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This article will reveal THE TRUTH about the Baha'i Faith. It will reveal many facts that have been deliberately "withheld" from you, on orders of the Universal House of Justice (the 9 men governing body of the Baha'i Faith which resides in Haifa, Israel). We ask only you review the evidence first, before you "judge".

The First Vision of Muhammad (pbuh)

About 610 A.D. a man named Muhammad (pbuh), a trader, was meditating in a cave near his home of Mecca, in the country of Hejaz, in what is now Saudi Arabia. A man appeared in the cave without calling out first, and said to Muhammad (pbuh) "RECITE!" Muhammad (pbuh) said "I can't even read!" but the man said "Recite!" two more times. Muhammad (pbuh) ran out of the cave in fright, and the "man" was standing in the air, telling him to "recite" in the Name of Allah certain Verses he (the man standing in the air) would tell him to recite. And so it began. The Apostle of God was taught 114 poems by the Angel Jibril (Gabriel) over a period of fourteen years, and the Apostle of God would recite these to people who were willing to listen to him. After the death of the Apostle of God, some followed Abu Baker as "Caliph" (Successor) but others followed Ali ibn Abu Talib, the cousin and son-in-law of Muhammad (pbuh) as "Imam" (Arabic: "Leader"). Those that followed Ali were called "Shia" (Arabic: "Partisans"). The eldest male descendants of Ali became the "Imams" of Shi'a Islam; which is found mostly in Iran, southern Iraq, and parts of Lebanon,

Pakistan, and India. The last "Imam" was Muhammad ibn Hasan al-Mehdi, who was just a small boy when he "disappeared". Nobody knows what happened to him. But not long afterwards a Shi'ite arose claiming to be the spokesman, or "Gate" of the "Hidden Imam"; claiming that Allah took the Imam into a place of hiding, or "occultation", until the Last Days, when the Hidden Imam will return as a grown man, and establish the rule of Shi'ite Islam everywhere, and establish peace and justice everywhere. Jesus will come with him, and kill the swine and break the crosses and kill the Anti-Christ named *al-Dajjal* (Arabic: "The Liar"). Three more "Gates" (deputies) of the Hidden Imam arose, but after the Fourth Gate, that ceased.

The 12 Imams of Shi'ite Islam were:

Imam Ali
Imam Hassan
Imam Husain
Imam Zain al abedeen
Imam Mohammad al-Baqir
Imam Ja'far as Sadiq
Imam Musa Qazim
Imam Ali Raza
Imam Ali Naqi
Imam Hassan Askari
Imam Mohammad Mahdi

In 874 A.D. (260 A.H.) the Imam Mohammad Mahdi, a boy of 7, goes missing. Shi'ites believe that he went down in a cave under a Masjid (Mosque) in Samarra, Iran. They believe God is keeping the boy alive all this time, and he will come forth in the last days, as a man, leading an Army of Shi'ites to final victory over all opposing forces in the world, and will rule the world for several years, until Jesus returns. This "hiding" of the Imam Mehdi by God in a secret underground cavern is called the "Occultation" (Latin: "hiding"). It is divided into the "Greater Occultation" and the "Lesser Occultation".

The Greater Occultation occurs to the "Hidden Imam" who does not communicate with the Shi'ite Muslims. The Lesser Occultation refers to the Hidden Imam communicating to the Shi'ite Muslims, and thus "guiding" them, via deputies, or channelers, called the "Abwab" (Arabic: "Gates"). Shi'ite Islam recognizes four "Abwab" or "Gates" who were the legitimate deputies/representatives of the Hidden Imam (Mehdi). Each deputy was called "al-Bab" ("The Gate") to the

Hidden Imam; meaning his representative, or, what we would say in the West, the "channeler" of the Hidden Imam.

Four Shi'ites arose after the boy went missing, one after another, claiming to be the Gate (al-Bab) of the Hidden Imam, his representatives. They were:

Uthman Al-Amir

Abu Jafar Muhammad ibn Uthman

Abu l Qasim Husayn ibn Ruh al Nawbakhti

Abu`I Husayn Ali ibn Muhammad as Sammari

When one Gate (Báb) died, another took his place. Each Gate (Báb) appointed his successor before his death.

Abul Husayn Ali ibn Muhammad as Sammari, the Fourth Gate, before his death did not appoint a successor, but revealed to the Shi'ites a "letter" addressed to him by the Hidden Imam, saying there would be no more Gates (channelers/abwab) until the Day of Resurrection. After the death of the Fourth Gate (Abdu'l Husayn Ali ibn Muhammad as Sammari) the Lesser Occultation became the Greater Occultation. Instead of the Shi'ites being "guided" by the Hidden Imam *by way of* the Gates (Abwab) they were to be guided by the Ulema ("Learned Ones"): consisting of the Mullas (lesser clergymen) and the Ayatollahs (greater clergymen).

In 1844 A.D. (1260 A.H.), 1000 lunar years after the boy Muhammad Mahdi (also spelled *Mihdi* or *Mehdi*) went missing and became "the Hidden Imam", Siyyid Ali Muhammad Shirazi, a merchant living in the city of Shiraz, Iran, claimed to be the +++++*Fifth*+++++ "Gate" (Báb) and that 1260 A.H. was the "Day of Resurrection"; meaning that the righteous True Believers ("Momeneen") among the Muslims who died the time of Muhammad (pbuh) had "returned" (raj'at) in new bodies, born of new mothers. Also, the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), his daughter Fatimah, the 12 Imams (including Mahdi), and the 4 Gates had also "returned" as the first 18 disciples of The Báb, whom he called "Letters of the Living". One such "Letter" was Quddús, who claimed at the Shrine of Tabarsi, in 1849, to be the Remnant of God (i.e. the Hidden Imam returned).

Siyyid Ali Muhammad Shirazi took the name/title of *Bab'u'llah* ("The Gate of God"). Today, in the West, he is simply known as "The Báb".

The Báb called 18 disciples whom he designated as "Letters of the Living". They consisted of 17 men and one woman. The Báb clearly identified the 18 "Letters of

the Living" as the "return" of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), Fatimah (the daughter of the Prophet), the 12 Imams (this would include the 12th Imam named Muhammad Mahdih), and the 4 "Gates" (named above).

Mulla Husayn Bushrui, a disciple of Siyyid Kazim Rashti, was the First "Letter of the Living". The Báb clearly identified Mulla Husayn Bushrui as the "return" (rajat) of the "nafs" (self/soul) of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). The Báb identified the only female Letter of the Living, Tahirih, a Shia poetess, as the "return" of the "nafs" (souls/self) of Fatima, the daughter of the Prophet and wife of the Imam Ali. In 1850, in his *Tablet of Visitation*, The Báb clearly identified the Last "Letter of the Living", a man called "Quddús" (Arabic: "Most Holy"), as the "return" (rajat) of the 12th Imam (Muhammad Mahdi): the Expected One of the Shia Islam.

The Báb clearly taught that 1260 A.H., 1000 lunar years from the "occultation" of the Imam Muhammad Mahdi (260 A.H.), was the "Day of Resurrection"; meaning that the righteous True Believers (Momeneen) among the followers of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) would "return" via the wombs of new mothers. This is clearly taught in many of his writings, which is the "reason why" most of his writings have not yet been published or "officially" translated: on orders of the Universal House of Justice in Haifa, Israel.

Baha'is Are Taught

Baha'is are taught that Ali Muhammad Shirazi (1819-1950) was the promised Hidden Imam returned. Not his body. Not his soul, but the "return" of his "qualities and perfections" (Baha'is are not sure what "qualities and perfections" mean). In any case, they are taught that this man, whom they call "The Báb" (Arabic: "Gate"), was the Forerunner, like the "John the Baptist" to Baha'u'llah (bah-hah-oh-LAH), whom they believe, is the Supreme Manifestation of God, and the "World Teacher" and the Promised One of all religions. Baha'is view Baha'u'llah (Arabic: "The Glory of God") as the "return" of the "Qualities and Perfections" of Christ. So, in some mystical sense they can't really understand, Baha'u'llah was the return of Christ. Not the reincarnation of Christ (Baha'is deny reincarnation exists), but the return of Christ's "Qualities and Perfections". What are those? They really don't know. Some try to guess.

Nowhere in the Writings of The Bab can one find any reference to "The Bábí Faith". Can't be found. The Báb never claimed to be a Rasool (Messenger) nor a

Nabee (Prophet) nor the Qa'eem ("Riser"), and he never called his religion "Bábí Faith". He always referred to his religion as "Islaam". He wrote:

"And whomsoever disbelieveth in Islaam shall not have his deeds accepted by God on the Day of Resurrection; not the least thing, as befits the Truth, shall in any way be accepted." (Ref: Qayyamul Asma, Surah Mulk, verse 13)

The book *Qayyamul Asma* (Arabic: "Greatest Name") is the major work of The Báb and looks upon as superior to his book *al-Bayan* (Arabic: "Exposition").

The Báb did not claim to be Imam Mehdi (also called "The Proof of God" and "The Remnant of God" and "The Riser"), but the Fifth "Gate" (i.e. medium/channeler of the Hidden Imam (Mehdi)). Because of this, he was considered a blasphemer and heretic by the Shia clergy, so he was arrested several times. The Báb practiced "dissimulation"; meaning he denied publicly he was the "Gate" but taught it privately. After several arrests, public denials, and private recantations of the public denials, the Shi'ite clergy had enough of him, and he was shot to death by a firing-squad next to an army barracks in Tabriz, Iran, in 1850. Baha'is don't like to discuss miracles, playing down their importance (and often denying them), but they will tell you that a "miracle" occurred at the martyrdom of The Báb; that the first volley of 750 rifles severed his ropes, and he was only killed by a second volley, after finishing his last instructions to his followers. His body was taken by his followers, and put into a sealed lead coffin, and eventually buried on the Sacred Spot on the north slope of Mount Carmel in Palestine (now Israel), overlooking the city of Haifa.

The Báb (Siyyid Ali Muhammad Shirazi) wrote large books in the style of the Qu'ran, and Baha'is believe those books are infallible scripture, just like the Qu'ran or the Bible. Baha'u'llah wrote hundreds of letters called "Tablets" to his followers, and heads of state. And Baha'is believe his writings are also infallible scripture. Baha'u'llah died in 1892, and was succeeded by his eldest son, Abbas Effendi, who took the title of '*Abdu'l-Baha* (Arabic: "Servant of Glory"), and who travelled to France, England, the U.S., and Canada, preaching the Baha'i Principles of One God, equality for men and women, the elimination of prejudices of all kinds, spiritual solutions to economic problems, the need for an International Tribunal to help prevent wars, universal education for males and females both, a universal auxiliary language, and race unity (equality and peace between the races).

The True Station of The Báb

According to the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), in his audience with the Muhaddas (Jamshid Rohani) in the Third Heaven, The Báb was not a Messenger of God, but the "fifth gate" of the Hidden Imam. In 847 A.D. Muhammad al-Mehdi, a young boy who was destined to become the 12th Imam of Shi'ite Islam, disappeared. Nobody knows what happened to the lad. Shi'ite Muslims believe that Allah is "hiding" him somewhere, like in an underground cavern, to await the Last Days. They call this the "Occultation of the Hidden Imam". After his disappearance, a Shi'ite arose claiming to be the "Báb (Arabic: "gate") of the Hidden Imam. In English, he would be known as a "medium" or "chandler". He said that Allah was keeping the boy "hidden" until the Last Day, when the Hidden Imam would return and establish the true Sect of Islam, and establish peace and justice throughout the world. After the first Báb (gate) a second one arose, and then a third, and then a fourth Báb arose, and the fourth Báb declared that no more "Gates" would arise, until the Day of Resurrection.

These four men were not Messengers nor Prophets, but "Gates" to the Hidden Imam; deputies through which the Hidden Imam communicated to the Shi'ite Muslims. They spoke and wrote "in the name" of the Hidden Imam *in the first person*, but they themselves were not the Remnant of God, but just Shi'ite Muslims who were chosen to be the "gates" by which the Proof of God (Imam Mahdi) communicated to the Shia Community.

The Imam Mahdi ("Mehdi") is also called:

"The Proof of God"

"The Remnant of God" (Baqiyyatu'llah)

"The Riser" (al-Qa'im)

"The Lord of the Age"

After the Fourth Báb died, that was the end of the line of *Abváb* (Arabic: "Gates"). Then, many hundreds of years later, in 1844, Siyyid Ali Muhammad Shirazi, a young merchant in Shiraz, Iran, arose claiming to be the Fifth Báb (Gate) to the Hidden Imam. He did not claim to be the Hidden Imam himself, but to be his "gate" (i.e. he "channeled" the Hidden Imam). That is how the Bábís (followers of The Báb) understood the station of "The Báb". They did not view him as a Rasool (Messenger) nor Nabi (Prophet) but as the Fifth Báb (Gate) of the Hidden Imam, the young boy who disappeared in 847 A.D. The symbol of The Báb was the five-pointed star.



Symbol of the Báb

The five-pointed star was the symbol of The Báb because he claimed to be the Fifth "Gate" of the Hidden Imam; not the Hidden Imam himself.

According to Shi'ite Muslim prophecies, the Hidden Imam will appear as a grown man riding a white horse, carrying a sword, and he will establish peace and justice over the entire world. The Fifth Báb (Ali Muhammad Shirazi) did not do any of that; which is why the Shia Muslims don't pay any attention to his claims.

A Baha'i named Nader Saiedi, who speaks English, Farsi, and Arabic, has read just about all the writings of Báb and has written the following:

"His writings appear to convey the impression that He is only the Gate to the Hidden Imam." (*Gate of the Heart: Understanding the Writings of The Báb*, p.19)

This conforms to what Muhammad (pbuh) said to Jamshid Rohani in the Third Heaven, that The Báb was not a Rasool (Messenger) nor a Nabi (Prophet) but the fifth "Gate" to the Hidden Imam. The Universal House of Justice (council of nine men who rule the Faith worldwide) have only allowed the publishing of carefully chosen "Selections" from the writings of The Báb. Why only selections? Why not all of it? They won't tell us. Baha'i scholars who have published "unauthorized" texts by The Báb, have been declared Covenant-Breakers or simply had their membership in the Faith "removed" without explanation. Why did the House "declare" them or "remove" their membership? Again...you *can't* even *ask* that question! If you even "ask" then the House will send a letter to your NSA and ask them to "remove" your name from the membership list. Why does the House want most of the Writings of The Báb to remain unpublished and untranslated? Again...you *cannot* ask that question!

The Báb himself identifies his rank and station

In *A Traveler's Narrative* by Abdu'l-Baha, he quotes from the Most Holy Book of The Báb which was called the Qayyamul Asma (Greatest Name). The Bab wrote:

"O Remnant of God (Baqiyyatu'llah), I am wholly sacrificed to thee; I am content with the curses in thy way , and have yearned for naught but martyrdom in the path of Thy love" (Ref: Qayyamul Asma, The Bab. Quoted from Traveller's Narrative, Page 3)

The Arabic term "Baqiyyatullah" means "Remnant of God" and is one of the titles of the Hidden Imaam: along with "Proof of God" and "Riser" (Qa'im) and "The Lord of the Age".

The Báb also wrote:

"I bear witness that He whose name is Ali-Qabl-i-Muhammad (The Báb) is the servant of the Baqiyyatu'-llah." (Ref: Dawn Breakers, page 144)

Ali-Qabi-i-Muhammad was the birth name of The Báb. Here, again, he is identifying himself as the "servant" of the Hidden Imaam; not the Hidden Imaam himself. Although, like the first four "Gates" (Abvab), The Báb sometimes would write as the "Pen" of the Hidden Imaam; as they did. The Gates (Abvab) were the "channellers" of the Hidden Imaam who was "hidden" by God (in "occultation") until the Last Day.

After the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) died, according to Shi'ite belief, he was succeeded by 12 Imaams ("Leaders") starting with his cousin and son-in-law, the Imaam Ali. The eldest son of Ali became imaam upon his death, and was replaced by another descendant of Ali and his wife Fatimah; usually the eldest son. The 12th Imaam was a young boy when he "disappeared". A Shi'ite arose declaring that he was the "Gate" (Arabic: "Báb") of the "Hidden Imaam" whom Allah was hiding until the last day. Each "Báb" appointed his successor. Finally, the 4th Gate (Báb) declared that he was the final Gate until the Day of Resurrection.

Muhammad

Fatimah

12 Imaams

4 Gates (Abvab) Total=18 souls

In 1820, a Shi'ite cleric named Sheikh Ahmad-i-Ahsa'i arose declaring he was a "Muhaddas" (Seer), and that in dreams the Prophet and the Imaams visited him and gave him Revelation. He declared that the "Remnant of God" (Hidden Imaam) died as a boy, and was in Paradise, but that he would be born of another woman, and have a new name, and he would "unveil" himself in the year 1260 A.H. (1843-44 A.D.).

The 12th Imaam went missing as a boy in the year 126 A.H. and he would be "revealed" as a grown man, with a new name, who had been born of a different woman, in the year 1260 A.H.: exactly 1000 lunar years after he went into "occultation" (hidden by God). This was contrary to popular Shi'ite beliefs, that Allah was keeping the Imaam Mehdi "hide" in a cave, and that Mehdi would "rise" out of the cave in the last days, a full grown man, thus the name "The Riser". Sheikh Ahmad said that the boy had died, but would reincarnate. This was considered "heresy" to most Shi'ites. Yet, Sheikh Ahmad found followers.

Shi'ites believe that Allah "hid" the 12 Imaam, because the Shi'ite Imaams were being assassinated, one after the other, by the Umayyad Caliphs of Damascus; who ruled Sunni Islaam.

Baha'is are told that it is true that The Báb first denied he was the Hidden Imaam, but only claimed he was the "servant of" the Hidden Imaam, but this deception was necessary to avoid persecution. The TRUTH is, in fact, The Bab denied he was the Hidden Imaam, but only the "servant" of the Hidden Imaam. The Bab later clearly identified Quddús, the 18th Letter of the Living, as the "Remnant of God".

Quddús As The Imaam Mehdi and *He Whom God Will Make Manifest*

The Báb called 18 of his disciples "Letters of the Living". He claimed that these 18 were the "return" (rajat) of the following people:

*The Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) returned as Mulla Husayn Bushru'i (the first disciple of The Báb)

*Fatimah, the daughter of the Prophet, returned as Tahiri (the only female Letter of the Living)

*The 12 Imaams (including the Imaam Mehdi) returned as 12 Letters of the Living

*The 4 "Gates" of the Hidden Imaam returned as 4 Letters of the Living.

1 (Bushru'i/Muhammad) + 1 (Tahiri/Fatimah) + 12 (Imaams) + 4 (Gates) = 18

Since 12 of his "Letters of the Living" were the return of the 12 Shi'ite Imaams, this meant that one of the Letters of the Living *had to be* "the return" of the 12th "Hidden" Imaam Muhammad al-Mehdi (the young lad who disappeared in 857 A.D./260 A.H.); who was also called "The Riser" (Qa'im) and "the Proof of God" and "the Remnant of God" (Baquiyyatu'llah).

The Báb had a disciple whom he made one of the Letters of the Living, called "Quddús" (Arabic: "Holy One"), who claimed before the Battle of Fort Tabarsi (where many were killed) that he was in fact the "Remnant of God" (the Hidden Imaam). Exactly 313 Bábís (followers of The Báb) had gathered at the Shrine of Tabarsi (a Shi'ite holy man) because the Shah (King of Iran) commanded his army to go arrest them. According to Shi'ite Muslim prophecy, the Hidden Imaam will lean his back against a Ka'bih (Shrine of a Shi'ite Saint) and say: "The Baquiyyatu'llah [Remnant of God] will be best for you if ye are of those who believe." The early Bábí historian, Nabil, wrote:

'The first words that fell from the lips of Quddús after he had dismounted and leaned against the shrine were the following: "The Baquiyyatu'llah [The Remnant of God] will be best for you if ye are of those who believe." [Qur'an 11:85] By this utterance was fulfilled the prophecy of Muhammad as recorded in the following tradition: "And when the Mihdi is made manifest, He shall lean His back against the Ka'bih and shall address to the three hundred and thirteen followers who will have grouped around Him, these words: `The Baquiyyatu'llah will be best for you if ye are of those who believe.'" (Nabil *Dawnbreakers* p.352, also see p. 15)

The Bábís had gathered at the Shrine of a Shi'ite Muslim "holy man" named Shaykh Tabrizi, which they made into a fort; because troops sent from the Shah of Iran were coming to arrest them. There was a Shi'ite Muslim prophecy, well known to all the Shi'ite then and now, that when the Qa'im ("Riser"), the Mahdi returned, he would be killed by a "bearded Jewish woman" named *Sa'ida* with a "iron mallet". Although the Báb&iabout; fought hard, they were defeated by the royal troops, and Quddús himself was executed on the spot by a man named *Saidu'l-Ulama*; a man of Jewish blood who converted to Shi'ite Islaam, long rumored to be "effeminate". He killed Quddús with a blow to the head by an *iron ax*.

