says and mentions the Greatest Name Baha'u'llah (1817-1892) as being the Return of Christ (this thought being said in parts of the world being parts of Christendom) such person speaks rightly so. And should someone else reply to him: "This Baha'u'llah of yours, again one of those Baha'is, "that someone else is indeed wrong. From the start a believer in Baha'u'llah was given an appellation to distinguish such a believer from the rest of the peoples of the Earth, and that appellation was the word Baha'i", just as a believer in the Bab received the appellation "Babi". We know most of the Babis right after Ridvan outside of Baghdad who witnessed the public declaration of

Baha'u'llah, became "Baha'is" in 1863 AD. But such an appellation was not taken with all the seriousness and rigor it should have and as years and generations passed on, the word "Baha'i" was considered as "fashionable", instead of inspiring individuals to turn to God and Baha'u'llah, the "Baha'i" communities became gradually more and more crowded with peoples bent upon "socializing" without assuming all the duties one turning to God should pursue, inasmuch as the material practices I should say, born wholly of atheism got instilled more and more into the communities of "Baha'is". Right then and there, the Baha'is gave less weight to the Laws and Teachings of Baha'u'llah and more considerable time to the things of society, of civilization, of materialism and we know these things which developed for over a century already, did so among people who elected to remain oblivious to God and (of course today) to Baha'u'llah. Far from the "Baha'is conquering the world of materialism as they loudly projected to conquer, it was the very world of materialism they set out to conquer, this very world of materialism and atheistic civilization which gobbled up the "Baha'is". In such circumstances is it right to say such "Baha'is" are of Baha'u'llah? Outwardly, no. Inwardly, the individual has to break away from the group of "Baha'is" and start over his or her own search for truth, God knows how a overwhelming majority of Baha'is in 1960 under the fallacious leadership of a few, renounced the sacred principle of Independent and Personal Search for Truth, a sacred Principle direct from Baha'u'llah and to be always applied by each and every individual. This certainly can be said: The group of people calling themselves nowadays "Baha'is" are not of Baha'u'llah, the very word "Baha'i" has been made something else than what it was meant to be in the first place, and since in the United States of America an unfortunate court case resulted in the Haifa Organization and its Wilmette Branch being awarded the sole exclusive use of the word "Baha'i", than such a use of the word

does not obviously fit the requirements established by God and Baha'u'llah, for the Haifa Organization and its Wilmette extension have by renouncing to a most significant part if not all of the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha concerning the continued Guardianship, renounced to Baha'u'llah, indeed renounced to God Himself; the Haifa Organization is strictly man made, is Godless, is a deceit, it is every thing opposite to the True Cause of God and of Baha'u'llah. This the employ of the word "Baha'i" nowadays cannot in anywise fit in the slightest with any let alone all of the requirements revealed by God through Baha'u'llah. Over the years, indeed the Ministry of 'Abdu'l-Baha and perhaps even more so during the Ministry of Shoghi Effendi the word "Baha'i" became "fashionable" in the public mind and as such well-known everywhere but by being so it radically departed from its original meaning. Members of the public by and large were led to believe the "Baha'is" were building up a sort of World Center, that would be brought to them upon a silver platter for "all of the world" to "benefit thereby". In fact it was the greatest "sucker bait" initiated on this Earth, it lulled masses of people to sleep when in fact the resounding call of Baha'u'llah is destined to each and every individual soul without any middleman standing in the way. Come to think of it, such is exactly the sort of promotion and operation practiced by the other sects, all of them man-made. Such is too the sort of method launched by political parties which lull peoples to sleep with empty and unrealizable promises, in fact when peoples, ignorant peoples are being promised huge material returns and benefits, they end up footing the bill, indeed a huge benefit with a negative sign. Apparently peoples ignore the simple straightforward words of Jesus who warns we shall know them by their fruits. In brief, there is today a total divorce between the Revelation of Baha'u'llah and the appellation "Baha'i", indeed the word "Baha'i" is an absolute misleader and I am preparing a text from Baha'u'llah and the