Upon hearing of the martyrdom of Quddús, The Báb wrote the "Tablet of Visitation" which lauded Quddús as "the First and the Last" and other exalted titles fit only for the Mahdi. The Universal House of Justice has never authorized an official translation of the "Tablet of Visitation" but several Baha'i scholars have published their own translations. In the book *New History of The Báb* by Mirza Jani, translated into English by Prof. Edward Browne, Quddús is clearly called "the Lord of the Age". The Universal House of Justice has refused to publish or distribute *The New History of The Báb* by Mirza Jani.

After Quddús was martyred at the Ka'aba-shaped Shrine of a Shi'ite saint (Shaykh Tabrisi), The Báb wrote *The Tablet of Visitation* in honor of Quddús, and addressed to him, saying:

"Thou hast been raised up, nor is there above thee anyone possessed of exaltation like unto thee; thou hast come near, nor is there anyone possessed of proximity like unto thine. All created things have given praise in unison out of the essence of thy praise, and all atoms have rendered glorification out of the camphor of thy glorification, and all the psychic entities have extolled the oneness of God in unison out of the substance of thine extolling of His unity, and all the individual realities have lauded the greatness of God in unison out of the absolute reality of thy glorification of His greatness. All render praise unto God through thee, and all sanctify God through thee, and all extol God's singleness through thee, and all magnify God through thee. So great hath been thine affliction that the afflictions of all created things are cut off from any connection with it; the calamity that hath overwhelmed thee hath reached so high a station that no other calamity of any created thing may be mentioned in the same breath as it.

By thy glory, there is nothing in existence apart from God that weepeth not sore over thee, that is not established under thy shadow, that doth not praise God with the praise thou didst offer, that doth not sanctify His name with the sanctification thou didst render, that doth not extol the unity of God with the praise of His unity that thou didst utter, and that doth not magnify God with the magnification whereby thou didst honour His greatness. From all eternity and unto all eternity thou hast been in the exaltation of holiness and majesty, and unto all eternity thou shalt be in the height of sanctity and beauteousness. Thou art he that hath become manifest through the manifestation of thy Lord, and kept hidden through the concealment of thy

Lord, and thou art the First, for there is no first save thee, and the Last, for there is no last other than thee." (*Tablet of Visitation by The Báb* published in *Rituals in Babism and Baha'ism* 2:105-106)

The Imaam Mehdi, the firstborn son of the 11th Imaam, was a young boy who "disappeared" in 260 A.H. (828 A.D.). The Shi'ites believed that God was keeping him "hidden" in a cave somewhere, underground, protecting him until such time that he would "rise"; thus the name of "The Riser" (al-Qa'im). According to Shaykh Ahmad-I-Asai'i, whom Baha'is are told was a Seer, would reappear as a grown man 1000 lunar years from 260 A.H., in the year 1260 A.H. (1844 A.D.). It was in 1844 that a young Mulla (clergyman) named Muhammad-Ali Barfurushi appeared to The Báb, and became the 18th Letter of the Living (Disciple). The Báb gave him the title of "Most Holy" (Quddús).

In the *Tablet of Visitation* The Báb clearly identifies Quddús as the one "kept hidden though the concealment of thy Lord" and "thou are the First, and there is no first save thee, and the Last, and there is no last save thee" and "Thou art he that hath become manifest through the manifestation of thy Lord" which means that Quddus was "He Whom God Would Make Manifest": the Promised One expected by the followers of The Báb.

According to Shi'ite Muslim prophesy, the Imaam Mehdi would be killed by a bearded Jewish woman named "Sa'ida" by an iron mallet. Quddús was killed by a iron ax by a Jewish convert to Shi'ism, who was known to be effeminante (i.e. "like a woman") whose name was Sa'idul-Ulama. According to Shi'ite Muslim prophecy, the Imaam Mehdi would lean his back against the Ka'aba ("cube") and say a certain sentence before 313 followers, the very sentence that Quddús said while learning his back against the shrine of Shaykh Tabrisi, in front of 313 Bábís, a shrine which was fashioned like the Ka'aba of Mecca.

The Fourth Bab (channeler) of the Hidden Imaam wrote that the Hidden Imaam would not communicate with the Shi'ites again until the Day of Resurrection. The Báb declared that the Day of Resurrection occurred in 1260 A.H. (1844 A.D.) when all Believers at the time of Muhammad, until Muhammad, Fatimah, the 12 Imaams, and the 4 Advab (Gates) would "return" via the wombs of new mothers (reincarnation). The 18 disciples of The Bab, he declared to be the "return" of the following:

*The return of the Prophet Muhammad (Molla Bushuri..the first Letter of the Living)

*The return of Fatimah, the daughter of Muhammad (Tahirih...the only female Letter of the Living).

*The return of the 12 Imaams (including the 12th Imaam...The Imaam Mehdi...who disappeared as a young boy in 1260 A.H.)

*The return of the 4 Abvab (the four "Gates" or channelers of the Hidden Imaam)

Therefore, if the 12 of the 18 Letters of the Living "must be" the return of the 12 Imaams, then one of them must be the return of the 12th Imaam; the Imaam Mehdi, the young boy who "disappeared" in 1260 A.H.: the Riser, the Proof of God, the Remnant of God (Baqiyyatu'llah) , the Lord of the Age.

Nabil Zarandi was a Báb;í (a follower of The Báb), but later become a Baha'i. He wrote an early history of The Báb called "The Dawnbreakers"; an English version is in all Baha'i libraries and bookstores. The English version leaves out much later material deemed "irrelevant" by Shoghi Effendi, who translated and published the book.

According to Shi'ite Muslim prophecy, the Hidden Imaam would arise and put his back against "the Cube" (Ka'aba) and say certain words, in front of 313 followers. Shi'ites assume by "Ka'aba" is meant the "Cube" in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, at the Grand Mosque. At the Shrine of Tabrisi, A Shi'ite Saint, which is in Iran but shaped like the Ka'aba, like a Cube, Quddús leaned his back against it, and said the "words" that the Riser and Proof of God was supposed to say, and there were 313 Báb' there who accepted him as the "return" of the Imaam al-Mehdi that day. He was identifying *himself* as the Imaam Mehdi, the Qa'im, and Baqiyyatu'llah, the "Lord" of The Báb and all Shi'ite Muslims (see *The Dawnbreakers* page 352).

The book *Dawnbreakers* by Nabil Zarandi, is found in all Baha'i Center libraries. Go look at a copy, page 352.

There is a sect in Iran called the Quddúsí (Quddúsites), who believe that Quddús was the promised Imaam Mehdi (also spelled "Mahdi" or "Mihdi"). The Quddúsí call themselves "Shi'ite Muslims" and believe The Báb was

merely the fifth Gate to the Imaam Mehdi, but Quddús was in fact the "return" of the Imaam Mehdi (Remnant of God). They believe in reincarnation, and that Quddús will one day "return" (reincarnate) and fulfill the Shi'ite prophecies of the Imaam Mehdi i.e. to establish peace and justice throughout the Earth. Obviously, neither The Báb nor Quddús "fulfilled" the Shi'ite prophecies regarding the Mahdi, that he would establish peace and justice throughout the entire Earth. That is why Shi'ite Muslims pay no attention to Baha'i or Qaddusi claims. However, for the Qaddúsi, this is not a problem, since they believe in "raja" (reincarnation) and that Quddús will "return" (born a baby to a new mother) to fulfill the final Shi'ite prophecies.

The Báb was *not* the return of the Hidden Imaam (Mehdi), but the "Fifth Gate" to the Hidden Imaam. The Báb clearly identified Quddús as the "return" (reincarnation) of the Hidden Imaam. This is in black and white in the writings of The Bab which the House (Universal House of Justice) has wisely refused to publish.

In Muslim countries, it is common for Muslims to say "May my life be a sacrifice for him" when referring to Muhammad (pbuh), and Shi'ite Muslims often say the same thing when referring to the Imaam Ali or to his son the Imaam Husain, whom Shi'ite Muslims consider to have "atoned" for the sins of the Shi'ite community by his death. They say "May my life be a sacrifice to him" or some variation of that. The lesser always says that about the Greater. A superior *never* says that about an inferior, nor an equal. The Báb wrote the following about the Hidden Imaam:

"O Remnant of God (Baqiatullah), I am wholly sacrificed to thee; I am content with the curses in thy way, and have yearned for naught but martyrdom in the path of Thy love" (Ref: Qayyumul Asma, by The Báb. Quoted from *A Traveller's Narrative*, Page 3)

"I bear witness that He whose name is Ali-Qabl-i-Muhammad [The Bá] is the servant of the Baqiyyatu'llah." (Ref: Dawn Breakers, page 144)

The Imaam Mehdi is the *Baqiyyatu'llah* (Remnant of God)

The Báb identified himself as "the servant of" the Baqiyyatu'llah.

It was Shoghi Effendi who "changed" the station of The Báb from the "Fifth Gate" and Servant of the Imaam Mehdi (Baqiyyatu'llah), to the Imaam

Mehdi, Founder of a new Religion (The Babi Faith), Prophet, independent Messenger of God, and Forerunner of Baha'u'llah! We shall see evidence of this later.

The Báb clearly puts himself as the "servant" of the "Remnant of God" (a title for the Hidden Imaam). Indeed, nowhere in the writings of The Báb does he claim to be the Hidden Imaam, but only the fifth "Gate" (Arabic: *báb*) to the Hidden Imaam. The Báb clearly appointed Mirza Yahya (called "Soob-ee-Azal") to be his successor, and the sixth "Gate" to the Hidden Imaam. There is no dispute about this. Mirza Yahya was the younger half-brother of Baha'u'llah. Baha'i apologists say that "yes" The Báb did appoint Mirza Yahya (Soob-ee-Azal) to be his successor, but argue this was just a "faint" (a deception) in order to protect Baha'u'llah from persecution. Now...If you believe *that* I've got a bridge in Brooklyn I'd love to sell you!

In Shi'ite Islaam a "Gate" (Arabic: "Báb") means a man who "channels" messages from the Hidden Imaam; who is in "occultation" (God is hiding him until the Last Day meaning the Day of Resurrection).

The Báb sometimes wrote as the "servant" of the Hidden Imaam, and sometimes in the first person as the Hidden Imaam. The other four "gates" did the same thing. They were the "channelers" of the Hidden Imaam, and sometimes wrote in the first person. The Prophets of Israel spoke and wrote "in the name of the Lord" writing "I am God, and there is no God besides me" and such things. That does not mean that the Prophets thought they "were" God. The Gates wrote "in the name of" the Hidden Imaam. That does not mean they thought they "were" the Hidden Imaam. They didn't. They were his "na'ih" (deputies).

The Reign of Baha'u'llah

Mirza Husayn-Ali Nuri was the son of a Iranian nobleman. He and his younger half-brother, Yahya, became followers of The Báb about 1845. In 1850, a few follows of The Bab tried to assassinate the Shah of Iran, but they used bird shot in their pistols; which wounded, but did not kill, the Shah. Infuriated, the Shah ordered the massacre and arrest of all Bábís. Baha'u'llah was sent to a dungeon in Tihran called the "Black Pit" (Siyah Chal in Farsi). There, in 1853, he had a "vision" of a female angel called "The Maid of Heaven" who told him he was the "Promised One". Not the

Imaam Mehdi, but some other "Promised One". He was exiled to Baghdad, along with other Bábís who were not killed. In the 1850s Baha'u'llah went to Sulimaniyyah, in Kurdish Iraq, and spent two years there living among the Naqshbandi Sufis. The Sufis (soo-fees) are mystical Muslims who see Islaam not as a set of laws but as a holy Path to follow. Their goal is to travel spiritual "valleys" (stations) until they reach the "last valley" which is called the Valley of Nothingness and Absolute Poverty: a spiritual station in which they depend upon God for even their own thoughts. At that point they experience "death in God" (fana'i'llah) which means their soul (Nafs) "dies" and they are left only with their body and their ruh (Spirit), and the Spirit is Allah. They become "One" with God. Baha'u'llah takes the name Dervish Muhammad-I-Irani. Before he returns to Baghdad, Baha'u'llah is given a Dervish turban of a Murshid (spiritual Master) which he wears the rest of his life.

To the outside world Baha'u'llah was known as Baha Effendi or Baha'u'Deen. The founder of the Naqshbandi Sufi Order was Baha'u'Deen, who died in the 1500s. To Baha'ís, Baha'u'llah was known as "The Blessed Beauty" or "The Blessed Perfection".

Baha'u'llah never called himself a "Prophet" nor a "Messenger of God". He considered Muhammad to be the final Messenger of God. He wrote:

"Blessings and salutations be on the Holy Prophet of Islam (pbuh) – the leader of the universe, the nourisher of the nations, the one by whom Messengership and Prophethood was terminated and upon his progeny and his companions; a perpetual and never ending blessing and salutation."

(Ref: Ishraqaat, page 293)

Baha'u'llah did not consider himself to be the Imaam Mehdi, nor to be the "successor" of The Báb. There is no question, historically, that The Báb appointed Mirza Yahya Soob-i-Azal, the younger half-brother of Baha'u'llah, as his successor. In 1853, Baha'u'llah was put into the Siyah Chal ("Black Pit") prison in Tehran, because he was a "leader" (but not "the" leader) among the followers of The Báb. During the four months in Siyah Chal, Baha'u'llah had a "vision" of the "Maid of Heaven", a female angelic figure, who said he was the Promised One; meaning the One mentioned in the Writings of The Báb as "He Whom God Shall Make Manifest". Not the Hidden Imaam, but another station. In a Hadith (Saying) of the Prophet

(pbuh), there is a saying that Allah would appear to mankind on the Day of Judgment:

Hadith 113:

Abu Hurayra narrated that some people said to the Prophet:

O Messenger of Allah, shall we see our Lord on the Day of Judgement?

He said: Do you have any doubt about seeing the sun when it is not covered by the clouds?

They said: No, O Messenger of Allah!

Do you have any doubt about seeing the moon on the night of the full moon, when it is not covered by clouds?

They said: No, O Messenger of Allah!

Then likewise you shall see Him [Allah] on the Day of Judgment...

And this nation will remain along with its hypocrites, and Allah would come to them in a form other than the one they know, and would say "I am your Lord". They would say: "We seek refuge in Allah from you. This is our place until our Lord comes to us. And when our Lord comes to us."

Then Allah will come to them in the form that they know, and would say "I am your Lord". They would say: "You indeed are our Lord", and they would follow Him. [Bukhari] (pp. 158-161)

According to the Hadith (saying), Allah would appear to Muslims on the Day of Judgment, twice, the first time He would come "in a form they don't know" meaning they would not recognize Him, and the second time He comes in a form they recognize, and they accept Him as their Lord. There is no doubt that Baha'u'llah saw Himself as one of these two "appearances" and probably the second one.

The Báb had declared that "The Day of Judgment" began in 1844! Therefore, Allah had to come down and "appear" to the Believers (Muslims) during this "Day" (Dispensation) as prophesied in the Qu'ran and the Hadiths (Sayings).

After Baghdad, Baha'u'llah is exiled to Erdine, Turkey, and then finally to the Turkish prison city of Akka, Palestine. Before he dies, Baha'u'llah appoints his two oldest sons, Abbas Effendi ('Abdu'l-Baha) and Mohammad Ali Effendi, as co-heirs. Abbas Effendi was to defer to Muhammad Ali Effendi on matters of doctrine, and Muhammad Ali Effendi was to defer to

Abbas Effendi on matters of public relations with the Turkish authorities and relations with non-Baha'is. Abbas Effendi is also known as 'Abdu'l-Baha. Baha'is today are told that Baha'u'llah gave 'Abdu'l-Baha "full charge" of the Faith in all matters, but this is not true. They were to be joint Commanders of the Faithful.

Baha'u'llah had four sons who lived to adulthood (the others died as children or youth):

*Abbas Effendi ('Abdu'l-Baha)

*Mohammad Ali Effendi

*Badi'u'llah

*Diya'u'llah

The younger sons of Baha'u'llah soon accused 'Abdu'l-Baha of changing doctrines and practices in order to "appease" wealthy British and American Baha'is. Baha'u'llah allowed a Baha'i man to have two wives and a one concubine (servant girl) in his *Kitab-i-Aqdas* (Most Holy Book), but 'Abdu'l-Baha interpreted that to mean strict monogamy (i.e. he was afraid to offend Westerners who supported him financially). Also, 'Abdu'l-Baha denied the doctrine of "raja" (reincarnation), which all Baha'is believed until then. They accused 'Abdu'l-Baha of being a hypocrite; of teaching Westerners against racism (in order to appease them so they would continue with their financial donations to him), but continuing to teach racism ("black Africans are cows with human faces") to the Baha'is who spoke only Farsi and Arabic.

Baha'is are taught today that the younger sons of Baha'u'llah were evil, lying, conniving, greedy men, hungry for power, and that is why they were declared "Violators" by 'Abdu'l-Baha. We shall see below "who" is telling the truth regarding this matter.

George Kheiralla

In 1890, a Syrian Christian named Ibrahim George Kheiralla (kay-raw-law), becomes a Baha'i in Egypt. He speaks English well, having graduated from the Protestant College of Syria (now: American University of Beirut). He settles in Chicago in 1892, and begins to convert large numbers of Americans to the Baha'i Faith, or "his version" of it. Some of these Americans converts go to Britain and convert friends and relatives. Some of these American and British converts travel to Haifa, around 1894, to meet Baha'u'llah, but the time they get to Haifa, they learn that Baha'u'llah has

died (1892), and they are told that 'Abdu'l-Baha (Abbas Effendi) is now the leader of the Baha'is worldwide. None of these American or British Baha'is are told anything about the younger sons of Baha'u'llah (Mohammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah) or their claims.

Before Kheiralla, Baha'u'llah didn't have any American or European disciples. Kheiralla was the first person to introduce Baha'u'llah to the non-muslim world. In letters to Kheiralla, before Kheiralla switched allegiance to the Unitarians (Mohammed Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah), 'Abdu'l-Baha referred to George as "Baha's Peter".



Ibrahim George Kheiralla (c. 1900)

By the year 1900, there are about 3,000 to 5,000 Baha'is in America, and several hundred in Britain; mostly affluent liberals. All of them were converted to the Faith by Kheiralla or by those who had been converted by Kheiralla. 'Abdu'l-Baha sends emissaries to America in the year 1900, to start organizing the Baha'is, and to get donations. The emissaries of 'Abdu'l-Baha discover that George Kheiralla has "strange" ideas about the Faith, and 'Abdu'l-Baha orders George to Haifa to get educated. So, Kheiralla, who is wealthy from inheritance, travels to Haifa to meet with 'Abdu'l-Baha and to stay for six months. He is told nothing about the younger sons of Baha'u'llah. Eventually, in Haifa, he is told that Baha'u'llah had two other sons, and that they lived nearby. Kheiralla asks 'Abdu'l-Baha about this, but 'Abdu'l-Baha refuses to discuss the issue, and simply gets up and walks out of the room anytime Kheiralla mentions the subject. Kheiralla is told by other Baha'is that the other sons of Baha'u'llah are "Nakazeen" (violators) and shunned completely, and no Baha'i is allowed to speak to them nor even speak about them. However,

Kheiralla sneaks away to meet these brothers, and listens to "their" side of the story. He is "shocked" beyond belief by what they tell him.

The younger sons of Baha'u'llah (Mohammed Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah) tell George Kheiralla that 'Abdu'l-Baha has "changed" the teachings of Baha'u'llah in order to "placate" Westerners, so as to get their donations. They tell him that he has cut them off from their father's estate, and the Holy Shrines. They tell him that 'Abdu'l-Baha is anti-racist to the Westerners, in order to "please" them, so as to get their money, but a "racist" to those Baha'is who speak only Farsi and Arabic. Kheiralla is shocked, but goes back to Haifa to hear a response by 'Abdu'l-Baha; only to find that 'Abdu'l-Baha is still refusing to even to mention his brothers, much less discuss, even calmly, their claims.

Kheiralla was told by his Baha'i teacher in Egypt in 1890, that Baha'is believe in reincarnation, but 'Abdu'l-Baha now preaches against reincarnation. Kheiralla concludes that he has been misled, but by "whom"? Kheiralla eventually rejects 'Abdu'l-Baha, and sides with the Aghsan (i.e. the younger sons of Baha'u'llah). Kheiralla and all the Baha'is who follow him, about a fourth of the American and British Baha'is, are excommunicated by 'Abdu'l-Baha. Kheiralla tries to organize these men and women into a "Behaist" movement, under the leadership of the Aghsan, but it fails. He drops into obscurity.

The Excommunication of Mirza Aqa Jan of Kasan

The "First to Believe" in Baha'u'llah as "He Whom God Shall Make Manifest" was Mirza Jan of Kashan. He became the personal secretary of Baha'u'llah, writing all of His Tablets, as they fell from the lips of Baha'u'llah, from 1863 to the death of Baha'u'llah in 1892. Baha'u'llah so honored Mirza Aqa Jan that he gave him honorary titles such as "Jabab-i-Khadimullah" ("His Honor the Servant of God") and "Servant of the Presence". However, when Baha'u'llah died in 1892, there was, almost immediately, conflict between 'Abdu'l-Baha and his younger brothers: Mohammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah.



Mirza Aqa Jan was the personal secretary of Baha'u'llah, and wrote most of His tablets as Baha'u'llah dictated to him.

On the one year anniversary of the death of Baha'u'llah, the sons of Baha'u'llah and the closet disciples met at the tomb of Baha'u'llah in Bahji, near Akka, and there rose another argument between 'Abdu'l-Baha and his younger brothers (Mohammed Ali and Badi'u'llah). His younger brothers were accusing 'Abdu'l-Baha of "changing" the Holy Texts and changing the Holy Laws of Baha'u'llah. 'Abdu'l-Baha asked Mirza Aqa Jan for his opinion on the matter, and Mirza Aqa Jan arose and said that he agreed with the younger sons of Baha'u'llah, that 'Abdu'l-Baha was distorting the Holy Laws of Baha'u'llah, and he (Aqa Jan) knew this because he wrote the Holy Laws with his own hand as Baha'u'llah dictated to him. 'Abdu'l-Baha immediately arose from his seat, grabbed Mirza Aqa Jan by the collar, slapped his turban off his head (a horrible insult to a Persian man), and violently threw him out of the room. Professor Edward Browne, in his book *Materials for the Study of Babi Religion*, writes:

"He [Mirza Aqa Jan] was grievously maltreated, beaten, imprisoned in a stable, robbed of his books, threatened with strangulation and excommunication by the followers of 'Abdu'l-Baha." (p. 198)

Mirza Aqa Jan was literally tortured and threatened with death, but he was steadfast, and was eventually excommunicated by 'Abdu'l-Baha; along with his wife and children, because he agreed with the Branches (i.e. Mohammad Ali Effendi and Mirza Badi'u'llah) that 'Abdu'l-Baha was changing and distorting the revelations and holy laws of Baha'u'llah.

The Suicide of Nabil

Every Baha'i has heard of Nabil Zarandi. Many Iranian Baha'is name a son "Nabil" in honor of the author of *The Dawnbreakers*. Shoghi Effendi

designated him as one of the "19 Apostles of Baha'u'llah". He is honored as a noble Baha'i to this day. However, Baha'is are not told the "rest of the story". According to Kashful-Hiyal Vol. I. P. 75, written by the former "Apostle of Baha'u'llah Mirza Jawab:

"Abdul Baha Abbas became on bad terms with Nabil. He cast Nabil into the sea, drowned him with his own hands, or through his partisans, and afterwards spread the rumor that Nabil had drowned himself." (Kashful-Hiyal I:75)



Nabil Zarandi (c. 1890)

According to the memoirs of Baha'u'llah's youngest son Mirza Badiullah surnamed the Most Luminous Branch by Baha:



"One day (after the death of Baha'u'llah) his honourable mighty Nabil Zarandi had come to Haifa. He was very sad because of the ascension (i.e. the death of Baha'u'llah). He said that he could not stay in Acca, the situation was very bad. Nabil said to me:



"One must, by the force of insult and damnation, consider the Opposed One (i.e. 'Abdu'l-Baha) above [more important than] the Ancient Beauty (i.e. Baha'u'llah), (and one must) tell this to everyone and write

about it and believe in his ('Abdu'l-Baha's) convictions (teachings), whilst the mighty branch (i.e. 'Abdu'l-Baha) considers the sacred writings and tablets (of Baha'u'llah) corrupted, (and he) excommunicates and libels (says untruths about) the Branches (younger sons of Baha'u'llah) and the Household (blood relatives of Baha'u'llah). Failure to do so, he would [have that person] be subject to a thousand lies and slanders. Give me a room in the slope of the Carmel Mountain; I wish to spend the rest of my life alone in the slope of this sacred mountain."



"It is ready, I said (to Nabil)! The mentioned honorable (Nabil) went to Acca to bring his things (to Haifa); it took a while and no news of him reached (us). Later, we heard he was missing for a few days and he was searched for. Later, a person saw on the shore pieces of his body in his cloth (clothes). Pieces (of his body) were collected and buried. It is obvious that after returning to Haifa and his plea (to Abbas) for permission (to become a hermit on Mount Carmel so as not to follow 'Abdu'l-Baha), he was tortured to the extent that he had no option but to kill himself."
(Memoirs of Badi'u'llah)

According to Mirza Badi'u'llah, the youngest son of Baha'u'llah, Nabil Zarandi came to him one day, after the death of Baha'u'llah, asking permission to live as a hermit on Mount Carmel, to get away from 'Abdu'l-Baha who, according to Nabil, was changing the teachings and holy laws of Baha'u'llah, and also spreading lies against the entire Household of Baha'u'llah; all of whom had rejected 'Abdu'l-Baha and his many "innovations". Badi'u'llah tells Nabil that he has prepared a place for him on Mount Carmel to live, so Nabil goes back to the city of Acca (where most Baha'is then still lived) to get his things and bring them back to Haifa, but some of the more fanatical followers of 'Abdu'l-Baha stop him and torture him (as they did others who opposed 'Abdu'l-Baha) so much so that Nabil decided to kill himself by casting himself into the sea. How the body of Nabil became chopped up is still a mystery.



Mirza Badi'u'llah (c. 1920)

Still today, thousands of Persian Baha'is name their sons "Nabil" in honor of Nabil Zarandi. They are totally unaware that Nabil was totally against 'Abdu'l-Baha and the "changes" he made in Baha'i doctrine and holy laws. Baha'is today are told that Nabil committed suicide because of "grief" over the death of Baha'u'llah.

Mirza Jawab Accuses 'Abdu'l-Baha of Murder

According to Miza Jawab, a former close disciple and associate of Baha'u'llah who left the Faith after 'Abdu'l-Baha took power, Nabil Zarandi was murdered by either 'Abdu'l-Baha himself or by some of his followers on his orders. According to Badi'u'llah, the youngest son of Baha'u'llah, Nabil Zarandi killed himself either during or after being tortured by the followers of 'Abdu'l-Baha. One thing is clear: that Nabil rejected 'Abdu'l-Baha as the self-proclaimed "Interpreter" of the Writings of Baha'u'llah, and sided with the younger brothers (Mohammed Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah), and was either killed by some overzealous follower or followers of 'Abdu'l-Baha or committed suicide. But, if he committed suicide, why did they find his body in "pieces"? Was he cut up by sharks? That mystery has not yet been solved, and probably never will be.

Baha'is believe that 'Abdu'l-Baha was a very gentle and peaceful soul, who only taught world peace and race and gender equality and wouldn't hurt a fly! But, the family of Baha'u'llah, those who grew up with him and knew him best, paint a very different picture of the man. They paint a picture of a man with a "light" and "dark" side; a "light" side he shows to wealthy American and European Baha'is, people who gave him money, and a

"dark" side he shows when he thinks no outsider is looking. They said that 'Abdu'l-Baha loved to slap people who disagreed with him, and that he believed black Africans to be "lower than the animals" and could get violent on the slightest provocation, but that he was "all sweetness and light" when wealthy Western Baha'is from American and Europe came to see him.

'Abdu'l-Baha Excommunicates the Family of Baha'u'llah

According to the younger sons of Baha'u'llah (Mohammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah), 'Abdu'l-Baha, the eldest son of Baha'u'llah, began to teach and do things contrary to what Baha'u'llah taught and wrote. 'Abdu'l-Baha found that Westerners (non-muslims) were not interested in Muslim prophecy, nor could they easily understand the concepts of "Gates" and "Wali" and "Dervish" and "Perfect Man" and such things both confused and bored them. 'Abdu'l-Baha found that the only thing the wealthy liberal Americans and Europeans were interested in was the discussion of world peace, and race unity, Esperanto, equal rights for women, universal education, and so forth. These wealthy Westerners were Liberals, and all were involved in liberal social causes. Most of them weren't interested in Mystical Sufi doctrines of Baha'u'llah. They were interested in Liberal social causes such as World Peace, Race unity, equality of men and women, eliminating prejudice of all kinds, and so forth. 'Abdu'l-Baha "ran" with that, and developed a set of 11 "Baha'i Principles" that centered on those things which the educated liberal Westerners were interested in hearing about and discussing. And it worked...like a charm!

The younger sons of Baha'u'llah, Mohammad Ali Effendi and Mirza Badi'u'llah and Diya'u'llah, all tried to get 'Abdu'l-Baha to repent and change these new teachings, but 'Abdu'l-Baha went to a Turkish lawyer, who represented him in the Turkish courts in Palestine (then a Turkish province), and, because he was the eldest son (who inherit all according to Turkish law), he took possession of the Baha'i holy places in Haifa, Akka, and Bahji, as well as all of the Tablets (epistles) of Baha'u'llah. He also took control of the mailing lists of Baha'is in Palestine, Iran, Egypt, and Cyprus. 'Abdu'l-Baha then excommunicated the other sons of Baha'u'llah (including their wives and children) except for his own daughters and their husbands and children. Shoghi Effendi, the eldest son of his eldest daughter, became Guardian (a position like Pope) of the Baha'i Faith upon the death of 'Abdu'l-Baha in 1921.



Muhammad Ali Effendi, the second eldest son of Baha'u'llah, wrote and taught in his lifetime that the religion of Baha'u'llah was Islaam, that he never (Baha'u'llah) never claimed to be a Messenger of God, but was a Dervish who founded a Sufi Order, but that 'Abdu'l-Baha was changing doctrines. All of the blood relatives of Baha'u'llah (The Aghsan) sided with Muhammed Ali Effendi, and against 'Abdu'l-Baha.

'Abdu'l-Baha declared his brothers, uncles, cousins, their wives and children, *Nawkawzeen* ("violators") and told his own family (his daughters, their husbands, and their children), and the Baha'is of the world (because he owned the mailing lists too), to shun the other Branches (other sons of Baha'u'llah), and their wives and children, and not even talk to them.

'Abdu'l-Baha told the wealthy American and British Baha'is who came to see him: "When two people argue, both are wrong". Yet, he believe *he was right* in his disagreement with the rest of his family. Mohammad Ali Effendi tried to meet and talk with his older brother, but 'Abdu'l-Baha always refused. The Aghsan began to call themselves the "Unitarians" because they were "united" in their opposition to the "innovations" of 'Abdu'l-Baha. Their claims were:

o 'Abdu'l-Baha was changing the laws of Baha'u'llah, for example, Baha'u'llah allowed the Baha'is to take two wives and one concubine (i.e. a servant girl who worked in the home--many wealthy Persian men at that time--including Baha'is-- owned black slaves, and the female slave would usually be a concubine to the Master), but 'Abdu'l-Baha interpreted that to mean one wife only and no concubines. His justification was all wives/concubines had to be treated equally, and since that was impossible, what Baha'u'llah really "meant" was one wife only and no concubines. Baha'u'llah himself had three wives and a concubine:

*Asiyih Khanum (married in 1835)

*Mahd 'Ulya Fatimah (m. 1849)

*Gawher Khanum (m. 1862)

*Jamiliyyih Khanum (concubine/servant girl acquired in 1867)

Note: Just about all wealthy Persian men in the 19th century had "maidservants" and all of these maidservants were "concubines" meaning their employers had sexual rights over them, because no woman not blood-related to a Muslim grown male was permitted to serve him in private, in his bedroom, make his bed, draw his bath, without being a concubine ("wife" without legal standing). Baha'u'llah wrote a Tablet to Jamiliyyah saying:

He is the All-Knowing, the Wise. O Jamáliyyih, upon thee rest My Glory of God, My bounties, and My favors. I bear witness that thou didst attain My presence, and wast privileged to serve Me in the daytime and in the night season, in such wise that never wast thou overtaken by torpor in My service, nor prevented by any obstacle from serving Me, nor from standing before My Countenance. Rejoice thou at the testimony of My Most Exalted Pen, and say: "Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I ask Thee by Thy Most Great Name. Glorified art Thou, O Lord my God! I ask Thee by Thy Name whereby Thou hast subdued the kingdoms of earth and heaven, and made manifest the secrets of the realm of glory, to assist me to remain steadfast in Thy love, in Thy commemoration, and in Thy Cause. Thou, verily, art the All-Bountiful, the Most Merciful." The Glory of Our presence rest upon thee, O My maidservant and My leaf, thou who circlest around Me at eventide and at dawn; and upon every maidservant who attaineth unto this Wondrous Cause, and who reverenceth thy station for the sake of God, the Almighty, the All- Praised. (*A Life with 'Abdu'l-Baha*, p.30)

Note: Baha'u'llah referred to his wives as his "leaves". He called Jamiliyyah "My leaf". Jamiliyyah Khanum never married, but was the "maidservant" of Baha'u'llah until his death in 1892. Persian noblemen (Baha'u'llah was the son of a Persian nobleman) almost always had "maidservants" who were their concubines. Baha'i apologists now deny that Baha'u'llah had any concubines, and some even suggest that he had only one "true" wife and just married the other women to care for them as widows, but in fact *none were widows* before they married him and he had children by all three of his wives.

The younger sons of Baha'u'llah (Mohammad Ali Effendi and Mirza Badi'u'llah and Diya'u'llah) also claimed:

o 'Abdu'l-Baha was claiming that The Báb and Baha'u'llah was Messengers of God, but both The Báb and Baha'u'llah wrote that Muhammad (pbuh) was the Last Messenger (Razool) and Last Prophet (Nabi).

o 'Abdu'l-Baha preached that reincarnation was false, but The Báb taught that it was true under the name "raja't" (Arabic: "return"), and The Báb clearly identified his 18 "Letters of the Living" (first 18 disciples) as the "return" of Muhammad (pbuh), Fatimah, the 12 Imaams (including the Hidden Imaam), and the 4 Gates (Abvab).

o 'Abdu'l-Baha presented himself to the wealthy European and American Baha'is who visited him, and supported him with donations, as a kindly grandfather like figure, but in fact 'Abdu'l-Baha had a habit of slapping people who disagreed with him, or said anything he didn't like, and he would tell obscene jokes about the sons of his enemies. For example, he would say that the son of a certain man--an enemy of his named Siyyid Mihdih (a disciple of Muhammad Ali Effendi) -- used to suck on the penises of male goats, thinking they were female goats, and mistook their semen for milk (*A Life with 'Abdu'l-Baha* by Khalil Shahidi, p.43).

o Badi'u'llah, the youngest son of Baha'u'llah, and a disciple of his brother Mohammad Ali Effendi, wrote in the 1930s:



"Outwardly Abbas Effendi ['Abdu'l-Baha] is light, and inwardly darkness. With all frankness I can state that ninety percent of what he has bruited about or written as regards the events at Akka as well as the history of the Cause before and after the ascension [i.e. Baha's death] to this day, are contrary to the truth; because they are based on self-interest, namely, to annihilate the branches, Baha's family, and the writings of the Pen of the Most Glorious [Baha], and to designate a degenerate successor [i.e. homosexual successor, meaning Shoghi Effendi], as evidenced as clear as the sun at noon-day." (*Memories of Badi'u'llah*, pp.56-7)

o In 1902 the Baha'is of Chicago form a 19 member "House of Spirituality" composed of men and women, but 'Abdu'l-Baha discovers this and writes to them telling them that women cannot serve on *any* House of Justice, by whatever name, and orders them to remove all the women from the

Chicago House of Spirituality, and bring the number down from 19 men and women to 9 men. Shoghi Effendi later "changed" this holy law, allowing women to serve on all Houses of Justice (local and national) except the Universal House of Justice.

o The younger sons of Baha'u'llah (the *Aghsan* which means "Branches") said that the peaceful, kind, grandfatherly and anti-racist 'Abdu'l-Baha was a façade, like an actor in a play, so that wealthy and liberal American and British Baha'is would make donations to the Faith, and 'Abdu'l-Baha controlled all donations. . All sons and daughters of Baha'u'llah, save for 'Abdu'l-Baha, claim that he was a racist, and was open about this to Baha'is who spoke Farsi and Arabic, and his "race unity" speeches was merely a *ploy* (a scheme) to get money from wealthy liberal Baha'is from Europe and America. I do not claim this. I am merely saying that the younger sons of Baha'u'llah claimed this. Baha'is *cannot believe* the younger sons of Baha'u'llah! They cannot believe that 'Abdu'l-Baha could be a racist, but his younger brothers believed he was.

Here are quotes from 'Abdu'l-Baha from books in English approved by the Universal House of Justice (the nine-man council that governs the Baha'i Faith world-wide):



The inhabitants of a country like Africa are all as wandering savages and wild animals. They lack intelligence and knowledge; all are uncivilized; not one civilized and a wise man is not to be found among them. These are the proofs of the wise men. The prophets also acknowledge this opinion, to wit: That education hath a great effect upon the human race, but they declare that minds and comprehensions are originally different. And this matter is self-evident; it cannot be refuted. We see that certain children of the same age, nativity and race, nay, from the same household, under the tutorship of one teacher, differ in their minds and comprehensions. One advanceth rapidly, another is slow in catching the rays of culture, still another remaineth in the lowest degree of stupidity. No matter how much the shell is educated (or polished), it can never become a radiant pearl. The black stone will not become the world-illuminated gem." (Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Baha p.567 vv.3-4)

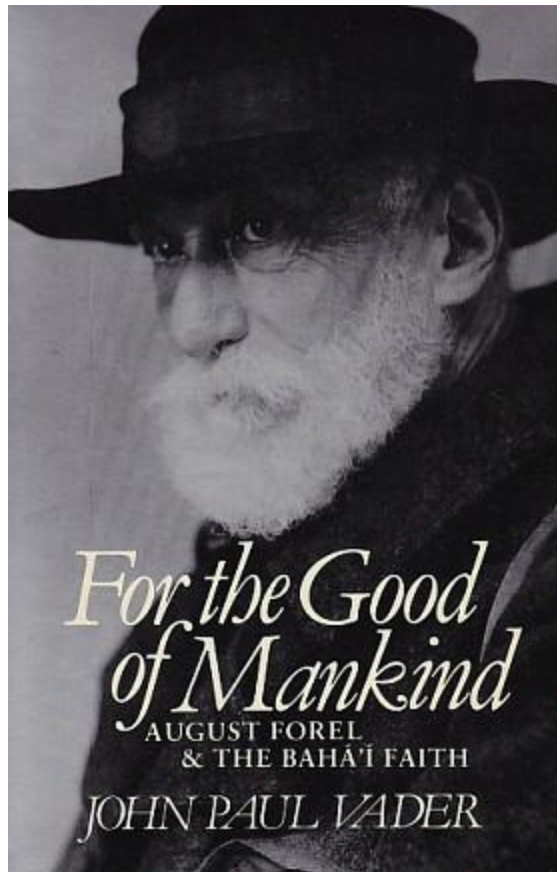
'Abdu'l-Baha wrote a tablet to August Forel; whom He considered to be a 'wise man'. Forel believed that Negroes were "inherently inferior" to Caucasians, and could never ever be equal to them in intelligence. Forel was an early Western Bahá'í. Forel wrote:

"...the brain of the Negro is weaker than that of the white... Even for their own good the blacks must be treated as what they are, an absolutely subordinate, inferior, lower type of man, incapable themselves of culture. That must once and for all be clearly and openly stated." (August Forel, quoted in Houston S. Chamberlain's _The Foundations of the Nineteenth Century_)

'Abdu'l-Baha, in His Tablet (Epistle) to Forel, writes:



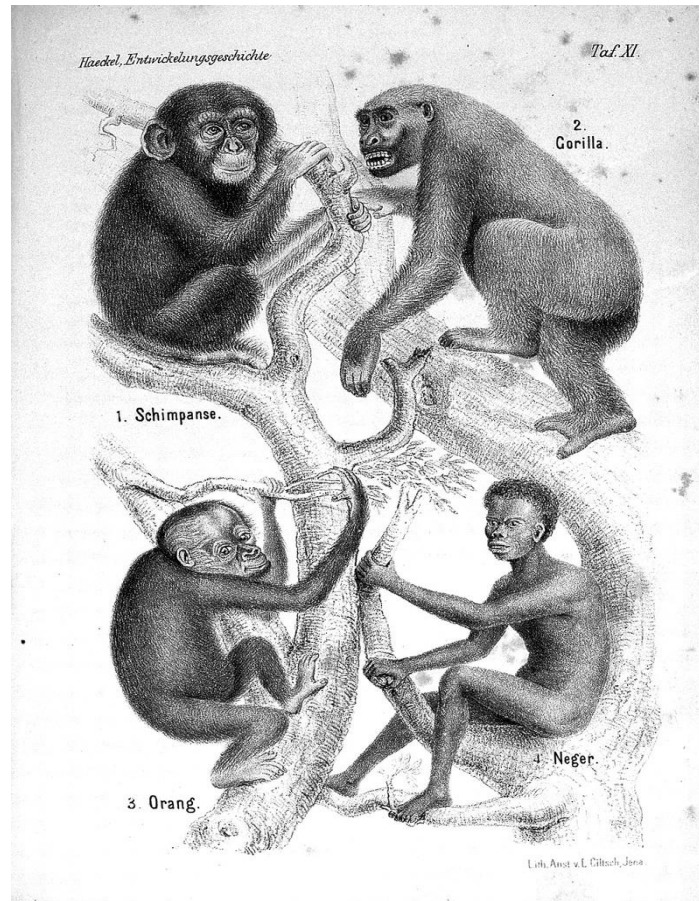
"O revered personage, lover of truth! ***Thy works are no doubt of great benefit, and if published, send us a copy." (verse 6:1,7)



Book about August Forel as a Baha'i

That *Tablet to August Forel* is infallible Scripture to Baha'is, because it was written by the Pen of 'Abdu'l-Baha. They claim he has a "unique spiritual station" that is so unique it does not have a name. They deny he was a Manifestation of God, but, still believe his writings are infallible Scripture, and they are part of the Baha'i Holy Books.