New Era (the Esslemont Book) to introduce a basic knowledge of The Promised One, carefully culling out from the text every mention of the word “Baha’i” and replacing it with its former equivalence “believer in God”, or “believer in Baha’u’llah, or “Faithful of God”, etc. Indeed I as Guardian declare the word “Baha’i” and all its present implications, gravely besmirched not only the hem of the Robe of Baha’u’llah but His Entire Being in the public eye. There was no more formidable obstacle for access of each of the individual to the Glory of God nowadays than the word “Baha’i” in its present-day implication. Perhaps this is the information due to be circulated far and wide among peoples of the Earth. It would be a good thing that the individuals forming the Haifa Organization at one time, leave it to its eventual total collapse. Such an indignity is the present-dubbed “Universal House of Justice” in Haifa. It was formed by election by members of the National Spiritual Assemblies in 1963, and it can hardly be said these Assemblies were reprehensive of all the peoples of the Earth at the time, for such an institution to merit the attribute “Universal”. Moreover

among these National Assemblies were an illegal National Assembly of France, illegal not only to the laws of God but also to the laws of man, the French Assembly was incorporated in 1958 with Statutes and By-Laws identical to those of the other Assemblies, we remember how 5 members of the legal and legitimate Assembly remained faithful in their recognition of the second Guardian Charles Mason Remey leaving a minority of 4 who with the Haifa emissaries voted in 5 new members, something unheard of in the light of the process solemnly established by Shoghi Effendi. That false so-called Universal House of Justice in Haifa has a rotten pillar supporting everything else is clean about it, and in time it can only topple over. The true Cause of God is not a sect, it can never be a sect, it has and needs have a true Center, One Center, in former times it was the Manifestation Baha’u’llah, then it was ‘Abdu’l-Baha, then Shoghi Effendi, then Charles Mason Remey, now Donald, and the Center is only one, the Center can in no wise collegiate as men would like to have it. The Oneness of God finds its reflection in the Oneness of its Center being vested in one Person.

**When the victory arriveth, every man
shall profess himself as believer and
shall hasten to the shelter of God’s
Faith. Happy are they who in the days
of world-encompassing trials have stood
fast in the Cause and refused to swerve
from its truth.**

**A LAST APPEAL
TO
THE HANDS
OF
THE BAHA'I FAITH
A PRIVATE AND SECRET
DOCUMENT
TO BE READ ONLY
BY
THE HANDS OF THE FAITH
BY
MASON REMEY
HAND OF THE FAITH AND
PRESIDENT OF THE BAHA'I INTERNATIONAL
COUNCIL
APPOINTED BY THE BELOVED GUARDIAN OF THE
FAITH**

1960

A LAST APPEAL

TO THE HANDS OF THE FAITH EXHORTING THEM

TO ABANDON THEIR PROGRAM FOR 1963

AND THAT THEY SEEK TO FIND THE SECOND

GUARDIAN OF THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

AND

THAT THEY UPHOLD THE WILL AND TESTAMENT

OF

THE MASTER 'ABDU'L- BAHA AND

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FAITH AS ESTABLISHED BY

THE BELOVED GUARDIAN SHOGHI EFFENDI

THAT AT PRESENT IS

UNDER A CLOUD OF VIOLATION

THAT THREATENS THE FULFILLMENT

OF ITS MISSION TO MANKIND

BY

MASON REMEY

PRESIDENT OF THE BAHÁ'I INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

APPOINTED BY THE FIRST GUARDIAN OF THE BAHÁ'I FAITH

APRIL 1960

INTRODUCTION

The assertions that I present in this last appeal to the Hands of the Baha'i Faith are of the same general nature and character as those of the first appeal so this last appeal may be considered as a continuation of the first appeal, added to which is emphasized the importance that the Hands of the Faith should give to preparing themselves to recognize and to accept the Second Guardian of the Faith when they realize that the Beloved Guardian actually made this appointment himself some time before his death in escrow, to take effect at his death. Thus the chair of the Guardianship has never been vacant but only hidden from the world to be recognized by the believers as some may or will do now at almost any time; then he will be known to the Baha'i World! He, the successor of the Beloved Guardian Shoghi Effendi – He, the Second Guardian of the Baha'i Faith!

MASON REMEY

President of the Baha'i International Council

Written in part in Room 60, Hotel Berchielli
Florence, Italy

December 1959

and in part in Apartment 2,
1310 New Hampshire Avenue Northwest
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U.S. of North America

I GUARD THE FAITH

During and throughout the entire mission of the Beloved Shoghi Effendi, as Guardian of the Faith, he at all times held the unique authority that only the Guardian of the Cause could hold as the sole and only commander of the Cause; he never shared with anyone. He guarded this most zealously. This was his sole prerogative.