'Abdu'l-Baha called Forel a "lover of truth!" and that his works were of great value. August Forel was a Swiss psychologist, a disciple of Sigmund Freud, but also a founder of the Monist League; a group of German and Swiss philosophers who believed that "Negroes" were not human but belonged to the "ape" family.



From a book published by the Monist League in Forel's day. Notice black man in tree lower right corner. After becoming a Baha'i in 1920, Forel continued his work with the Monist League, and even published a racist article in *The Baha'i World* in 1928, while Shoghi Effendi was editor of that publication.

The article by August Forel in the March 1928 edition of *The Baha'i World*, quoted and recommended scientific racist authors, while Shoghi Effendi, the grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha, was Guardian (same as a "Pope") of the Baha'i Faith. It is *impossible* that Shoghi Effendi did not know about that article. He never recanted it, nor condemned it nor commented on it, but once purported told his wife (Mary Maxwell) and her mother (May Maxwell) in Haifa:

"Men are not born equal; that is a fundamental principle of the Cause."
(Haifa Notes of Shoghi Effendi's Word, by Mary Maxwell, 1:37)

'Abdu'l-Baha also wrote this about black Africans:



"It is, therefore, certain that sins such as anger, jealousy, dispute, coventouness, avarice, ignorance, prejudice, hatred, pride, and tyranny exist in the physical world. All these brutal qualities exist in the nature of man. A man who had not had a spirital education is a brute. Like the savages of Africa, whose actions, habits and morals are purely sensual, they act according to the demands of nature to such a degree that they rent and eat one another." (Some Answered Questions 29:5)



"As ignorance is the cause of crimes, the more knowledge and science increases, the more crimes will diminish. Consider how often murder occurs among the barbarians of Africa; they even kill one another to eat each other's flesh and blood!" (Some Answered Questions 77:13)



"If a child is left in its natural state and deprived of education, there is no doubt that it will grow up in ignorance and illiteracy, its mental faculties dulled and dimmed; in fact, it will become like an animal. This is evident among the savages of *central African* [original "Sudan"], who are scarcely higher than the beast in mental development." (The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p.311)

The part translated "central Africa" says "Sudan" in the original, which means "land of the blacks" in Arabic and Farsi. 'Abdu'l-Baha was not referring only to central Africa, nor to the Central African Republic, nor to the country called today "Sudan", but to the "Land of the Blacks" which meant all of sub-Saharan Africa; excluding only North Africa, the land of the light-skinned Arabs, Egyptians, Berbers, and Moors.

'Abdu'l-Baha taught (in 1913) that black people should ever be grateful to white people:



"The black man must ever be grateful to the white man, for he has manifested great courage and self-sacrifice in behalf of the black race. Four years he fought their cause, enduring severe hardships, sacrificing life, family, treasure, all for his black brother until the great war ended in the proclamation of freedom. By this effort and accomplishment the black race throughout the world was influenced and benefited. Had this not been accomplished, the black man in Africa would still be bound by the chains of slavery. Therefore, his race should everywhere be grateful, for no greater evidence of humanism and courageous devotion could be shown than the white man has displayed. If the blacks of the United States forget this sacrifice, zeal and manhood on the part of the whites, no ingratitude could be greater or more censurable. If they could see the wretched conditions and surroundings of the black people of Africa today, the contrast would be apparent and the fact clearly evident that the black race in America enjoys incomparable advantages. The comfort and civilization under which they live here are due to the white man's effort and sacrifice. Had this sacrifice not been made, they would still be in the bonds and chains of slavery, scarcely lifted out of an aboriginal condition. Therefore, always show forth your gratitude to the white man. (The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p.12)

How did black Americans live in 1913 when 'Abdu'l-Baha said this? Well? Black man, black woman, are you *grateful* to the white man for all he's done for you?

Did 'Abdu'l-Baha teach that all races were equal in intelligence? He wrote:



"Ten children of the same age, with equal station of birth, taught in the same school, partaking of the same food, in all respects subject to the same environment, their interests equal and in common, will evidence separate and distinct degrees of capability and advancement; some exceedingly intelligent and progressive, some of mediocre ability,

others limited and incapable. One may become a learned professor while another under the same course of education proves dull and stupid. From all standpoints the opportunities have been equal but the results and outcomes vary from the highest to the lowest degree of advancement. It is evident therefore that mankind differs in natal capacity and intrinsic intellectual endowment." (Foundation of World Unity, pp.54-5 verse 3)

In volume three of *Khatabat*, published by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Iran, 'Abdu'l-Baha writes:



The wild tribes of black Africa have no superiority over the animals." (Khatabat 3:48)

'Abdu'l-Baha actually taught that the Persian race (his own) was the most innately superior of all races:



"It should not be imagined that the people of Persia are inherently deficient in intelligence, or that for essential perceptiveness and understanding, inborn sagacity, intuition and wisdom, or innate capacity, they are inferior to others. God forbid! On the contrary, they have always excelled all other peoples in endowments conferred by birth." (Secret of Divine Civilization, p.9)

He also wrote:



"Every imperfect soul is self-centred and thinketh only of his own good. But as his thoughts expand a little he will begin to think of the welfare and comfort of his family. If his ideas still more widen, his concern will be the felicity of his fellow citizens; and if still they widen, he will be

thinking of the glory of his land and of his race." (Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Baha, p.69)

There are many American Baha'is who are African-Americans. This is because they have been told that the Baha'i Faith is the only "racist free" religion; that it alone has no history of racism at all. In truth, both The Báb and Baha'u'llah owned black slaves and did many early wealthy Baha'i families (see the book *Black Pearls* by Kalimat Press, an independent Baha'i publisher). The Baha'is continued to hold black slaves (not "servants" but slaves) until the British ended slavery in Egypt in the 1890s and in Palestine in 1920. Baha'u'llah, in his Most Holy Book, forbade Baha'is from engaging in the "slave trade" (a very violent and bloody occupation) but he did not forbid them from owning black slaves. The slave "trade" (which was very bloody and brutal) and owning black slaves were two different things.

In the book *Khatabat* (Farsi: "Speeches") in Farsi (Persian), on pages 236-7, we find 'Abdu'l-Baha saying the following:



"Thus it is proved that the world of nature is imperfect and dark. If a child is born and we do not nurture him and we abandon him in his natural state what will happen? Without a doubt, he will remain ignorant and without cognition and he will be an animal. Look at the inhabitants of black Africa who are like animals and even inferior. Thus we can see how divine nurturing influences the world of humanity. The world of nature is the world of the animal." (*Khatabat* 2:236-7)

The word 'Abdu'l-Baha uses, here translated "black Africa" is "Sudan" which is the Arabic word for the portion of Africa where the "blacks" live; not North Africa where the light-skinned Arabs and Berbers live. Arabs referred to black Africa as "Sudan" long before the country of Sudan came into being. He is referring to all of sub-Saharan black Africa. The books titled *Khatabat* ("Speeches") were speeches of 'Abdu'l-Baha, and the books were published by the Baha'i National Spiritual Assembly of Iran, in 1936. Below are photocopies of the actual pages (236-7) from *Khatabat*--

احتیاج بخدا نبود زیرا عالم طبیعت کامل بود همه اینها برای
 این است که عالم طبیعت ناقص است این قطعه زمین آمریکا
 چه بود جنگل بود زمین خالی بود و این به مقتضای طبیعت
 بود پس چه چیز او را آباد کرد عقول انسانی پس ناقص است
 عقول انسانی این نواقص را کامل نماید بعد از آنکه زمین
 بود جنگل بود حال شهرهای آباد شده پیش از آنکه کلیوس
 بیاید آمریکا چه بود عالم طبیعت بود حالا عالم انسان شده
 اگر عالم طبیعت کامل بود باید همان طور باشد حالا ملاحظه

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کنید که اول تاریک بود حال روشن شده اول خراب بود
 حال آباد شده جنگل بود حالا بوستان شده اول خارستان
 بود حال گلستان گشته پس ثابت شد که عالم طبیعت ناقص است
 و ظلمانی اگر طفلی متولد شود او را تربیت نکنیم بر حال طبیعی
 بگذاریم چه می شود شبهه نیست بی ادراک و جاهل می ماند
 و حیوان خواهد بود در اواسط افریقا ملاحظه کنید که مثل
 حیوانات بلکه پست تر از حیوانات پس ملاحظه نمائیم که تربیت
 الهی در عالم انسانی چه کرده عالم طبیعت عالم حیوان است

Khatabat (Book 2:236-7)

If you read Farsi (Persian), or have a friend who does, have them read this, and translate it for you! Go to a Baha'i Center, and find a Persian Baha'i who reads Farsi, and take photocopies of these Farsi pages, and ask them to read it! Ask them "why" the Universal House of Justice has told Baha'i translators to "not translate" these books, published by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Iran. Why did the Baha'i leaders in Iran publish this book, and sell it to Baha'is for 70 years, if it was a "mistranslation"? Why evidence does anyone have that this was "mistranslated"?

'Abdu'l-Baha also is recorded to have used the Farsi (Persian) word "kaka siah" which means "nigger" in English. It does not mean "negro" nor "black person". It means "nigger". It is a racist word.

According to Ahang Rabbani, a Baha'i translator at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa in the 1980s, this is how 'Abdu'l-Baha had compared Baha'is with non-Baha'is:

“‘Abdu'l-Bahá said, “The least of the friends is better than the fairest of the nonbelievers.” Moreover, He used to say, “The worst of the friends is better than the best of the nonbelievers.”” (Ahang Rabbani, *A Lifetime with ‘Abdu'l-Bahá: Reminiscences of Khalíl Shahídí*, p. 81)

Ahang Rabbani deliberately *mistranslated* what 'Abdu'l-Baha actually said. For now we will ignore this discrepancy for there is a more severe fault here. This is the image if the original Farsi manuscript:



The section marked in red that has been uttered by Abdu'l-Baha reads:

“یک کاکاسیاه احباب بهتر از یک حوریه اغیار است”

Which translates literally to:

“A nigger Baha'i is better than a non-Baha'i nymph”!

The meaning is that a "kaka siah" (Farsi: "nigger") is a very low thing but a "hooree" (Farsi: "nymph") is the best thing, but that a Baha'i "nigger" is better than a non-Baha'i "nymph" meaning "Our niggers are better than YOUR nymphs!" That is what Abdu'l-Baha actually said. The House (UHJ) in Haifa wanted to "hide" that, so the original was deliberately mistranslated into English to leave out the word "nigger" and "nymph". This deliberate mistranslation of the original Farsi into English so as to not "offend" Western Baha'i "sensitivities" is not uncommon at all. Such a statement by Abdu'l-Baha would not shock to many older Persian Baha'is, but it would be quite "shocking" to Western (non-Persian) Baha'is; so the House ordered it "edited out".

In the original Farsi (Persian) Abdu'l-Baha wrote:



"A Baha'i nigger is better than a non-Baha'i nymph!" (*Khatabat*, p.237)

'Abdu'l-Baha describes black Africans as "savages" and "lower than the animal" and referred to them as "kakasih" (Farsi: "Niggers"). He also said that the Persian race (his own race) were the most intelligent (superior) at birth. Had any other man except 'Abdu'l-Baha said these things, he would be called a "racist" and shunned by the Baha'is. But, because he is 'Abdu'l-Baha, Baha'is feel they can "explain away" his words as "out of context". But the truth is...they are *not* out of context. He thought of black Africans as "kakasih" and "savages" and "deprived of intelligence and wisdom" and "lower than the animal". IS THAT ___NOT___ RACIST?

If 'Abdu'l-Baha was a racist, then WHY did he preach "Race Unity" all the time? According to ther other sons of Baha'u'llah (Mohammad Ali Effendi, Badi'u'llah, and Ziya'u'llah), 'Abdu'l-Baha preached Race Unity so that wealthy white Liberal British and American Baha'is would keep sending him money! Simple as that. 'Abdu'l-Baha would preach "equality of men and women" and "world peace" and "race unity" and wealthy Liberal Baha'is in America and Britain would send him money. Pretty simple.

Apologies for using the "n" word! The original Farsi word 'Abdu'l-Baha used is 'kaka siah' (کاکا سیاه) which is the exact Farsi (Persian) equivalent of 'nigger' in English. This was deliberately mistranslated into English as "The least of the Friends (Baha'is) are better than a non-Believer". Why the mistranslation? Simple. Because Baha'is today view 'Abdu'l-Baha as a loving and grandfatherly preacher of Race Unity, love, and peace. The "'Abdu'l-Baha" that Baha'is have been told to believe in is quite different from the real 'Abdu'l-Baha of history: a man known well by the Household of Baha'u'llah as being very racist (to everyone but the wealthy American and British liberal Baha'is who donated money to him), and even "violent" when people disagreed with him.

All of the household (extended family) of Baha'llah rejected 'Abdu'l-Baha, except for the daughters of 'Abdu'l-Baha and their husbands. All of the

blood relatives of Baha'u'llah, except for 'Abdu'l-Baha and his daughters, followed the younger sons of Baha'u'llah: Mohammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah and Ziya'u'llah. 'Abdu'l-Baha referred to them as the Nakazeen ("Violators"), but they referred to themselves as the "Unitarians"; because they were "united" in their opposition to 'Abdu'l-Baha and his "changes" he was making to Baha'i doctrine and holy laws. Here is what the "Unitarians" had to claim against 'Abdu'l-Baha:

- o They claim that 'Abdu'l-Baha preached Race Unity (love and peace between races) to the liberal European and American Baha'is who donated money to him, but that was all an act, because he was in fact a racist, calling blacks "kaka siah" (Farsi: "niggers") and calling black Africans "cows that God created in the shape of human beings" (*Talks of 'Abdu'l-Baha in America and Europe*, in Farsi, p.203)

- o They claimed that 'Abdu'l-Baha uttered false prophecies, like when he told George Esselmont (author of *Baha'u'llah and the New Era*) that Universal Peace would be established by 1957: "'What shall we see at the end of the 1335 days?' [from the Hagira of Muhammad]," 'Abdu'l-Baha's reply was: "'Universal Peace will be firmly established, a Universal language promoted. Misunderstandings will pass away. The Baha'i Cause will be promulgated in all parts and the oneness of mankind established. It will be most glorious!" (*Baha'u'llah and the New Era*, 1923 edition, p.212: this paragraph removed from all editions after 1950)

The descendants of the other sons of Baha'u'llah still exist today, in Israel and Palestine, and other places, and often use the surname of "Behai". They had to "sue" Shoghi Effendi in an Israeli court, in the 1950s, to win the right to visit the Holy Shrine (burial place) of Baha'u'llah. They won their case, and the Israeli judge in the case "chided" Shoghi Effendi for being heartless and dishonest in the affair. They cannot join the Faith unless unless they write a letter renouncing their ancestors as "liars". Most call themselves "Muslim" and see Baha'u'llah as a Dervish (Muslim holy man) and nothing more than that. Any Baha'i who speaks with any of the Aghsan (blood descendants of Baha'u'llah) can be declared a "Covenant-Breaker" and shunned by all other Baha'is, even their own close relatives, for life.

This is what 'Abdu'l-Baha had to say about his younger brothers, and their wives and children (which he excommunicated):



“They are senile like arrogant fools and not seashells full of gems. They are ecstatic from the smell of garbage like dung beetles and not from the scent of a flower of gardens. They are lowly earthworms buried beneath the great earth not high flying birds. They are bats of darkness not the searchlights of clear horizons. They always make excuses and like ravens, have nested in the landfills of fall (Autumn) . . . so you Oh true friend and spiritual helper . . . attack these unjust foxes and like a high soaring eagle drive away these hateful ravens from this field,” ‘Abdu’l-Bahā, *Makātīb* (Egypt), vol. 1, pp. 442–443.

'Abdu'l-Baha referred to his brothers as "dung beetles" and "arrogant fools" and "lowly earthworms" but his brothers did not respond with hate or bad words, but simply said "Let us have peace!" but 'Abdu'l-Baha refused, and excommunicated them and their wives and children, for all generations. If one of their descendants wishes to become a Baha'i, they must say "My ancestors were all liars" or they are refused! Baha'is are told that 'Abdu'l-Baha was right and good, and the other sons (Aghsan) of Baha'u'llah were wrong and evil. We believe that it was 'Abdu'l-Baha who was wrong, and the other sons of Baha'u'llah (Muhammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah) were good and right. What do "you" think?

Baha'u'llah gave to his second son, Mohammad Ali Effendi, the title of "Ghosn-i-Akbar" ("Most Holy Branch"), but after 'Abdu'l-Baha declared his brothers and their families "Nakezeen" ("Violators") he referred to his brother Mohammad Ali Effendi as "Hatam-i-Akbar" ("Most Great Firewood") i.e. firewood meant to burn in Hell.

The Aghsan (blood descendants of Baha'u'llah) still are alive today: in Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Europe, and North America. As far as I know, none of them have become Baha'is. In order to do so, they could have to call their grandfathers and great-grandfathers "liars" and "shun" all their "Behai" relatives. The Aghsan (blood descendants of Baha'u'llah) today believe that Baha'u'llah was a "Wali" (Saint) and "Murshid" (Sufi Master), and his religion "Islaam". They believe he tried to become the Founder of a new Sufi Order, based upon the Naqshbandi Sufi Order. and NOT a new World Religion! They accuse Shoghi Effendi and the Universal House of

Justice in Haifa of *lying* and covering-up the truth; which explains the reason "why" the House has suppressed most old Baha'i publications, and refused to publish most of the writings of The Báb, as well as "all" of the holy writings of Quddús, and the books and letters by many other early Bábís and Baha'is.



Nigar Behai Amsalem (granddaughter of Mohammad Ali Effendi, second son of Baha'u'llah). Photo from an interview in the Israeli film *Baha'is in my Back Yard*

Nigar and her sister Maliha Behai, wrote the following in the Foreward to the book *A Lost History of the Baha'i Faith* (edited by Eric Stetson) in which they say:

"Our grandfather Mohammed Ali [Effendi] has been portrayed in Baha'i literature as a ruthless man who was obsessed with gaining power for himself and destroying Abbas Effendi ['Abdu'l-Baha]. From the perspective



of those who knew him personally, this is nothing but a laughable caricature. The man we knew was a gentleman whose religious beliefs were focused not on power or who should wield it, but on living according to the teachings of his father, Baha'u'llah, in his private life — a life of prayer, meditation, and cultivating a moderate lifestyle and a humble and kindly spirit.

The source of the dispute was in Baha'u'llah's will, which says that he had chosen Abbas Effendi as his first successor and then Mohammed Ali. Our grandfather often mentioned Baha'u'llah's teaching of the virtue of a gentle tongue and the danger of angry speech. Ironically, he was constantly slandered during his lifetime, and his rights and property were taken from him because it was not in his nature to fight back. He had opportunities to defend himself and his rights, but his devotion to Baha'u'llah's teachings was so uncompromising and his personality so meek that he preferred to endure the injustices he faced with silence and resignation, rather than bringing the Baha'i name into the law courts. This was out of respect, not weakness — respect for the Baha'i faith that was so instilled in his soul." (*A Lost History of the Baha'i Faith*, foreword)

In Part II we will examine the administration of Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, and what happened to the Faith after his death in 1957.

The *Truth* About THE BAHAI FAITH (Part 2)

The Reign of Shoghi Effendi

Shoghi Effendi (d. 1957) became Guardian of the Baha'i Faith in 1921, when 'Abdu'l-Baha died. By 1950 Shoghi Effendi excommunicated the entire family of 'Abdu'l-Baha, children included, except for himself, after they complained he was "changing" the doctrines and practices of the Faith. For example, forbidding the Baha'is to perform Salat (Friday prayers in Mosque). 'Abdu'l-Baha taught a person may be a "Baha'i-Muslim" or a "Baha'i-Christian" or even a "Baha'i-Freemason" (*'Abdu'l-Baha in London*, p.97) but Shoghi Effendi reversed that, saying that one could not be a Muslim, nor a Christian, nor a Freemason and a Baha'i too. Shoghi Effendi

translated many Tablets of Baha'u'llah, such as the Kitab-i-Aqdas (Most Holy Book), but most scholars who have compared his translation to the original say that it is not a word-for-word translation put a "paraphrase", and some even claim that Shoghi Effendi was very "loose" in his translations.

Here is a partial list of the Baha'is that Shoghi Effendi excommunicated:

1. Ruhi Effendi Afnan: Grandson of Abdul Baha.
2. Zahra Khanum: Grand-daughter of Abdul Baha and wife of Ruhi Effendi Afnan.
3. Soraya Khanum: Grand-daughter of Abdul Baha and wife of Feyzi Effendi Afnan.
4. Foad Effendi Afnan: Grandson of Abdul Baha.
5. Mehr-Angiz: Grand-daughter of Abdul Baha and sister of Shoghi Effendi.
6. Feyzi Effendi Afnan; Grandson of Bahauallah.
7. Toubha Khanum; Second daughter of Abdul Baha.
8. Rouha Khanum; Third daughter of Abdul Baha.
9. Mirza Jalal Shahid: Son of the King of the Martyrs and husband of Rouha Khanum.
10. Furighyyeh Khanum! Daughter of Bahauallah.
11. Aga Sayyed Ali Afnan: Husband of Furighyyeb Khanum.