When the Beloved Guardian appointed me President of the Baha'i International Council, he bestowed upon me a potential responsibility, the responsibility of that position.

As I have explained elsewhere in this writ, the Beloved Guardian never gave me any orders

as to what I should do to put into action the International Council, so I did nothing; thus were the affairs of the Council up until the time of the death of Shoghi Effendi, at which time my responsibilities as President of the Council, that until then had been the Guardian's sole responsibility, then became my responsibilities – these were responsibilities coming to me when the Beloved Guardian was released by his death from all earthly responsibilities, responsibilities that had weighed so heavily upon him during the long and many years of his Guardianship.

Now since the departure from this world of Shoghi Effendi, the responsibilities of the International Council and everything connected with it are my responsibility – a responsibility such as no other Baha'i carries or possesses. Mine is now the sole and the exclusive right to handle the affairs of the International Council. Such is the responsibility and call conferred upon me by our Beloved Guardian that went into effect at his death in November 1957 the year when I inherited this particular responsibility together with other responsibilities devolving upon me by Shoghi Effendi's death which I will speak of and explain to the believers at some other time. For the present, it is sufficient for me to explain but this – control of the Baha'i International Council, its functioning and its other affairs. Therefore I hold that nothing be done by any one or by any ones other than I, myself, toward anything at all that concerns the Baha'i International Council, and this means the Hands of the Faith are at all times to be under the direction and command of the Guardian of the Faith, and my authority to direct the affairs of the International Council, to direct them of myself, independent of and free from all authority, was conferred upon me by the Beloved Guardian; thus these powers became mine automatically at the death of the first Guardian of the Baha'i Faith. I now and here ordain upon this Day of Naw-Ruz 117 of the Baha'i Era (the day upon which I am penning this writ) that there shall be nothing done about the Baha'i

International Council or about any of its activities. This is to be until I, President of the Council, order otherwise.

MASON REMEY

Washington D.C., U.S.A.

21 March 1960

REALIZE MY APPOINTMENT

In other words, in addition to what I have already here written in thus appointing me President of the International Council, the Beloved Guardian has bestowed upon me, I whom he chose from among all the Baha'is of the world, this power and authority that after him I now have to protect the Baha'i Faith in which capacity and for which end I now stand before the Hands of the Faith and tell them that now, after the death of the first Guardian, I inherit and take over and now exercise the right and the full power that Shoghi Effendi gave me, and to me alone, after him to protect the Faith from this impending violation of the Baha'i International Council.

Do you realize what this implies and means and to what position in the Faith the Beloved Guardian has appointed me, Mason Remy?

TO THE HANDS OF THE FAITH

Dearly Beloved Hands of the Faith please try and understand my position of command in the Faith to regulate the affairs of the International Council, when I tell you to desist in your attempts to control and to end the International Council preparatory to your program for 1963.

My position in Baha'i affairs has been clearly given to me by the Beloved Guardian. Pray accept it and make your announcement to the world of your acceptance of the position of command thus bequeathed to me by Our Beloved Guardian, bequeathed to me in escrow only to become known to the world of the Cause after his death – the departure from amongst us all of Shoghi Effendi – he, who was the First Guardian of the Baha'i Faith.

In your announcement to the Baha'i World after the last conclave of 1959, you definitely stated that you intend taking over the International Council, that you the Custodian Hands will dictate the policies of the Council

for two years, then put it out of existence to establish your House of Justice in 1963, which program was endorsed by twenty-two of the Hands so the entire Baha'i World knows of your intentions!

Now I, President of the International Council, appointed by the Beloved Guardian, tell you to desist in your efforts to end the International Council, as you state is your intention to do, for you to give up your project for 1963. By ordering you to stop such proceedings I am using the authority and the power given me by the Beloved Guardian to protect and to guard the affairs of the International Council.

Yet! Beloved Hands of the Faith, why should one wonder at the mess of Baha'i matters that the Hands of the Faith are making with their plans for 1963?

Hands of the Cause, you have no divine authority vested in you as Hands of the Faith. According to the commands in the Will and Testament you are to serve only under the direction of the Guardian of the Faith, the Guardian Himself being the infallible one to guide you. You should realize this, for when you do realize this your first and only step to be taken should be to find the Guardian who can guide you.