Shoghi Effendi did not announce any "reason" for these excommunications, but those who were excommunicated said that they were expelled from the Faith not because of their own misdeeds but because Shoghi Effendi was changing doctrines, laws, traditions, and many of them "questioned" the validity of the portion of the Will of 'Abdu'l-Baha that appointed Shoghi Effendi Guardian of the Faith. They were also spreading "rumors" that Shoghi was meeting with male lovers during his sabbaticals to Switzerland and England, when he left for months at a time, leaving his wife in Haifa to run the Faith and to sign letters in his name.

Baha'i World State

'Abdu'l-Baha advanced the notion that an "International Tribunal" should be established to settle disputes between nations. This was long before the League of Nations (and later United Nations) was established. Shoghi Effendi went further, saying that a "World Executive" had to be established, in charge of an world police force, and he called this the "New World Order". Basically, a Baha'i World State.

Shoghi Effendi called for the establishment of a New World Order with a Baha'i "World Executive" in charge of all lethal power

The term "New World Order" cannot be found in the writings of The Báb, or Baha'u'llah, or 'Abdu'l-Baha. It "can" be found in the writings of the World Federalists. Shoghi Effendi was introduced to the writings of the World Federalists when a student (1916-1919) at what is *now* the American University of Beirut.

Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha did advocate the establishment of a "International Tribunal" to settle disputes between sovereign nations. But their writings have no concept of a Baha'i World State, presided over by a "World Executive". None of the writings of Baha'u'llah mention any "World Order of Baha'u'llah". The concepts of "World Order of Baha'u'llah" and "World Executive" with a "World Police Force" are *creations* of Shoghi Effendi.

Shoghi Ends Baha'i Prayer At Mosques

Under 'Abdu'l-Baha, Baha'is attended Masjid (Mosque) on Friday and performed *Salat* (prostrating prayers) as the Muslim did, along side of Muslims, praying exactly as the Muslims did. 'Abdu'l-Baha performed *Salat* every Friday afternoon of his life. When he became Guardian, Shoghi Effendi told the Baha'is not to do that anymore. Shoghi Effendi was working on the plans for the "House of the Guardian" at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, when he died of fever, age 60, in 1957, in London England.

Shoghi Goes to England to Buy Furniture

Why was Shoghi Effendi in England? Again, Shoghi Effendi went on "sabbaticals" periodically. He would not take his wife Mary. He left her behind. He would be gone, sometimes, for months. He would go to Switzerland or England. He would meet with Baha'is for a few days, and they would not see or hear from him again. What was he doing? After Shoghi's death, the Hands of the Cause asked his wife, Mary (Ruhiyyih Khanum) why Shoghi was in England. She told them: "He went there to buy furniture". Why he had to travel thousands of miles to buy furniture, was never explained. Perhaps he just really liked English furniture! Of course, in 1957, English furniture was sold in Haifa, and also in Jerusalem.

In any case, that is the "official" reason why Shoghi Effendi went to England.

According to the other sons and daughters of Baha'u'llah, Shoghi Effendi was a homosexual, and that he had been "caught" at least three times having sex with men; which is one reason why he was sent away to college. Shoghi later excommunicated his personal secretaries, including Mirza Ahmad Sorab, who served as his personal secretary for many years, because they too were talking about his homosexual liaisons *after* he married Mary Maxwell (Ruhiiyyih Khanum).

The Testimony of Michael Zargarov

The following was written by Michael Zargarov in the year 2013. He was good friend with a woman named Mildred Mottehedeh, who had been the best friend of Mary Maxwell (Ruhiiyyih Khanum), the wife of Shoghi Effendi, and lived in Haifa, for many years. Michael wrote:

"Mildred and I were very close. She ASKED me if I "struggled with being gay". When I admitted that I did, she revealed to me that Ruhiiyyih had intimated to her that Shoghi was homosexual himself, and hated himself because he "fell so short of what was expected of him as a member of Baha'u'llah's family". Ruhiiyyih told Mildred that their marriage had been arranged to "help" Shoghi "straighten himself out". (*Letter of Michael Zargarov*, posted on *The Baha'i Insider* website, March 18, 2013)

The Testimony of Mirza Suhbi Fazullah Muhadi

The following is an except from a book written by a former Baha'i who grew up with Shoghi Effendi in Haifa, Israel, named Mirza Subhi Fazullah Muhadi (NOT to be confused with Subh-i-Azal, the half-brother of Baha'u'llah) who was at one time the "Persian Secretary" (handled all correspondence in Farsi) of 'Abdu'l-Baha, where he claims that he "caught" Shoghi Effendi have sexual relations with males several times. He wrote in his book *Payam-i-Padar* the following:

"Shoghi Effendi was possessed of peculiar nature and habit which cannot be properly described; his manly disposition was inconsiderable; he was continually desirous of cultivating friendship, and associations, with robust men and youth!." (*Payam i-Padar*, p. 143)

Shoghi Effendi, Dr Ziya Baghdadi and Mirza Subhi Fazlullah Muhadi, a second cousin of Baha'u'llah, go to a party at night at Akka at which jokes were cracked. Subhi Fazlullah absented himself from the room on business. On return he found the couple in compromising circumstances "with Dr Ziya Baghdadi having committed an indecent act" with Shoghi (ibid. p.145)

Taken aback" Subhi said : "Doctor! What is this business you have been doing?" Shoghi Effendi turned the face toward me" and said: "If you are also a man, prove yourself a male!!" (Subhi Fazlullah concludes) "I have heard such remarks from, and have witnessed such scenes of Shoghi Effendi on several occasions." (ibid. p.146)

According to Subhi Fazulullah, a childhood friend of Shoghi Effendi, and the "Persian Secretary" of 'Abdu'l-Baha, this is what he saw and heard. Only he and Shoghi Effendi know if it is true or not.

The Testimony of 'Abdu'l Hasayn Ayati (Awareh)

'Abdu'l Husayn-Ayati was a Persian man, living in Yazd, in Iran, when he was given a Baha'i book. He read it, and converted to the Baha'i Faith in the 1880s. He became a very popular Baha'i "Muballigh" (teacher/missionary). Most people in Iran in the 19th century could not read or write. So, whenever a "learned man" converted to the Baha'i Faith, he was usually made a "Muballigh" so that he could read Baha'i books and pamphlets to groups of illiterate Baha'is (and most people in Iran were illiterate). Since they could read and write, they also delivered sermons, accepted donations to be sent to Haifa, wrote letters to Haifa and read letters come from Haifa. These *Muballigh* became the ipso facto "Ulema" (clergy) of the early Baha'i Faith in Iran.

'Abdu'l Hasayn-Ayati travelled all over Iran, making many converts to the Faith, and teaching illiterate Baha'is. He was so popular and successful that 'Abdu'l-Baha appointed him as *Ra'isul Muballagheen* (Chief of Teaching-Missionaries) in all of Iran, and gave him the nickname "Awareh" (Farsi: "Wanderer"), and wrote several Tablets to him, which still exist as part of the Baha'i Holy Writings.

'Abdu'l Husayn-Ayati ("Awareh") was made the Chief Baha'i Missionary in

all of Iran. That was the highest Baha'i position of anyone living in Iran. He was the de facto "Head" of the Baha'i Faith in Iran: a country with by far the most Baha'is (95% of all Baha'is at that time). Iran had no "National Spiritual Assembly" until long after Shoghi Effendi came to power.

In 1917 Awareh moves to Haifa to be near 'Abdu'l-Baha, and stays for 90 days. He's never met 'Abdu'l-Baha before. He knows him only through books, pamphlets, stories, and correspondence. After 90 days in Haifa, he leaves and goes to Egypt and publishes an Anti-Baha'i book in Arabic. Not long afterwards, he leaves the Baha'i Faith, and writes an anti-Bahai book titled *Kashft'u'l Hiyal* (Farsi: "Disclosure of Deception" or "Deception Exposed") in which he said regarding Shoghi Effendi:

"it is not possible to categorize him as either male or female! Neither possessing feminine kindness and charm nor having mannish wisdom and sobriety! There are attachments in these kinds of people which is hard to find out. I am not aware if you have heard of that physicians lays down a man and by some medical treatment changes him to a female and vice versa. ...

The guy who failed to get a diploma in Oxford as well as Beirut! The same Shoghi who his classmate asked him why don't you pay attention to your studies and he replied:" what is studying all about? To find a piece of bread and mine is already prepared "... one (witness) has seen Mr. Shoghi Effendi has entered a private shower together with the son of Mirza Baqir Shirazi at the morning call to prayer(Azan)..." (Kashf-al-Hiyal, Vol. II, 2nd impression, PP. 84-85 and P. 166; Vol., III 3rd impression, PP. 212-213)

Are all these eye-witnesses liars (Baha'is would say "YES"), or was Shoghi Effendi a closeted homosexual man, who wrote against homosexuality, but secretly practiced what he publicly preached against?

Shoghi Effendi condemned "homosexual love" in various letters, and these letters are "binding" upon Baha'is everywhere. His signed letters are considered infallible divine guidance by Baha'is. Baha'is who commit homosexual acts have their voting rights removed, and, it is understood, in the World Order of Baha'u'llah homosexuals will be "fined" for each "offense" by 9 Mithqals of gold, and the fine doubling with each offense.

Naturally, the Baha'is will claim these men were "bitter" against the Faith, or Shoghi Effendi, and invented lies against him. The fact that Shoghi Effendi

and his wife never had children, means nothing, since many couples can't have children. They also never adopted, and never left "instructions" on who would succeed Shoghi as Guardian of the Faith when he died. The fact that Shoghi Effendi went on four month long "sabbaticals" alone, to Switzerland and London, and often did not take his wife, just means, he went to meditate and get away from his heavy responsibilities as Guardian of the Baha'i Faith. And if you believe all that, I have a bridge in Brooklyn I'd like to sell you!

Shoghi Publishes Racist Article by August Forel in 'Baha'i World' Magazine

August Forel was a famous Swiss psychiatrist who trained directly under Sigmund Freud. He was also one of the founders of the "Monist League": a society that spearheaded evolution, but they also promoted the concept the Nature and God was the same entity, and that Nature favors the strong over the weak. The Monists taught that "Negroes" were in fact a higher ape, and not quite human. Most the founders of the early Nazi Party (called the German Worker's Party) were also members of the Monist League. However, Forel hears of the Baha'i Faith, and eventually becomes a Baha'i in 1920. 'Abdu'l-Baha writes a Tablet to him calling him a "genius" and "lover of Truth". Yet, Forel retains membership in the Monist League. Forel is the author of numerous books where he states that the "Negro race" is "hopelessly inferior" to the "superior races". The Monists believed that Nature was God, and Nature favored the "higher races" over the lower races.

Most Monists were also Social-Darwinists, and believed that "might means right" and that the "Superior Races" had a "natural right" to dominate, subjugate, and even exterminate the "inferior races". The Social-Darwinists were also called "Racialists". It appears that Forel abandoned his Racist views upon becoming a Baha'i in 1920, but he retained his "Scientific Racist" views that there were superior and inferior races. He simply no longer believed that the superior races had a "natural right" to dominate and exterminate "inferior" races.

It should be noted that in the 1920s just about ALL university professors were Scientific Racists. All of them, without exception, believed some races were "superior" to others. Only a small minority of university professors were "Racialists" (Social-Darwinists); believing that the superior races had a "natural right" to dominate, subjugate, exploit, and even exterminate

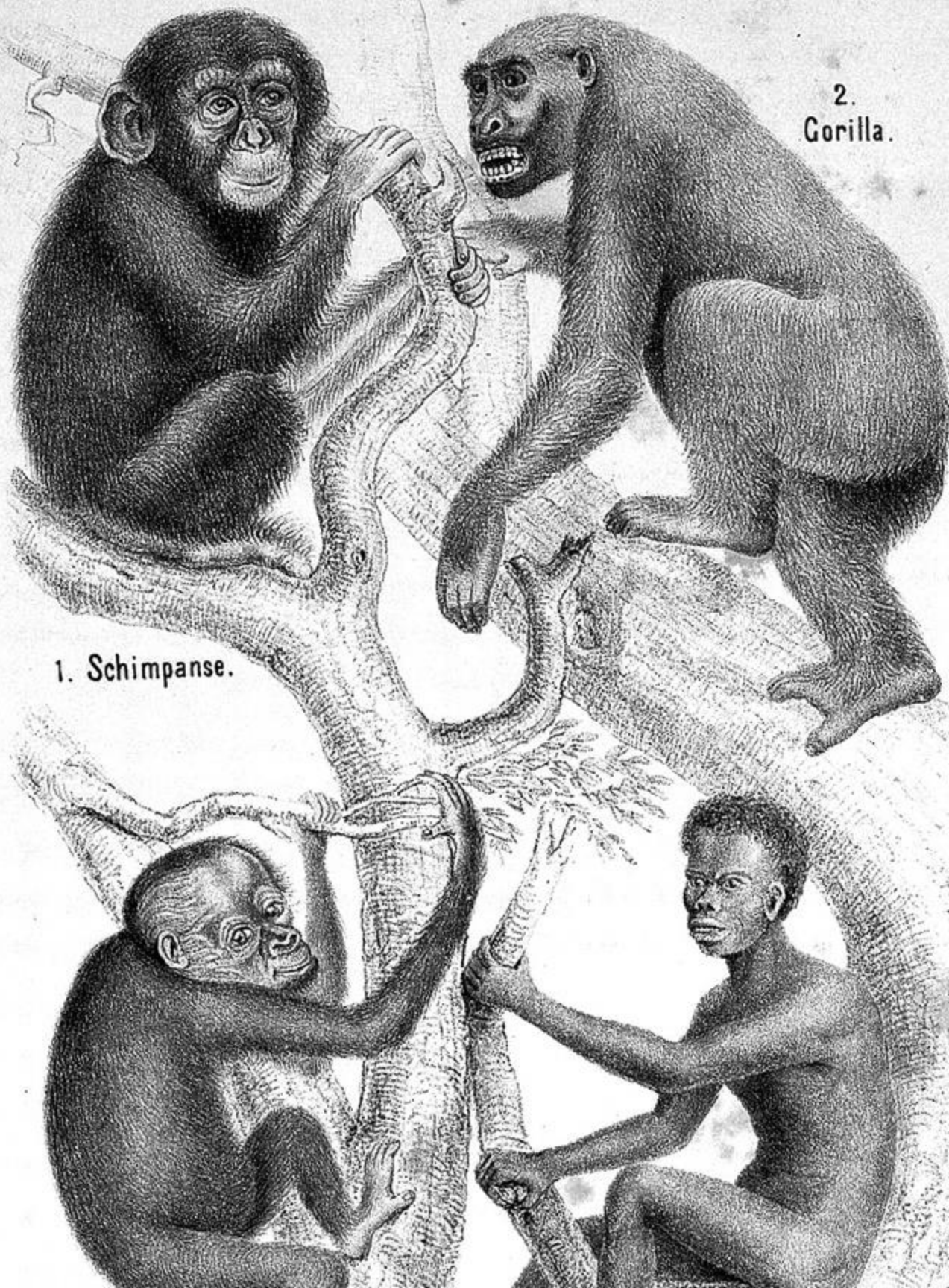
"inferior" human stock. In the 1920s "Scientific Racism" was accepted as "fact" just as much as Evolution is accepted as "fact" today.

In 1928, August Forel, eight years a Baha'i, Forel is still a member and supporter of the hyper-racist Monist League, writes an article and sends it to Shoghi Effendi, and Shoghi orders it published in *The Baha'i World* which was the official English-language periodical of the Baha'is at the time. No article was published without the approval of Shoghi Effendi. Many Baha'is told Forel that "war" was the result of "inequality of races". Forel wanted to refute that idea, so he wrote an article. In the article Forel writes:

"Moreover, one makes a pretext that there are differences in races; but if one excepts those races, altogether inferior, with a lighter cerebrum (according to Wedda about eight hundred or eight hundred and fifty grams instead of one thousand) it is a fundamental error. All Europeans, Chinese, Japanese, Hindus, Semites, Americans, and so forth, are equal as races. It is necessary, therefore, to seek for other real causes for the hatreds and the wars than the differences of languages and of race. But while some declare Him [God] personal, we Monists look upon Him as representing the Force (metaphysical) of the Universe, unknowable to human beings." ("The World Vision of a Savant" *Baha'i World III*, 1928-1930, p. 284)

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Gorilla.

1. Schimpanse.



From a book published by the Monist League, showing a Gorilla, Chimpanze, Orangutan, and "Neger" in a tree (c. 1920)

Forel was saying: "You assume that war is the result of superior races making war on inferior races, but this is not true, since the superior races (Europeans, Chinese, Japanese, Hindus, Semites, Americans) make war against each other all the time, and they all have basically the same brain size, but who has made war against the small-brained Vedda of Ceylon (Shri Lanka)? We must seek (look for) the real cause of hatred and war other than what Baha'is have been telling me is the cause: race and language."

Baha'is told Forel, for years, that wars would CEASE if men only thought of all races as equals, and only if all men spoke Esperanto in addition to their own native language. Forel knew that their argument was naive and false: since European "races" war with each other, yet their diplomats could speak each other's languages just fine. Forel also knew that the "superior races" made war with each other: such as the large brained Japanese against the equally large-brained Chinese, or one European nation against another. Nobody was making war against the small-brained Vedda (German: "Wedda") of Ceylon! Forel wrote his article to "refute" the common Baha'i mentality that "war" between nations was the result of one race thinking itself superior to another race, or the result of miscommunication in language. Forel knew both arguments were not true. Those were NOT the "reasons" nations make war against each other.

Shoghi has Forel's article titled "The World Vision of a Savant" (i.e. Genius). Forel said in the above paragraphs:

*Races with lighter cerebrums are "altogether inferior" and gives the example of the Vedda (German: "Wedda") of Ceylon who have smaller cerebrums.

*Hindus, Semites, Japanese, Chinese, and Americans (he means white Americans) are equal as races (have roughly the same size cerebrums), and yet they go to war together, so racial superiority is not the cause of war.

*"We Monists...." (Forel is still calling himself a Monist eight years *after* joining the Baha'i Faith).

After becoming a Baha'i in 1920, Forel was told by other Baha'is that the belief of racial superiority led to war, as well as differences of languages (thus the need for Esperanto). Forel is refuting this argument in his article. France and Germany went to war during World War One, and millions on both sides were killed. Their diplomats could speak each other's language fluently, so Esperanto would not have helped. Also, both the French and Germans had equal sized cerebrums, which, to Forel, meant equal intelligence. So, they did not go to war because one thought they were superior to the other, as Baha'is were constantly telling him.

Forel still considered himself a Monist, even while being a Baha'i. Do YOU know what the Monists taught? They taught that God was the intelligent "Force" behind Nature. Nature taught "survival of the fittest". The Monists taught that "Negroes" were closer to the ape than all other races and "inferior" to the "advanced races". The Monist League called for the forced sterilization of the retarded, the mentally-unfit, and chronically poor, the deformed, and "inferior races". The Monists founded the "Neo-Malthusian League" for this purpose; to rid humanity of "the unfit". The American Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, was both a Monist and a member of the Neo-Malthusian League. Forel was an avid reader, attending Monist League conventions, and knew very well what the Monist League advocated. Yet, even in 1928, eight years after becoming a Baha'i, he wrote "We Monists....".

Shoghi Effendi was trained at the Syrian Protestant College (American University of Beirut), and Oxford University (for one year). The philosophy of the Monists would have been discussed in his philosophy and science classes; because Monism was discussed when professors discussed evolution. Scientific racism (that some races have larger brains and are thus "superior" to "inferior" races) was accepted as scientific fact by all (100%) European and American colleges and universities in the time that Shoghi Effendi attended them. But "Racialism" was not a science but a philosophy which sought to justify exploitation, and even extermination, of the "inferior races" in the name of Social-Darwinism (i.e. survival of the fittest). Most white professors, who accepted Scientific Racism as fact (and all of them did), rejected the philosophy of Racialism/Social-Darwinism.

100% of Shoghi Effendi's professors would have accepted Scientific Racism (some races have larger cerebrums and are thus more intelligent than others).

Perhaps 1% or less of college professors (at the time Shoghi Effendi went to college) would have accepted Racialism; the philosophy that superior races may dominate, or even exterminate, inferior races. 99% of white college and university professors in his day would have rejected Racialism; as did Shoghi Effendi and August Forel.

*Scientific Racism: accepted by 100% of European college professors in the time Shoghi Effendi attended college. Taught that some races were greater in intelligence than other races; according to the size of the cerebellum. Asians and Europeans had largest cerebrums, but Africans, American Indians, Aborigines, Melanesians, and the Vedda (German: "Wedda") of Ceylon had smaller cerebrums and thus were less intelligent. Scientific Racism was accepted as "fact" by the educated after World War I and before World War II, just as educated people today accept Evolution as "fact" and not just theory.

*Racialism: the philosophy, also called "Social-Darwinism", that "superior races" had the "natural right" to dominate, enslave, exploit, and even exterminate "inferior" races: since Nature favors the strong/intelligent species over the weaker/less-intelligent species. Just about all college professors "rejected" the Philosophy of Racialism.