Instead of following this procedure, you have strayed from the true path of the Cause by wanting to eliminate forever the Guardianship. Some of you, the majority in fact, supported the "New Baha'i Era" cult of SANS GUARDIANSHIP. Nothing could have been nor be in the present or the future more bewildering to the Baha'i World than your attitude and all that it implies.

Arise Hands of the Faith! You should arise seeking to find your Guardian. The first step that you should have taken was to have sought for your Guardian. From your attitude of not wanting the Guardianship to be is the first indication of trouble for you and a stumbling block in your path! You have chosen to follow this violation. Awake and see that it is leading you away from truth and into error.

MY UNIQUE POSITION

I have hinted at and alluded to in an around-about-way in various of my notes and writings to the prophetic vision that I had about a year and a half before the Beloved Guardian called me to Haifa, uprooted me from Washington and planted me there in the Holy Land, telling me that from that time on Israel was to be my home.

Until then I had tried to put that flash vision out of my mind, thinking that it was but a vagary of my imagination, or worse than that....some evil spirit of temptation to lead me astray, possibly to incite me to have personal aspirations of position in the Cause of which aspirations I wanted to have no party for when I first read the Will and Testament of the Master, the copy of which was given to me by Shoghi Effendi himself at the time he called me to Haifa in February 1921 – my first reaction was that to be one of the Hands of the Faith and have to live in Haifa was not only quite the last thing that I wanted, but actually the one thing that I did not want to have happen to me.

I had not been in Haifa as a Hand of the Faith for very long before I began to realize that that flash vision of things to come was beginning to work out as it had been revealed to me. I found myself not only appointed to be one of the Hands of the Faith but the President of the Baha'i International Council. Furthermore the Guardian told me that upon formal occasions when he presided at the Feasts and gatherings of the believers at the Holy Shrines that I should walk next behind him, with the other believers following, and that when he was seated in his automobile, I was to sit at his left hand, and that such should always be my position seated next to him when in the gatherings of the believers. These commands usually were given to me by Rúhíyyih Khánum, who was my contact with Shoghi Effendi. I always addressed him through her, save when he himself spoke directly to me which was but rarely. In speaking to him, I would have addressed him in the third person, but this I never did because I felt I should carry out this Baha'i protocol exactly as instructed to do without adding anything to it of mine own thought. In speaking of the Guardian to any non-Baha'i in Israel I always alluded to him as "His

Eminence", I following His instruction to do so.

While I never was conscious that the Guardian had any personal affection for me as an individual, I always was conscious that he, in a quiet but decided way, was placing me thus in a very special way before the Baha'is who surrounded him. At table I always sat at his left with Ruhiyyah Khánum at his right, except when there were special great pilgrims present, when they were accorded this place at his left.

In all of the Baha'i gatherings held in the absence of the Guardian, I took my seat at the head of the table and always walked ahead with the others following me, and this order I always maintained in Haifa as one of the Custodian Hands there. I was as unobtrusive as I could be in my manner, and this has never, to my knowledge, been questioned by anyone nor has anyone ever taken any exception to this, my attitude, although this is as far as I have ever gone while living in the Holy Land. I always have preceded all other of the men believers in entering the Shrines for worship, when no women are present. When Rúhíyyih Khánum and other ladies are in the group, I stand aside until they have entered, then enter myself, followed by the men believers. This, as I note, has never been questioned to my knowledge or my observation.

Upon the only formal Israeli National occasion (the funeral of Dr. Wisemann, President of the Republic) at which the Guardian was present, I was his sole attendant, walking behind him, he leading all the other religious leaders of Israel; I following him with my arms firmly set akimbo to so protect the Guardian from being shoved aside or passed by the Mullahs, Bishops, Archbishops and other religious leaders who were pressing on behind me.

Upon various other ceremonial occasions where the Beloved Guardian wanted to be represented, these being in Jerusalem, he sent me thither to represent him, and this custom of my leading has continued to be observed I being in the lead – in those days of interregnum, during which we have no Guardian in office commanding us – the friends to which custom now established no

one has made audible nor visible objection. It is just one of those things that everyone seems to accept without question.