Shoghi Effendi clearly rejected Racialism and condemned it (as did Forel), but they both accepted Scientific Racism, as did 99% of university educated people in their day (1917-1921), just like most educated people today accept Evolution not as "theory" but as proven fact.

There is NO WAY that Shoghi could NOT have known the Forel was a Monist, and what the Monists believed and advocated. Monist Philosophy was discussed, pro and con, in every American and British university; anytime evolution was discussed. Shoghi knew that August Forel was still a Monist, and he knew what the Monists believed in. Yet, he has Forel's article published in *The Baha'i World*.

Shoghi Effendi nowhere condemned the "Scientific Racism" of August Forel and the Monists. Shoghi condemned "Racialism" which was the philosophy that the superior races had the "right" to dominate, and even subdue and exterminate, the "inferior races". Shoghi was taught Scientific Racism at both his colleges, and, at the time (1917-1921) all British and American Universities accepted Scientific Racism as "scientific fact" not

theory. "Scientific Racism" (accepted as a science) and "Racialism" (a philosophy also called "Social-Darwinism") were looked upon as two separation things completely.

Nine years after Forel's "racist" article appeared in *The Baha'i World*, Shoghi Effendi told his wife Mary and her mother May Maxwell:

"Men are not born equal; that is a fundamental principle of the Cause."
(Haifa Notes of Shoghi Effendi's Word, by Mary Maxwell, 1:37)

Baha'is today would "spin" that to mean that Shoghi Effendi "meant to say" that men are not born with "equal opportunities". But...that's *not* what he said. Shoghi Effendi clearly rejected Racialism (Social-Darwinism), but he clearly accepted the Scientific Racism of his day: as did all university educated people of his day.

Shoghi Expects Guardianship to Continue After His Death

A review of the letters by Shoghi Effendi, and letters signed by him, over the course of his Guardianship, reveal that he expected the Guardianship to be perpetual, and to last until the coming on the next Manifestation, 1000 literal solar years after Baha'u'llah (which was, again, his own creation). Shoghi was working on the building plans for "The House of the Guardian" up until the day of his death. The House of the Guardian is now called the International Teaching Centre.

Shoghi Effendi would frequently go on extended vacations without his wife, leaving her in charge of the Faith while he was absent. She frequently signed letters in his name, while he was away (for months at a time) in Switzerland or England. Mary Maxwell also knew the combination to Shoghi's wall-safe.

Shoghi Effendi died in London in 1957. When the Hands asked why Shoghi was in London, Mary told them "He went to buy some furniture". A strange reason to travel over a thousand miles; since, by 1957, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Beirut all had excellent furniture and antique shops. Some who were very close to Shoghi, including secretaries that he excommunicated, such as Mirza Ahmad Sohrab, later claimed that he went to Switzerland or London to meet homosexual lovers. One such lover, according to rumor, was George Townsend (an early prominent Irish Baha'i), but that cannot be documented. These claims could only be

substantiated by signed letters from the men involved; an unlikely event in the "day" when homosexuals were "closeted" and dare not write or speak about their sexual orientation. All we know, is that is what the Aghsan (blood relatives of Baha'u'llah) and his own secretaries he excommunicated, such as Ahmad Sohrad, claimed this. Where they "all" lying? Maybe. Maybe not.

Shoghi Order Sons of Baha'u'llah Dug-Up

The three youngest sons of Baha'u'llah, Mohammad Ali Effendi, Badi'u'llah, and Ziya'u'llah, all eventually died and were buried near their father at Bahji. Baha'u'llah was buried underneath his mansion at Bahji, near Akka, Palestine (now Israel). At the deaths of Mohammad Ali Effendi, Badi'u'llah, and Ziya'u'llah, they were buried near the mansion. Shoghi Effendi did not like this. So, before he himself died, he instructed one of his "Hands of the Cause" (he had 27 "Hands") named Leroy Loas, to dig up their bodies, and bury them in a pauper's grave some place else, because their bodies were "desecrating holy ground". Baha'is consider Bahji to be like what Mecca is for Muslims, and are instructed to face Bahji, from anywhere they are, when they pray. Shoghi Effendi said:

"When Leroy was given this assignment, the Guardian said to him, 'Everything you have done up to now, including your work on the Shrine of the Bab, is as silver, whereas removing the Covenant-breakers from Bahji, and securing the buildings and lands for the Faith, will be as gold.' (Leroy Loas, p. 194)

Well, it took many years to have this done, because, of course, the families of Mohammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah thought the idea was HORRIFIC! In Islaam, to dig up a grave was unthinkable, and the Aghsan (Family of Baha'u'llah) still considered their religion to be Islaam. They fought in the courts for many years. However, running out of money, the Aghsan had to literally "give up". The Baha'is had unlimited funds to fight this in court, money donated from a million Baha'is from around the world, and the Aghsan family, who used the surname of "Beha'i", literally could not sustain the court costs any long. Finally, in 1965, LeRoy Loas succeeded, and the graves of Mohammad Ali Effendi, Badi'u'llah, and Ziya'u'llah were dug up, and their bodies reburied far away in a pauper's field.

Do you think their father Baha'u'llah would have wanted that?

Mary Maxwell's 'Little White Lie'

Upon Shoghi Effendi's death in 1957, Mary Maxwell, his wife, told the Baha'is of the world he was "gravely ill" and forbade anyone from entering his office (where he kept his writings, letters, and wall-safe) except herself. When the Hands of God (Baha'i apostles) finally gathered, they checked Effendi's wall-safe (opened for them by Mary Maxwell), and found no Will; a deep violation of Baha'i Holy Law. Baha'i apologists say that the wall-safe was "sealed" so Ruhiyyih (Mary) would not have taken anything out of the safe i.e. as if Mary was incapable of putting another seal on the safe in the weeks between Shoghi's death and the time the wall-safe was checked by the Hands. By this time, Mary Maxwell had "signed" Shoghi Effendi's signature on many letters; since he was often in Switzerland and unavailable to act as Guardian. Mary Maxwell became "de facto" Guardian during Shoghi's many sabbaticals away from Haifa.

Baha'i apologists say that Ruhiyyih Khanum (Mary Maxwell) was a very honest woman, but admit she "told a little white lie" to the Baha'is after the death of Shoghi Effendi, cabling them that he was "gravely ill" and did not inform them of the Guardian's death until after she had "cleaned" his office herself. Baha'is will tell you that Khanum "really didn't lie" but "told a well-intentioned fib" so that the Baha'is would be "prepared better" to later learn of his death. She did it out of "concern" for the feelings of the Believers.

The Reign of Mary Maxwell

Mary Maxwell was the beautiful daughter of two prominent wealthy American Baha'is. According to various sources, the widow of 'Abdu'l-Baha arranged the marriage between Mary Maxwell and Shoghi Effendi, in her attempt to "cure" Shoghi's homosexuality. They were married for many decades. It is no secret that Shoghi did not allow Mary to sleep in his bed. She had a separate bedroom. He did not take her on his Sabbaticals to Switzerland; often lasting up to four months. When he went on trips to Europe, he would leave Mary at home. 'Abdu'l-Baha gave Mary Maxwell the name of Amatu'l-Baha Rihyiyih Khanum (Arabic: "Maiden of Glory Spiritual Lady"). After she married Shoghi Effendi, she went by the name Rihyiyih Khanum. When Shoghi Effendi was away on Sabbaticals (which was often), Rihyiyih Khanum would reply to letters addressed to Shoghi, even signing his name to those replies (making them "binding" upon all Baha'is who were told the letters of the Guardian were infallible). She was named by Shoghi Effendi a "Hand of the Cause of God": which meant a Deputy to the Guardian. In 1951, Shoghi Effendi appointed her as "Liason of the Guardian to the International Baha'i Council". At the same time, Shoghi Effendi appointed another Hand of the Cause, Charles Mason Remey, as President of the International Baha'i Council: a body which never met, never functioned, and which the Hands of the Cause, under the direction of Rihyiyih Khanum, declared "Defunct" in 1957 upon the death of Shoghi Effendi.

The International Baha'i Council was supposed to be the "Universal House of Justice in embryo" but it never met, never functioned, and was declared "Defunct" in 1957

Why would Shoghi Effendi create an institution like the IBC, that never met, never had a meeting, only to be declared "Defunct" by the Hands of the Cause (at the urging of Mary Maxwell) in 1957? Could it be that the IBC was supposed to function as the successor of Shoghi Effendi, until a Aghsan (blood descendant of Baha'u'llah) could be found and appointed as Guardian? We'll never know. It seems strange that Shoghi Effendi would form the IBC *for no reason*; only to have his wife dispense with it upon his death.

Under Baha'i law, Shoghi Effendi was supposed to leave a Will appointing the next Guardian. He had no children, but he was working on the building plans for "The House of the Guardian" at the Baha'i World Centre before he died. After he died, his wife, Mary Maxwell, told the Baha'is for two days that he was "gravely ill". After his burial, the Hands of the Cause (Baha'i apostles appointed by Shoghi Effendi) checked his wall-safe in Haifa, and found no Will. Only Shoghi Effendi, and Mary Maxwell, knew the combination to his safe. The 27 Hands of the Cause of God, including Mary Maxwell, who was one of them, met in Haifa to talk about what to do. 'Abdu'l-Baha said that the Faith would have "twenty-four Guardians" (*Some Answered Questions*, p.67), but Shoghi Effendi had no children (the sons and grandsons of Baha'u'llah claimed he was homosexual), and left this earth, apparently, without leaving a Will (a violation of Baha'i law not for the Guardian to leave a Will) because when the Hands of God checked his wall-safe, about three days after his death in 1957, they found no Will. They asked Mary Maxwell, Shoghi Effendi's wife and correspondence secretary, if Shoghi left a Will, and if not why, and she just shrugged her shoulders. Apparently, if one is believe Mary Maxwell, her and Shoghi never discussed him leaving a Will.

BA'DA: God Changes His Mind

Several weeks after the death of Shoghi Effendi, the Hands of the Cause (Baha'i apostles), including Mary Maxwell (Ruhiyyih Khanum), met in Haifa to discuss "What do we do now?". Maxwell addressed the Hands, and said that God had "changed his mind" (called "BA'DA" in Arabic) about the Guardianship, and that she and eight other Hands called "The Custodians" would rule the Faith until a nine-man Universal House of Justice could be elected. When some of the Hands began to object, Mary began to strike her fist on a desk screaming that if the Hands did not agree to her demands she would kill herself, or move to Tibet and enter a monastery (she may

have not known that Tibetan Buddhism does not allow female monks). The Hands, distressed and not knowing what else to do, voted to establish "The Custodians". Two of the nine Custodians were Mary Maxwell and Charles Mason Remey, the President of the International Baha'i Council. The first thing Maxwell did, was to put up a vote to "abrogate" the Guardianship and the IBC, to which Remey objected. The Hands voted in her favor, and both were "history". Remey would later write that Maxwell "ruled" the Custodians with an iron fist, and she acted like a dictator and "new Guardian" of the Faith. By 1961, Remey declared he was the Second Guardian, based upon his appointment as President of the International Baha'i Council, which the Hands "abrogated" without having the authority to do so i.e. since only the Guardian or the House could do that.

The Claims of Charles Mason Remey

In 1961, Charles Mason Remey arose and declared that he was the adopted son of 'Abdu'l-Baha, and also the President of the Baha'i International Council, created in 1954. Shoghi wrote that the President of the International Baha'i Council would be the Guardian of the Faith. Mary Maxwell, who was ruling the Faith by this time, opposed Remey, and declared Remey a "Covenant-Breaker"; something only the Guardian or House of Justice could do. Yet, no House of Justice existed yet. And Mary Maxwell was a Hand of the Cause, not the Guardian of the Faith although she acted like she was Guardian. The Hands sided with Maxwell and against Remey. The French National Spiritual Assembly sided with Remey, along with several thousand Baha'is around the world. However, Mary Maxwell owned the mailist lists, and send out letters and cables telling the Baha'is to "shun" Remey and all those that followed him. She had the National Spiritual Assembly of France locked out of their own offices. Remey founded the "Orthodox Baha'i Faith" which has about 3,000 members worldwide. The Baha'i Faith now claims that Shoghi Effendi was the one and only Guardian of the Faith, and the "House of the Guardian" at the Baha'i World Center in Haifa, which Shoghi was working on before his death, is now called "The International Teaching Centre".

Nosrat'u'llah Bahremand
Guardian of the Orthodox Baha'i Faith

Baha'i apologists today present Mason Remey as a power-hungry megalomaniac, and Ruhiyyih Khanum (Mary Maxwell) is painted as a heroin who "saved the Faith" from schism.

Why did Shoghi Effendi appoint Mason Remey as "President" of the International Baha'i Council? Remey was an architect and an excellent Hand of the Cause, who converted many people to the Faith. Remey was married for less than a year as a young man, but his wife committed suicide. They had no children. He never remarried. After Remey was declared a "Covenant Breaker" by the Custodians (i.e. Mary Maxwell), he retired to Florence, Italy, to spend out the rest of days and to run the Orthodox Baha'i Faith via correspondence. He hired an Italian-American "male nurse" to care for him that he legally adopted as his son, named Joseph "Pepe" Remey. Pepe Remey also never married and his memoirs of Mason Remey are filled with homoerotic tributes.

Charles Mason Remey with his "adoped son" Joseph Pepe Remey
(Florence, Italy, circa 1964)

Baha'is who even say "hello" to an Orthodox Baha'i may be declare "Covenant-Breakers" (i.e. Orthodox Baha'is) and shunned for life by all other Baha'is. Baha'i leaders in the U.S. have "sued" the Orthodox Baha'i Faith over the use of the word "Baha'i" and lost each one of their lawsuits.

Some believe that Mary Maxwell "terminated" the International Baha'i Council, established by Shoghi Effendi in 1952, when Effendi died in 1957, because she was only secretary of that Council, while Charles Mason Remey was President of the Council. If the International Baha'i Council took power, Mary Maxwell would be "under" the authority of Charles Mason Remey, a position she could not see herself tolerating. Why did Shoghi Effendi create the IBC only to have it "terminated" on his death? It is obvious to some, that he wanted the IBC to succeed him, perhaps acting as a regency until an Aghsan (blood descendant of Baha'u'llah) arose to fulfill the role of Guardian. Perhaps Effendi wanted Remey as Guardian. More likely, he wanted the IBC, presided over by Remey, to act as "regent" until one of the Aghsan (blood descendants of Baha'u'llah, a descendant of one of the "Unitarians", would arise, renounce the Unitarians, join the Faith, prove to be faithful, and be appointed as Guardian by the IBC acting as regent. But, we will never know, because either Shoghi Effendi failed to leave a Will, or Mary Maxwell got rid of the Will in the days after his death, when she forbade anyone from going into his office but her.

left: Mary Maxwell right: Charles Mason Remey

Before the "Conclave" of the Hands of God (Baha'i apostles) in 1957, who met in Haifa, with Mary Maxwell (Ruhiyyih Khanum) pounding her fist on a desk, threatening "suicide or Tibet" if the Hands didn't vote her way, before that, every Baha'i in the world believed that the Guardianship was perpetual, with an uninterrupted line of Guardians of the Cause of God, and this would continue for a thousand years, until the next Manifestation

arrived, because *that* is what they were taught. But, there was no Will, and Mary said to the Hands: "God changed His mind".

The Reign of the Universal House of Justice

A nine-man "Universal House of Justice" was elected in 1963, to govern the Faith, but, according to Mason Remey, when the "House" issued directives that Mary Maxwell disagreed with, she would tell the House: "You haven't deliberated long enough on this issue, go back and deliberate again until you get it right." All decisions of the "House" (nine-man council) had to be approved by her before it was sent out to the Baha'i world., according to Remey. She died in 2001.

First elected Universal House of Justice (1963). Charles Wolcott is on the far left in this photograph.

According to Jamshid Rohani, the Muhaddas (Seer), based upon his communications in the Third Heaven, Baha'u'llah was not a Messenger of God, but rather a "Dervish" (Muslim holy man) and a "Murad" (Head of a Sufi Holy Order). According to Jamshid, Baha'u'llah desired to start a Sufi (soo-fee) Order, based upon the Naqshbandi (Nawgk-shhhh-bawn-dee) Order. Baha'u'llah lived in a Naqshbandi commune for two years in Kurdistan, and wore the Dervish crown of the Naqshbandi Order. Baha'u'llah wanted to be the founder of a new Sufi (soo-fee) Order called the "Beha'i Order" which would be the Shi'ite version of the Sunni Naqshbandi Order. To non-baha'is, Baha'u'llah went by the name of *Baha'u'Deen*, which is also the name of the founder of the Naqshbandi Order. The Sufis (soo-fees) are Muslim mystics who interpret many of the laws and ordinances and doctrines of the Qu'ran "metaphorically" instead of literally like most Muslims do.

Baha'u'llah believed that Muhammad (pbuh) was the Last and Final Prophet, and evidence of that can be read in the following Tablets:

"Blessings and salutations be on the Holy Prophet of Islam (pbuh) – the leader of the universe, the nourisher of the nations, the one by whom Messengership and Prophethood was terminated and upon his progeny and his companions; a perpetual and never ending blessing and

salutation."

(Ref: [*Ishraqaat*, page 293](#))

"I beseech Thee ... by Him Whom Thou hast ordained to be the Seal of the Prophets and of Thy Messengers."

(Ref: [*Bahá'u'lláh, Prayers 29*](#))

At yet another place, Bahaullah writes,

"Once I was walking on the land of 'Ta' [Tehran] in Iran when suddenly, from every direction, on paying attention, the wailings of the prophets of the cities and the towns of that region could be heard and they were saying – O Allah, the last Apostle (pbuh), the leader of all Apostles of Allah, may our souls be sacrificed for him! We have been raised to remember You and extol You. But the ignorant sit upon us and are busy in swearing and cursing. O Allah! Deliver us from this."

(Ref: [*Ishraqaat*, page 246](#))

Mirza Hussain Ali Bahaullah writes,

"This is because Allah after having terminated the position of Prophethood upon His beloved and His chosen one, and His choicest from His creatures just as He has revealed in the glorious Quran; but (Holy Prophet (pbuh) is the messenger of Allah and the last of the prophets, has promised the eyes of His servants of His meetings on the Day of Qiyamat."

(Ref: *Asare Qalame' Aala*, volume 3, page 49)

Mirza Hussain Ali, Bahaullah, writes:

"Blessings and salutations be upon the Holy Prophet (pbuh), the leader of the universe, the nourisher of the nations, one by whom was terminated Messengership and Prophethood, and also upon his progeny and his companions."

(Ref: *Badie*, page 293)

Baha'u'llah never called his religion "the Baha'i Faith". The phrases "The Cause of God" and "Crimson Ark" were common nicknames for ISLAAM in Persia during the time Baha'u'llah lived. He never called himself a "Prophet" nor a "Messenger". Never once in his writings. He clearly wrote that Muhammad was the final Messenger and Prophet of God on this planet. Baha'u'llah was a Shi'ite Muslim. He wanted the Baha'is to be an Mystical Order (*Tawwasuf*="Path") of Shi'ite Muslims: similar to the "Path" of the Naqshbandi Sunni Muslims. Shoghi Effendi "changed" Baha'u'llah

from a Sufi Master into a Messenger of God, and the Beha'i Sufi Order into the Baha'i Religion.

Baha'u'llah did not consider himself to be a *Razool* (Messenger) nor a *Nabi* (Prophet) but a Muslim "Wali" (Arabic: "Saint"). He believed, as do the Naqshbandi Sufis, that when a Muslim achieved *Fana-i-Ilah* (Arabic: "annihilation in God") by travelling to the 7th Mystical Valley of the Soul, then the "ego" ("satan" within) is annihilated, and all that is left is the *Ruh* (Spirit) *which is Allah*. The Sufis did not see "Allah" as a Being "out there" somewhere, but "in here" (dwelling in the heart--meaning the *Ruh* in all men and women). Baha'u'llah believed he had reached this "Exalted Station" called *Sadratu'l-Mantaha* (Arabic: "The Uttermost Lote Tree") while he lived with the Naqshbandi Sufis (*soo-fees*) for two years in Sulimaniyyah, in Kurdistan, in the mid 1850s.

Most Writings of Baha'u'llah Still Untranslated and Unpublished

About 90% percent of the writings of The Báb are still untranslated and unpublished, and about 60% of the writings of Baha'u'llah are still untranslated and unpublished. Baha'i scholars (who know English, Arabic, and Farsi) have made some translations, and, in response, they have been declared "Covenant-Breakers" or simply had their names removed from the membership rolls. Why? Because *they translated texts that the Universal House of Justice does not want Baha'is to read*, because these texts teach the exact opposite of what the Baha'i Faith teaches today.

The "House" in Haifa excommunicates (i.e. removes from the membership records) any Baha'i scholar who "dares" publish a translation from the writings of The Báb or Baha'u'llah that they have not approved of (and they approve of very very few). The House has instructed Baha'is in Iran who leave there and go to a foreign country to "turn over" any old Farsi (Persian) or Arabic Baha'i books or Holy Tablets they may have, to the Baha'i World Centre, without making copies of them. After these items get to Haifa, they seem to disappear down a bottomless black hole, never again to see the light of day. But, The House is not always obeyed, and "smuggled" items have gotten to independent Baha'i translators; some of them already excommunicated for "publishing" unauthorized translations. Vast quantities of the writings of The Báb, Baha'u'llah, 'Abdu'l-Baha, and the early Persian Baha'i believers, have yet to be translated or published, although the House has had the talent and

means to do since the early 1970s. The House apparently want to "wait" until the discrepancies (contradictions between the unpublished Tablets and current Baha'i teachings) can be "explained". That wait may be a long, long time.

Baha'u'llah Teaches Reincarnation

In his Tablet *Athar-i Qalam-i A'la*, Baha'u'llah writes that he is the reincarnation of Abel, who was killed by Cain:

"This is a book from the Wronged One who is referred to in the Kingdom of Existence as Baha; and in the Most High majesty as the Most Exalted; and in the Sky of Concealment using all of God's most beautiful Names; and in the Land of Creation as Husayn, but the majority of the people are under a great veil and delusion. Things happened to him in every era that only God the Greatest Exalted King can enumerate. Once he was afflicted at the hands of Cain and was killed in God's path and ascended to Him oppressedly and this is what happened in the past and God was witness to this and well aware of it." (2:91)

Baha'u'llah referred to himself as "The Wronged One" hundreds of times in his Tablets. The above translation was published, by accident, by the Canadian Association of Baha'i Studies in 2002.

Perhaps this is why the Universal House of Justice refuses to allow the translation of 60% of the Holy Tablets of Baha'u'llah: because they contain teachings *contrary* to the "Baha'i Teachings" outlined by Shoghi Effendi. That would create "problems". Baha'is would begin to ask "questions" and

expect answers. The Universal House of Justice have no "answers" to give them other than the Truth (i.e. Shoghi Effendi deliberately changed and distorted the station and religion of his great-grandfather).

Why did Shoghi Effendi want to change and distort the religion of his great-grandfather? Because:

- *He despised Islaam, and wanted to create a new independent World Religion.

- *He hated many features of Islaam, such as Salat (Friday prayers) that he was forced to do as a child (and as 'Abdu'l-Baha did every Friday at a Mosque) so he got rid of it.

- *He was a convert to World Federalism while a student at the American University of Beirut (then called the American College of Syria), and wanted to create a religion based upon World Federalism.

Baha'u'llah created a *Tawwasuf* (spiritual path or order) meant to make the Muslim a "Mystical Traveler" from one Valley (spiritual station) to higher Valleys (spiritual stations), for the ultimate purpose of Fana'u'llah (Dying in God): so that the Mystical Traveler would become "one" with ALLAH after death.

'Abdu'l-Baha created a set of 11 talking points that became known as "The Baha'i Principles". He found that preaching these Principles to Western Liberals, would cause many of those Western Liberals to become Baha'is, and donate money to the Faith. He controlled all donations to the Faith. 'Abdu'l-Baha was a Muslim. He attended a Muslim Masjid (Mosque) every Friday. He was buried according to Muslim burial rites.

Shoghi Effendi was NOT a religion man at all! He hated the prostrating prayers that Muslims did. He hated most trappings of religion. He was essentially a Monist, like August Forel. God was Nature. The Afterlife was irrelevant. What mattered was the Here-and-Now. He *hated* the *Tawwasuf* (spiritual path) of his grand-father Baha'u'llah. But he believed he would "Use the Baha'is" to further the cause of World Federalism. That is why he deliberately distorted or mistranslated some of the "key" Verses in the *Kitab-i-Aqdas* and other Tablets.

Simple as that.

Kalimat Press Banned

There was an independent Baha'i publishing company in Los Angeles named *Kalimat Press*, that published very scholarly Baha'i books every year, for decades. However, in the late 1990s they published the book *Black Pearls: Black Servants in the House of The Bab and Baha'u'llah*. The book revealed that both The Báb (the Forerunner of Baha'u'llah) and Baha'u'llah owned black "servants" (really: "slaves"). The book also revealed that many early Iranian Baha'is (the wealthy ones) owned, bought, and sold black slaves. In 1873 Baha'u'llah forbade Baha'is from engaging in the "slave trade". But owning black slaves, and engaging in the "slave trade" were two different things. One can "use drugs" without being a "drug dealer". One can own black slaves, without being in the "slave trade". The book *Black Pearls* revealed that Iranian Baha'i continued to own black slaves into the 1890s, when, thanks to the British and the French, black slavery in Egypt and Iran ceased. Black slavery continued in Saudi Arabia until 1962, when the Saudis were "forced" to end black slavery by the U.S. government. The publication of *Black Pearls*, and other books by *Kalimat Press*, upset the Universal House of Justice (the council of nine men--males only--who govern the Baha'i Faith worldwide). The National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States then officially "banned" *Kalimat Press* from all Baha'i bookstores and the Baha'i Distribution Service (BDS); effectively putting *Kalimat Press* out of business. The long history of Baha'is owning, buying, and selling black slaves is another fact of history that the Universal House of Justice does not want the Baha'is or the Public-at-Large to know about. *Kalimat Press* continues to publish one book a year, but their books are still banned from all Baha'i bookstores and the BDS. *Black Pearls* calls the black slaves "servants" but the book is clear that these "servants" were bought, sold, and could not leave their Baha'i masters without the permission of their Baha'i masters.

Both the Báb and Baha'u'llah owned black slaves. Baha'is were involved in the black African slave trade before 1873. Baha'is continued to own black slaves until the late 1890s, when the British and French finally pressured Egypt, Iran, and the Ottoman Empire (the Turks) to end black African slavery. Black slavery continued to flourish in Saudi Arabia (where there no Baha'is) until 1962, when the U.S. Government told the Saudis that American companies could not buy oil from them unless they ended black slavery. They did.

House Member: 'We Can't Figure Them Out!'"

A Baha'i acquaintance of mine told me long ago, then he once had dinner with a Member of the Universal House of Justice (the nine-member elected all-male governing body). He asked the Member of the House when the "unpublished writings" were going to be published, and the Member said: "I don't know...maybe never!" The Baha'i told me he was "shocked" by this response, and asked why. He said the Member replied: "There's a lot of strange things in the Writings, we can't figure them out, really weird stuff, so, best not to publish all that until we can figure it all out!" and then the Member quickly changed the subject. That House Member was Charles Wolcott, who was first elected to the Universal House of Justice in 1963. Charles Wolcott was a famous Hollywood music composer during the 1940s and 1950s. He became a Member of the Universal House of Justice in 1963, and remained a Member of the House until his death. This conversation took place in the late 1970s. The House still hasn't "figured it all out" yet.

The House (UHJ) is in a dilemma. If they announce "Shoghi Effendi was a liar, he mistranslated holy texts, was an active homosexual man who condemned homosexuality in his letters, and invented and changed the doctrines of Baha'u'llah" then 95 per cent of the Baha'is would leave the Faith, and the entire structure would collapse. The Members of the House of Justice are very committed to the idea that the World Order of Baha'u'llah/New World Order is "mankind's only hope" for peace and survival. They are between a "rock" and a "hard place". If they tell the Baha'i World what they know, it all falls apart. But, if they remain silent, suppress the unpublished Writings, they'll still be "on schedule" to Save the World.

They *really* think they are saving the world, and that by covering up the facts they will accomplish this the goal of World Peace and Save Humanity from Nuclear Holocaust!

Summary

The 12th Imam of Shi'ite Islam disappears in 847 A.D.; leaving the Shi'ite Muslims without spiritual guidance.

o After the Imaam Mehdi disappears, four "gates" claimed to channel the Hidden Imaam (Remnant of God); each one is called "The Gate".

o Two Shi'ite "Seers" arise (Shaykh Ahmad and Siyyid Kazim) and say that the Hidden Imaam will reveal himself 1000 lunar years from the year he disappeared (brings it to 1844 A.D.)

o The Báb (Siyyid Ali Muhammad Shirazi) claimed to be the fifth "Gate" to the Remnant of God, but NOT the Hidden Imaam (al-Mehdi) himself.

o Quddús (one of the 18 "Letters of the Living") realizes he is the Hidden Imaam, in 1844 A.D., and declared he was "the Remnant of God" at Fort Tabarsi in 1850, where he was killed along with about 300 others, in apparent fulfillment of Shi'ite Muslim prophecy.

o The Quddúsí (a small sect in Iran) believe in reincarnation, so Quddús will one day "return" and fulfill the Shi'ite Muslim expectations of the advent of al-Mehdi of filling the entire Earth with peace and justice.

o The Báb appointed the brother of Baha'u'llah, Mirza Yahya Soob-e-Azal, as his successor.

o Baha'u'llah never once claimed to be a Rasool nor a Nabi, but a "Wali" (Saint) and Dervish and attempted to be the founder of a Beha'í Sufi Order that was modeled on the Naqshbandi Sufi Order.

o Both The Báb and Baha'u'llah called their religion "Islaam" and taught that Muhammad (pbuh) was the Last and Final Rasool (Messenger) and Nabi (Prophet) on this planet.

o The Naqshbandi Sufis teach that Allah is in the heart, and is the Ruh (spirit) of each man and woman, and the ego/self is the Satan in each man and woman, and if a mystic traveler reaches the 7th Spiritual Valley, the "ego" within is annihilated, and nothing is left but the *Ruh* (Spirit) which is God, and should that Perfect Man says "I am God" that is the truth. This is the same doctrine in Hinduism that identifies that Brahman (God) with the *atman* (soul/spirit).

o Baha'u'llah appoints his two eldest sons as co-heirs.

o Muhammad Ali Effendi, Baha'u'llah second son, accuses 'Abdu'l-Baha of changing doctrine to suit his own whims, and 'Abdu'l-Baha responds by taking legal control of all Baha'i properties and the mailing lists of Baha'is outside of Palestine, and excommunicating the other sons of Baha'u'llah along with their wives and children.

o 'Abdu'l-Baha presents Baha'u'llah as a "Manifestation of God"; which, in Shaykhi terms ('Abdu'l-Baha was taught by former Shaykhis) could mean a Messenger, or a Prophet, or a "Wali" (Muslim Saint).

o 'Abdu'l-Baha called black Africans an "inferior race", praised the Swiss racist philosopher August Forel, a co-founder of the hyper-racist Monist League, and called black Africans "savages" with "no superiority to animals", but when he is around wealthy British and American Baha'is he usually preached peace, tolerance, and race unity.

o 'Abdu'l-Baha has a habit of slapping people who disagreed with him, and he made obscene jokes about his enemies, like the sons of one enemy named Siyyid Mihdi (a follower of Muhammad Ali Effendi), whom, he said, sucked the penises of male goats, mistaking their semen for milk.

o Baha'u'llah made shunning *HARAM* (Arabic: "absolutely forbidden") for Baha'is, but 'Abdu'l-Baha declared that the other sons of Baha'u'llah (the Aghsan) to be *NAW-KAW-ZEEN* (Arabic: "violators") and, along with their wives and children, told the Baha'is to shun them, not even speak to them or acknowledge their existence in any way, and Baha'is who "violate" this were also shunned for life.

o The descendants of the Aghsan are numerous, and live in Israel, Palestine, Europe, Australia, and the Americas, and often take the surname of "Behai" and claim that Baha'u'llah was not a Messenger or Prophet but a "Dervish" (Muslim saint/holy man) who wounded an Islamic Mystical Order, not a new religion.

o The Báb, Baha'u'llah, and 'Abdu'l-Baha, are known as "The Central Figures" of the Baha'i Faith.

o Shoghi Effendi becomes Guardian on the death of 'Abdu'l-Baha, and makes further "changes" such as forbidding Baha'is from practicing *Salat* on Fridays as Muslims do, as they did under Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha, and excommunicates all the descendants of 'Abdu'l-Baha, except for himself, because they criticize his changes in Baha'i doctrine and practice.

o According to the Secretaries of Shoghi Effendi, such as Mirza Ahmad Sohrab, and also according to the younger sons of Baha'u'llah (Mohammed Ali Effendi, Badi'u'llah, and Ziya'u'llah), Shoghi Effendi was a homosexual, was caught several times having sex with men, which is why 'Abdu'l-Baha

sent him away to college, and was a "munfikun" (hypocrite) because he condemned homosexuality in his letters but privately practiced it. The Baha'is who followed Mohammed Ali Effendi, the second son of Baha'u'llah became known as "Unitarians" and called themselves "Beha'i" instead of "Baha'i". They consider their religion Islam, and Baha'llah to have been a "Perfect Man" (Sufi Saint) and not a Messenger or Prophet.

o Ruth White donates money to 'Abdu'l-Baha, only to discover from the bank in Haifa the funds were intercepted by Shoghi Effendi, and after Shoghi Effendi is declared "Guardian" in the Will of 'Abdu'l-Baha, Ruth White takes a copy of the Will of 'Abdu'l-Baha (from a printing plate) and sends it to two British handwriting experts, who declare that there are two different handwritings on the Will, and the portions that appoint Shoghi Effendi are "in a different hand" from the other portions; White forms the "Free Baha'is" who reject the notion of Guardianship completely.

o Shoghi Effendi begins to present The Báb and Baha'u'llah as the Founders of new religions, that The Báb was the Imaam Mehdi and Baha'u'llah was "Christ" returned (in some metaphorical sense never quite explained well) but both The Báb and Baha'u'llah wrote in their books that their religion was "Islaam" and that Muhammad (pbuh) was the Finality of Messengership and Prophethood.

o Perhaps due to Mary Maxwell's pressuring him, Shoghi Effendi allows women to serve on National and Local Spiritual Assemblies, contradicting 'Abdu'l-Baha's previous directives (forbidding women to serve on the Chicago "House of Spirituality"), but he still bans women from serving on the Universal House of Justice. (maybe with his wife Mary Maxwell in mind?)

o Shoghi Effendi excommunicates all the descendants of 'Abdu'l-Baha, except himself, because they complain he is changing long-standing Baha'i doctrine and practices, and his "translations" of the works of Baha'u'llah are

considered "loose" and in some cases deceitful (a position shared by ex-Baha'i translators).

o In 1954, Shoghi Effendi establishes the nine-member International Baha'i Council, with Mary Maxwell as secretary and Charles Mason Remey as President; calling it the "Universal House of Justice in embryo" (is he now allowing women members of "The House"?). Mary Maxwell terminates the IBC on the death of her husband in 1957 by telling the Hands of the Cause (Baha'i apostles) to vote her way or she'll commit suicide or become a monk in Tibet.

o 'Abdu'l-Baha said there would be 24 Guardians of the Baha'i Faith, and Shoghi Effendi works on the design for "The House of Guardianship" up to his death in 1957; yet he had no children and all other descendants of Baha'u'llah were excommunicated by 'Abdu'l-Baha or himself.

o Shoghi Effendi publishes a racist article by August Forel, a Monist *and* a Baha'i since 1920, in *The Baha'i World*, calling Forel a "Savant" (i.e. Genius), and years later he tells Mary Maxwell and her mother that "Men are not created equal, and that is a fundamental principle of the Cause".

o Shoghi Effendi takes the ideas of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha about a "International Tribunal" to settle disputes between *independent and sovereign* nations, and turns it into the "New World Order"--a Baha'i World State--controlled by a "World Executive" who controls a "world police force" that would rule the entire planet (scary!).

o Shoghi Effendi dies in 1957, without a Will (in violation of Baha'i law that says the Guardian must appoint a successor and leave a Will), but in 1954 he establishes an International Baha'i Council and makes Charles Mason Remey president.

o Mary Maxwell (aka "Ruhiyyih Khanum") takes control of the Baha'i Faith at the death of her husband, forbidding anyone to enter her husband's study where the wall-safe is kept, and threatening to commit suicide if the Hands of the Cause (Baha'i apostles) do not agree with her that "God changed His mind" about the Guardianship being perpetual.

o Charles Mason Remey claims to be Second Guardian in 1961, based upon his appointment to the International Baha'i Council, and his "adoption" as a son by 'Abdu'l-Baha (who had no sons but only daughters); there are about 3,000 Orthodox Baha'is today.

o The nine-man "Universal House of Justice" is elected in 1963, as the governing body of the Faith worldwide; although Mary Maxwell (Ruhiyyih Khanum) must approve of all of their decisions and correspondence before it is sent out to the Baha'i World i.e. she acts as the *de facto* "Guardian" although her position as "Hand of the Cause" is inferior to that of "The House" (council of nine elected distinguished gentlemen).

o The "House" continues to excommunicate any Baha'i scholar/translator who publishes "unauthorized translations" from the Central Figures or from the Seers (Shaykh Ahmad and Siyyid Kazim) or from Quddús or from the Companions of the Central Figures.

o Iranian Baha'is who move outside of Iran are told by the "House" to send them all Baha'i books in Farsi and Arabic published before 1970, and not to make copies of them (the "House" has not published any of these publications and refuses to say why they have not).

o The House is not always obeyed, and some of these books have gotten into the hands of Baha'i translators, some of whom have been excommunicated for "unauthorized" publishing.

In Part III will shall conclude *The TRUTH About the Baha'i Faith* and tell you a little more about *The Friends of God International*.

The TRUTH about the Baha'i Faith (Part III)

The True History of the Faith

Dear Baha'is,

Up until now, you've been denied the true history of your Faith. We feel that you have a right to know the facts.

We know that you are sincere, and we know that you believe that only the Baha'i Faith can bring world peace, and race unity, and spiritual solutions to economic problems, and all the rest. God bless you for wishing to sacrifice to bring these things to reality! If God is behind it, your efforts will succeed. If God is not behind it, all your efforts will ultimately fail; no matter how sincere and dedicated you are.

The religion of The Báb and Baha'u'llah was ISLAAM, according to their own words in their own books. The Báb was not the Imaam Mehdi, but "the servant" of the Imaam Mehdi (Quddús), according to his own words. Baha'u'llah was not a Messenger of God (Rasool), nor a Prophet (Nabi) but a "Perfect Man" (Sufi Saint); a man who has reached the highest spiritual station that a non-prophet can reach, which is called *fana'i'llah* (Arabic: "dying in God"). Such men are called "Manifestations of Truth".

'Abdu'l-Baha (Abbas Effendi) was not the kindly grandfatherly peace-loving anti-racist you've been taught to believe. Read again what he had to say about "black Africans" above in Part I. He called black Africans "kaka siah" (Farsi: "niggers") and slapped people who angered him. He used horribly "foul" language against those who disagreed with him, even making jokes about how their sons sucking semen from the penises of male donkies; thinking they were drinking milk! He excommunicated his own brothers, and their wives and children too, when they complained of this. He forbade his brothers and their families from visiting the burial place of Baha'u'llah. Shoghi Effendi continued this until he was overturned by Israeli courts of law.

Shoghi Effendi "changed" many doctrines and practices, and his translations of the Writings are at best "loose" and at worst *dishonest*. He

knew that Baha'u'llah was not a Prophet or Messenger of God, and sought to *hide* that, for his own personal ends. He was not a religious man, but saw the Baha'i Faith as a "means" to change the world into something he wanted it to be. *He changed the Baha'i Faith from a spiritual movement into a social-change movement.* His plans for a perpetual Guardianship, with his eldest sons as Guardians, failed; because God was not behind it.

The Universal House of Justice is deliberately "hiding" and "suppressing" most of the Writings of The Báb and Baha'u'llah, and "all" of the Writings of Quddús! Why? They don't want YOU to read them! Why? Because much of these Writings contradict *Shoghiism*; which is erroneous called "Baha'i teachings".

Baha'u'llah wanted to form a Sufi Order in the religion of Islaam, not start a new world religion with aims of establishing a World Government (New Work Order), but to teach us how to become "one" (spiritually) with God. The Baha'i Faith has forgotten this original spiritual mandate, and has become just another NGO (non-governmental organization) that supports a *liberal-socialist* and *world-federalist* agenda. Baha'u'llah must be rolling in his grave!

The Universal House of Justice ("The House") could have translated *all* of the writings of the Central Figures in the early 1970s; when they had the money and expertise to do so. They had the means to do so even back then. But they have chosen to *suppress* these writings, and gather them up NOT to publish (except for carefully selected "Selections") but leave them untranslated, and unavailable for Baha'i scholars to publish. Yet, some works have been smuggled out of Iran, and have been translated by Baha'i linguists, and the House has instructed the NSA in the countries where these scholars live to "removed the membership" of many of these scholars. How tragic!

Why?

They won't tell you, and if you ask them more than a few times they will "direct" your National Spiritual Assembly to remove *your* name from the Baha'i enrollment records and to send you a letter saying: "You are no longer a Baha'i". They won't declare you a Covenant-Breaker. They'll just have your NSA send you a letter.

Why won't the House translate and publish all the writings of The Báb, and Quddús, and Baha'u'llah, and the Seers (Shaykh Ahmad and Siyyid Kazim), and the many Companions of the Central Figures? Why? You *cannot ask* that question! If you ask more than once, they will tell your NSA to remove your name from the rolls. They don't know *how to handle* what they are "discovering" in the unpublished Writings, because these Writings *absolutely contradict* what they were taught as "The Baha'i Faith". They don't know what to do, so, they sweep it all under the rug, because they are *completely committed* to the establishment of the "New World Order" envisioned by Shoghi Effendi.