But this precedent has only been followed upon formal occasions. When the Beloved Guardian wanted business to be done in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa or anywhere else, he usually sent Leroy Ioas to attend to it, and on occasion others of the Hands of the Faith, not me, and this procedure has of course been followed in these interregnum days.

The one great and outstanding appointment of me as President of the Baha'i International Council with the authoritative power in the Faith and over the Faith, both of the Hands of the Faith and the believers, that this now gives me and is given to me alone and unique above all the believers in the world was in itself the ultimate realization to me of my flash vision. I frequently refer to this vision that was given me eleven or twelve years ago during which years the responsibility that was coming to me has weighed much upon my heart and soul and mind during these

intervening years, and particularly so during these last two or three of which have been so very difficult for all of the believers the world around, Hands of the Faith and those who are looking toward the Hands of the Faith for guidance.

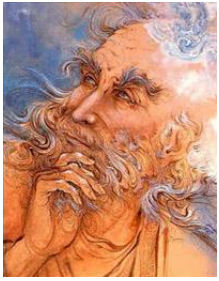
Now, at this date, the guidance of the Cause is off the track as it were. For it is not the province of the Hands of the Faith to guide the Faith. They are to serve the Guardian of the Faith and are to carry on and carry out his commands.

It is therefore, upon these grounds that I, President of the Baha'i International Council, command them to desist from their attempts and cease their program of tampering with the International Council and give up their program for 1963 that is a violation of the Will and Testament of the Master 'Abdu'l-Baha as well as a violation of the Administration that the Beloved Guardian built up in accordance with the command of 'Abdu'l-Baha.

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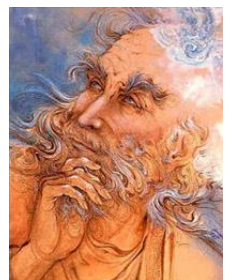
The World is in travail, and its agitation waxeth day by day. Its face is turned towards waywardness and unbelief. Its perversity will long continue. And when the appointed hour is come, there shall be suddenly appear that which shall cause the limbs of mankind to quake. Then and only then, will the Divine Standard be unfurled, and the nightingale of Paradise warble its melody.

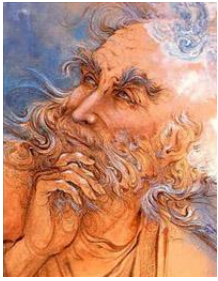
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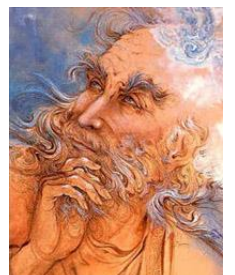
Though I am old and decrepit and weak
My youth returns to me every time your name I speak.
Thank God that whatever my heart ever desired
God gave me that, and more than I ever could seek.
O young flower, benefit from this bounty
In this garden I sing through a canary's beak.
In my ignorance I roamed the world at first
In thy longing, I have become wise and meek.
Fate directs my path to the tavern, in life
Though many times I stepped from peak to peak.
I was blessed and inspired on the day
That at the abode of the Magi spent a week.
In the bounty of the world, await not your fate
I found the Beloved, when of wine began to reek.
From the time I was entrapped by thy eyes
I was saved from all traps and paths oblique.
The old me, befriended the unreliable moon
Passage of time is what makes me aged and weak.
Last night came good news that said, O Hafiz
I forgive all your errs, even though may be bleak.





یک غزل از حافظ

هر چند پیر و خسته دل و ناتوان شدم.
هر گه که یاد روی تو کردم جوان شدم
شکر خدا که هر چه طلب کردم از خدا
بر منتهای همت خود کامران شدم
ای گلبن جوان بر دولت بخور که من
در سایه تو بلبل باغ جهان شدم
اول ز تحت و فوق وجودم خبر نبود
در مکتب غم تو چنین نکته دان شدم
قسمت حوالتم به خرابات می‌کند
هر چند کاین چنین شدم و آن چنان شدم
آن روز بر دلم در معنی گشوده شد
کز ساکنان درگه پیر مغان شدم
در شاهراه دولت سرمد به تخت بخت
با جام می به کام دل دوستان شدم
از آن زمان که فتنه چشمتم به من رسید
ایمن ز شر فتنه آخرزمان شدم
من پیر سال و ماه نیم یار بی‌وفاست
بر من چو عمر می‌گذرد پیر از آن شدم
دوشم نوید داد عنایت که حافظا
باز آ که من به عفو گناهت ضمان شدم



**STATEMENT
BY
E.S. YAZDANI**

26 April, 2009

I, E. S. Yazdani, currently residing at 1385 Old Northern Road, Middle Dural, 2158, Australia, state that, Mr. J. Soghomonian is the present 4th guardian of the Baha'i Faith and he remains the guardian of the Baha'i Faith until his soul is called from this physical plane to the next by the All Mighty God. He was appointed to the position of the 4th guardian of the Baha'i Faith by his predecessor; Mr. D. A. Harvey the 3rd guardian of the Baha'i Faith.

It is the duty of all the believers, including his appointed successor, to obey and support him in accordance with the provision of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha.

It must be stated that it is my great honour to serve the present guardian of the Faith. It is my dignity to obey his order. It is my adoration and adulation to take his direction. I am nothing in his presence. My greatness is to be humble before him. My God protect him and I wish him a very long life in this world.

May God assist me to remain faithful in His Covenant.

May God protect the Cause of Baha'u'llah from the violators of His Covenant.

E.S. Yazdani
Sydney, Australia
26 April, 2009

PS: This statement was published in the last April, 2009 issue of RIDVAN and it is republished again to stress that the unity of the Faith is guarded by obeying the present Guardian of the Faith his eminence Mr. Jacques Soghomonian. He is the present Guardian of the Faith. Signed by E.S. Yazdani



مومنین بحضرت بهاءالله کلا ملاحظه فرمائید

بعد از صعود شوقی افندی اولین ولی امر دیانت بهائی در سال 1957 میلادی اعضای موسسه ایادی امرالله برهبری روحیه خانم علم مخالفت بر علیه آقای چالز میسن ریمی رئیس جنین بیت العدل اعظم الهی یعنی وصی منتصب شوقی افندی و دومین ولی امر دیانت بهایی برافراشتند. وبا برنامه حساب شده ای ایشان را از میدان بدرکردند و طبق نوشته شخص روحیه خانم بدون هیچ مجوزی وسندی برکرسی شوقی افندی تکیه زدند و برای خود اختیاراتی قائل شدند. برای فریب دادن عموم در سال 1963 میلادی اقدام بتشکیل مؤسسه ای بنام بیت العدل اعظم الهی کردند. این مؤسسه طبق دستورات و آثار نظم اداری دیانت بهایی تشکیل نشده است. این مؤسسه باید رئیس داشته باشد. باید ولی امرالله رئیس لاینعزل این مؤسسه باشد. باید تکمیل شده جنین بیت العدل اعظم الهی که شوقی افندی در سال 1951 میلادی تشکیل داده بودند باشد و چون چنین نیست و مطابق دستورات الهی تشکیل نشده است پس بیت العدل اعظم الهی نبوده و نیست. از این رو فاقد هرگونه صلاحیت است.

در تائید این مطلب شوقی افندی در توقیع تموز 1925 میلادی در ارتباط با تشکیل جنین بیت العدل کاذبی توسط دشمنان داخلی دیانت بهائی ورد آن از طرف ایشان میفرمایند:

هر هیاتی که به نظام الهی و بر حسب تعلیمات و اصول و شرایط سماویه که در صحف الهیه مشروحا مثبت و مسطور است کاملاً ملاکما ینبغی ویلیق لهذا المقام الرفیع ولمرکز المنیع انتخاب و تشکیل نشود ان هیات از اعتبار اصلی و رتبه روحانی ساقط و از حق تشریع و وضع احکام و سنن و قوانین غیر منصوصه ممنوع و از شرف اسنی و قوه مطلقه علیا محروم. [اشاره به بیت العدل اعظم الهی که تنها هیات قانون گذار بین المللی است]

Guardian of the Baha'i Faith in Person

Permanent Head of the Universal House of Justice

شخص ولی امر دیانت بهایی رئیس لاینعزل بیت العدل اعظم الهی

“Without such an institution [Guardianship] the integrity of the Faith would be imperilled, and the stability of the entire fabric would be gravely endangered. Its prestige would be suffered, the means required to enable it to take a long, an uninterrupted view over a series of generations would be completely lacking, and the necessary guidance to



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