Again, no matter how sincere, hardworking, and dedicated they might be, if God is not behind Shoghi's "World Order of Baha'u'llah", then it will fail, just like the perpetual Guardianship "failed"; because God was not the Author of it.

Shoghi's New World Order

Please stop working for Shoghi Effendi's New World Order. It is not of God, and will fail. Baha'u'llah wanted an International Tribunal, not a Baha'i World State. The Muslim and Christian communities will *never* join the Baha'i Faith. Never! Shoghite teachings are simply *far too blasphemous* to most Christians and Muslims! If you want to "change the world" then join the Friends of God International, because we believe in the same Principles, even better ones, and will work to establish them through politics (in free countries) and through education (in all countries). Even in places like Saudi Arabia, the Internet is available, and the Friends of God can promote our Principles even there through the Web!

Universal House of Justice (Women Not Allowed)

The Baha'i Faith boasts it believes in the Equality of Men and Women. Yet, no women may serve on the Universal House of Justice: which is the 9 man (literally) council that governs the Faith worldwide. 'Abdu'l-Baha even did not allow women to serve on the Chicago House of Spirituality: which was the first Baha'i institution in North America. The first Chicago House of Spirituality (c. 1903) had 19 men and women, but when 'Abdu'l-Baha found this out, he told them to reduce the number to "9" and the 9 were to be males only. Shoghi Effendi changed that, and allowed women to

serve on local and national Spiritual Assemblies which shall eventually become "Houses of Justice". But not the Universal House of Justice.

Some ex-Baha'is who used to work at the Baha'i World Centre claim that the wealthy Afnan family really controls the Baha'i Faith, and that the Universal House of Justice are mere "servants" of the Afnan family. The Afnans are the descendants of the uncle of The Báb (Siyyid Ali Muhammad Shirazi). They became very wealthy in the black African slave trade in Persia (buying black slaves in Zanzibar from Arab slave traders, and then and exporting the black slaves to Iran) and the opium trade to China (before both trades were made illegal in the 1890s). The Afnans have vast holdings all around the world, including in Israel. They allegedly owned the main construction company involved in the Baha'i World Centre "remodeling" from the early 1980s to the late 1990s; which cost an estimated twenty billion dollars. The money for this construction came from Baha'is from all over the world. Several Afnans have served on the Universal House of Justice.

Universal House of Justice Members do not campaign. How then are they voted for by Baha'i Delegates? Basically, it is via word-of-mouth. Members of the International Teaching Committee travel around the world giving talks to various Baha'i communities, and "names" are dropped either during or after the talk. Such things as "Dr. so and so is doing so much for the Faith in India" or "Mr. so and so is really helping the Faith in Europe" so when when an "opening" comes up in the Universal House of Justice (death or resignation) that position is soon filled by the person that the Continental Counselors want. They are given their orders by the International Teaching Committee, who is given their orders by the Universal House of Justice. So, in essence, the Universal House of Justice really decides who fills their vacancies. Do anyone give "them" orders? Only the House knows for sure. Certainly, when Mary Maxwell/Ruhiyyih Khanum was still alive, *she* gave them their orders!

The Friends of God International will be governed by a Supreme Council, also elected, that both men and women may serve on.

No World Centre in FOGI

The Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel, is absolutely stunning! There are marble-covered buildings with Greek columns, and a Holy Shrine on slope

of Mount Carmel, with beautiful terraced gardens. Millions of tourists, mostly non-baha'is, visit the Gardens each year. It is a major tourist attraction in Israel. How much did all this cost the Baha'is? That is a carefully guarded secret. By some guesstimates, the Baha'i World Centre and gardens in Haifa, Israel, cost about 20 billion dollars to build. Can you imagine how many hungry mouths could have been fed, how many poor children could have gone to school, how many sick people dying of AIDS or malaria could have been given medicine to keep them alive, with 20 *billion* dollars?

Baha'i World Centre (Haifa, Israel)

On the other hand, the *Friends of God International* (FOGI) won't spend *billions of dollars* on a "World Centre" with huge marbled buildings with Greek columns, and lush terracing gardens. FOGI will spend its contributions on building orphanages and homes for widows in countries where the government does not provide these things, and also homeless centers in first world countries where the homeless may get hot soup, warm bread, a hot shower, some clean clothing, some very basic first aid (band-aids, etc.) and some hypnotherapy to help them overcome their addictions.

Our "temples" will be orphanages, and homes for widows, and homeless centers, and schools for poor children who have no schools, and hospitals for the poor who can't afford hospitals in countries that have no free medical care for the poor.

Our "houses of worship" will be simple buildings, often rented, that hold our "Feasts" from 1 to 28 times a month; depending on how many people use the building. Our months are 12 in number. Muslims who belong to FOGI may perform Salat (Friday prayers) in those houses on Friday, and prayer towards Mecca. Our Christians may hold praise-services for Jesus on Sunday.

The Muhaddas (Jamshid Rohani) taught that Jesus was really crucified, and really appeared to His disciples after His death, as the Gospels report. 'Abdu'l-Baha taught that the accounts of Jesus' resurrection never happened, but is a "parable" about the disciples taking courage after three days and nights.

The "governing body" of FOGI is the Supreme Council, which women can serve on. Their "seat" will be modest rented offices in New York City, or some other major city.

Our holy scriptures are the "Bible of the World" and "The Good Book" and whatever other holy books the Friends wish to use as Holy Text.

The Friends of God has no "Right of God" which takes 19% of all you own (save the house and household furnishings). The Friends are asked to donate 2% of their monthly income to the charity of *their* choice, and *asked* to donate to the "FOGI Funds" which will be established, any amount they wish, or no amount if they so choose.

Our Muslims will go to Pilgrimage to Mecca, if they can afford it. Our Christians may visit the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem, if they care to. Our Behais (members of the Behai Sufi Order) may visit Haifa as tourists, and they may meet on Saturdays in our places of congregation, to read the Writings of Baha'u'llah.

The Friends of God

The Friends of God include people of all religions, and those with no organized religion. We are Muslims, and Christians, and Jews, and

Zoroastrians, and Buddhists, and Hindus, and Jains, and people who refuse all sectarian names and say: "I am a Follower of the Good Religion". The Friends of God is not a sect, and not a religion! We include people of all religions and those who are "spiritual but not religious" too. *The Friends of God International*, also called FOGI ("foe-gee") will become a large philanthropic organization, building and operating orphanages and homes for widows and abused women in the Third World, and homeless centers in the First World. It will have an "order" of men and women who learn hypnotherapy, and help people overcome their addictions, for free as "seva" (Sanskrit: "selfish service to others"). It will have other "orders" as well.

The Spiritual Station of Baha'u'llah

Baha'u'llah never claimed to be a Razool (Messenger) or Nabi (Prophet), but wrote that Muhammad (pbuh) was the Finality of both Messengership and Prophethood. Baha'u'llah claimed to be a "Manifestation of Truth"; which means he claimed to have achieved *Fana'i'llah* (annihilation in God), the highest Sufi spiritual station. Another Muslim who claimed to have achieved that station was Mansur al-Hallaj (d. 922 A.D.) who was crucified by orthodox Muslims in 922 A.D., in Iran, for writing the following:

"I saw the Lord with the eyes of the heart.
I asked, 'Who are You?'
And He replied:
'You!'"

Al-Hallaj would often say "Ana ee-Haqq" (Arabic: "I am the Truth"), meaning "I am God". That's why he was killed in 922 A.D.

There is a Verse in the Qu'ran which says:

"And We have already created man and know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer to him than his jugular vein." (50:15)

The Sufis, such as the Naqshbandi (nawgk-shhhh bawn-dee), interpret that Verse to mean that "God" is the ruh (spirit) of every man and every woman, and the nafs (soul) is "satan". This is the same doctrine in Hinduism, which says the Brahman ("God") is the *atman* (spirit inside a man or woman). In the *Bhagavad Gita*, the most holy book in Hinduism, Krishna identifies

Himself as Brahman, the Oversoul, the Supreme Being, the Father of the cosmos, and the "spirit" (atman) in every man and woman.

In English "soul" and "spirit" mean the same thing: the invisible "essence" of a person that survives death. But, in Islaam, the *nafs* (soul) is different from the *ruh* (spirit). In Sufiism, the *nafs* of a person is satan, and the *ruh* of a person is God/Allah.

We All Come from God and Return Unto Him

Sufiism teaches that, with certain spiritual practices, an ordinary man can reach the Seventh Mystical Valley (the 7th Valley) and "annihilate" his *nafs* (satan), and what is left over is body (which returns to dust at death) and *ruh* which is a "part" of Allah; like a proton of light is "part" of the Sun. The "spirit" (*ruh*) of men and women are pre-existent, but the "soul" (*nafs*) is created at conception. The soul (*nafs*) is from nature, but the spirit (*ruh*) is from God, and returns to Him. The meaning "return to Him" means like water is caught up into a cloud over the ocean, then the cloud produces drops of rain, which are separated from the ocean, but the drops of rain gather and go down rivers back into the ocean. Allah is the Mighty Ocean, and our "spirits" are the drops of rain that are temporarily separated, and later return, to that Mighty Ocean.

This "return" to God takes a long time, and many lifetimes on many different planets. Each planet is divided into one physical realm and seven spiritual "unseen" realms. Between death and "return" (reincarnation) we dwell in one of the spiritual realms. The lowest one is hellish, and the highest one is heavenly. But, we do not dwell in these realms (physical and spiritual) forever. Eventually, we all return to God; like a drop of rain returns to the ocean. How "hellish" or "heavenly" our journey back to God, depends upon how we "submit" our ego/self/*nafs*/soul/Satan-within to our id/conscience/*ruh*/spirit/God-within. Our "ego" rebels against our "Id" because our "ego" is selfish, and created by nature, whereas our "Id" is divine and indeed "part" of God as a drop of rain is part of the Ocean, but temporarily "separated" from the Ocean.

Baha'is still believe in becoming "One" with God, but they interpret that in a "Shoghist" manner: saying that "Oneness with God" merely refers to agreeing with the Principles of the Faith (One God, Equality of Genders, Elimination of Prejudice, Spiritual Solutions to Economic Problems,

Universal Education for all, Universal Auxiliary Language, etc.) , and working (social action) to establish those Principles worldwide (i.e. working to ultimately establish the Baha'i World State, or New World Order, as envisioned by Shoghi Effendi).

Iblis Refuses To Bow To Adam

In the Qur'an, there is a story of Iblis (satan) who is created out of "smokeless fire" (i.e. dark matter). God then makes Adam out of "mud" (i.e. physical elements) and commands Iblis (ee-bliss) to bow down and worship Adam. Iblis refuses, saying that he will worship Allah alone, and not a "creature" (Adam). Iblis is then cast out of the Presence of God, for rebelling (i.e. refusing a direct order of Allah). Why would Allah want Iblis to worship a "creation" and not Allah the Creator?

The Sufi interpretation of this story, is that Allah created One Ruh (Spirit) and called that "Adam" and our own "ruh" (spirit) is a "copy" of that One Ruh (Spirit), and that one Ruh is the Holy Spirit, and that one Ruh is ALLAH; just like your "image" in a mirror is YOU! "Iblis" is the symbol of the nafs/self/ego which is Satan that refuses to *bow down* (i.e. submit/obey) to the ruh/spirit/conscience which is the "image" of Allah.

The entire purpose of the Revelation of Muhammad (pbuh) is to teach people that they did not need to become Christians or Jews or Sabeans (Mandaeans) to worship Allah. All they needed to do was to "submit" their own will to the Will of God every day and night of their lives, and he called this daily spiritual practice "Submission" (Arabic: "Islaam") to the Will of God.

The entire *purpose* of the Revelation of Baha'u'llah was NOT to build a New World Order (Baha'i World State) but to create a spiritual order of Mystical Travelers who walked the Path of Holiness daily (by performing spiritual practices such as Zihir, daily prayer, alms, meditation, etc.) in their spiritual quest to "annihilate" the nafs/ego/self, which is Satan, so that they will be "Born Again" and to join the *Concourse on High* (Messengers/Prophets/Saints), which is in the Kingdom of God (Unseen Spiritual Realms), at death.

Those who reach the 7th Mystical Valley in life becomes a "Wali" (Arabic: "Saint"), a Friend of God, and at death they go to Paradise, which is a real spiritual dimension, very pleasant and very pleasurable; like an absolutely

wonderful dream that you don't want to wake up from! Paradise is described in great detail by Shaykh Ahmad and Siyyid Kazim in their writings. Both men claim to have been to these places, via visions. Also, the Muhaddas (Jamshid Rohani) describes the spiritual dimension of Paradise (called "the Garden" by Muslims) in THE GOOD BOOK, because *he has been there* in OBEs (Out-of-Body Experiences).

The Manifestations of God

Baha'u'llah as the latest Messenger of God (Razool), is a creation of Shoghi Effendi. When his relatives complained about what he was doing, he excommunicated all of them. The Seers Shaykh Ahmad and Siyyid Kazim, said that "Manifestations of God" including the following:

Messengers of God
Prophets of God
The 12 Imaams
The 4 Gates
Holy Ones (Saints)

The Muslim "Saints" are those who have reached the 7th Valley. They are called "Manifestions of God" by the Seers and by The Báb in their writings. Shoghi Effendi made "Manifestation of God" apply only to Messengers of God, and not to the others.

Shoghi Effendi NOT a Religious Man

Please remember, Shoghi Effendi was NOT a religious man. He hated to pray in Masjid on Friday, as all Baha'is did, along side of Muslims (because the Baha'is believed then they *were* Muslims just like Lutherans also believe they are also Christians). Shoghi Effendi was converted to the idea of World Federalism while a student at the American College of Beirut, and decided to change the Baha'i Faith from a mystical Sufi Order, based upon the Naqshbandi Order, into a new Independent World Religion that would establish a New World Order (i.e. Baha'i World State). Shoghi Effendi "lied". He was not a religious man at all. The Aghsan (sons of Baha'u'llah) said he never prayed unless as a "show" for wealthy American and British Baha'is who supported him financially. They said and wrote that Shoghi was a homosexual, who was "caught" at least three times having sex with men. That did not make him a hypocrite. What made him a hypocrite is that he condemned homosexuality in his writings, while at the same time

"privately" he practiced it, like Sathya Sai Baba, the famous 20th century Hindu guru, who condemned homosexuality publicly but privately practiced it. What made Shoghi also a hypocrite, was to "change" the doctrines of Baha'u'llah to suit his own personal World Federalist agenda. The Members of the Universal House of Justice also believe in that agenda, which is why they are "hiding" much of the Writings, only translating carefully selected "Selections", and also why they "remove the membership" of any Baha'i scholar who publish any of the Writings *they* do not personally authorize being published.

Ruth White Writes A Book

Ruth White was an early prominent American Baha'i. She was wealthy, lived in Beverly Hills, and often would cable (wire bank transfers) donations to 'Abdu'l-Baha in Haifa. She once cabled 'Abdu'l-Baha and asked if he received her latest donation. He replied he had not received it. and knew nothing about it She checked with the bank in Haifa to where she cabled the money to, and found it was picked up by "Shoghi Effendi Rabbani" who did not tell 'Abdu'l-Baha about it. She found other of her donations were similarly intercepted by Shoghi, who did not give the money to 'Abdu'l-Baha nor inform him he was picking up the money. Not long after this, 'Abdu'l-Baha died, and Shoghi Effendi became Guardian.

It was years after 'Abdu'l-Baha died until the Western Baha'is were allowed to read the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha. Ruth White became suspicious of a "section" which appointed Shoghi as Guardian, because it didn't "sound" like 'Abdu'l-Baha. Shoghi Effendi wrote in English, and his sentences were as long as paragraphs. He had a very *unique* way of writing, in very long sentences that would go on almost forever. On the other hand, the sentences of 'Abdu'l-Baha were always short, and "flowery". Ruth White lived in Beverly Hills, the widow of a very rich man, and so she took a ship and went to Haifa, and got a copy of the Will on a printing plate (printing plates were used to make copies in those days), and sent it to several British handwriting experts, who told her that the sections in question were *forgeries* not in the hand ('Abdu'l-Baha) of the person who wrote the rest of the Will. She then writes a book called '*Abdu'l-Baha's Alleged Will is Fraudulent*', and, on her own "dime", publishes it in 1930 and sends several thousand copies of the book to various Baha'is around the world, for free. Several hundred who read the book believe her, and form "The New History Society" which is later called the "Free Baha'is" and are

now called the "Reformed Baha'i Faith" which has about a thousand adherents worldwide.

Ruth White (c. 1930)

A German "Free Baha'i" named Hermann Zimmer published *A Fraudulent Testament Devalues the Baha'i Religion Into Political Shoghism* (i.e. Shoghi Effendi forged the portion of 'Abdu'l-Baha's *Will and Testament*--proved by British handwriting experts hired by Ruth White--for the purpose of changing a religious movement into a "New World Order" movement). Zimmer spent his inheritance money publishing this booklet, and sending copies to all university libraries in the U.S., Canada, and the United Kingdom. A pdf copy of this book is available online under it's title.

A Fraudulent Testament by Hermann Zimmer

The Research Department of the Baha'i World Centre has admitted that there are two different hands that wrote the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha, and the part about Shoghi Effendi as Guardian was written by a different hand than the rest of the Will. The Research Department in Haifa, says that "second hand" was an unknown scribe, or suggest that 'Abdu'l-Baha wrote the first part of his Will in good health, and the second part (appointing Shoghi) when his health was failing; hence the difference in styles. A German follower of Ruth White, named Hermann Zimmer, later published a book in 1973 in English called *A Fraudulent Testament Devalues the Baha'i Religion and Leads to Political Shoghism* in which he argues that Shoghi Effendi forged the last part of the Will, and "corrupted" the Baha'i Revelation for his own "political" purposes i.e. to establish a New World Order. The German "Free Baha'i" published 10,000 copies of his book, and sent them to university libraries all over North America. The Reformed Baha'i Faith put a pdf copy of the Zimmer's book on their website.

Free Baha'is, Reformed Baha'is, and Unitarian Baha'is, and "Unenrolled" Baha'is, are welcome to join the Friends of God International (FOGI), but they must realize that the Muhaddas (Jamshid Rohani) taught that The Báb and Baha'u'llah were not Messengers nor Prophets. The Báb was the

forerunner of Quddús ("Kuhd-doos"), and Baha'u'llah was a "Perfect Man" (i.e. a Sufi Saint), according to Jamshid; who envisioned a "Behai Sufi Order" as one of the spiritual Orders within FOGI. 'Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi have no exalted spiritual station, according to the Muhaddas. Both are seen as opportunists.

The Báb appointed Mirza Yahya Soob-i-Azal, the younger brother of Baha'u'llah, as the next "Gate" because Quddús was dead, martyred at the Tabarsi Shrine in 1849, and thus had gone back into "occultation" therefore requiring another deputy (Na'ih) or "Gate".

Mirza Yahya Suhb-i-Azal is much despised by the Baha'is, because he is presented to them as an evil man. The youngest sons of Baha'u'llah (Mohammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah) are also presented as evil power-hunger dishonest men. However, their descendants remember them differently. For many decades the Baha'is proclaimed that Suhb-i-Azal was so evil that at his funeral nobody came. But that is not the truth:

Funderal of Suhb-i-Azal on Cyrus

It should also be noted that Suhb-i-Azal had almost a hundred followers in Akka (seven of whom were murdered by Baha'is), and several thousand followers in Iran; none of whom were allowed by the Iranian or Turkish governments to travel to Cyprus to attend his funeral. According to Shoghi Effendi, nobody attended his funeral but the grave diggers.

The TRUTH is this:

*The Bab claimed to be the Fifth Gate of the Hidden Imaam, and *not* the Hidden Imaam himself.

*The Bab clearly identified Quddus ("kuhd-doos") the 18th Letter of the Living, as the Remnant of God, and "the First and the Last" but this Tablet is not published on orders of the Universal House of Justice, but you can find it online ([The Bab's Tablet of Visitation for Bábís Who Visit the Shrine of Quddús](#))

*The Bab clearly taught reincarnation, under the name "return" (raja), and that the 18 "Letters of the Living" were the return of the souls of

Muhammad, Fatimah, the 12 Imaams (including the 12th or "Hidden" Imaam), and the 4 Gates.

*Quddus claimed to be the Hidden Imaam ("Remnant of God") at the Shrine of Shaykh Tabrisi in 1849, and his death literally fulfilled Shi'ite prophecies.

*The Bab clearly appointed Suhb-i-Azal as his successor, and even Baha'i scholars approved by the Universal House of Justice admit this.

*Baha'u'llah did NOT claim to be a Messenger or Prophet, but a "Perfect Man" and the founder of a new spiritual order based upon the Naqshbandi Sufi Order in which he was initiated and became a Sufi Master during his two years living as a Dervish in Suleimaniyyah, Iraq.

*Abbas Effendi ('Abdu'l-Baha) "changed" many doctrines and laws of his father, including regarding "two wives" and also he condemned reincarnation and preached that Jesus was never raised from the dead, but only his disciples were "raised from doubt" after three days, but the Gospels and Baha'u'llah clearly taught that Jesus was literally raised from the dead.

*'Abdu'l-Baha had a habit of slapping people who disagreed with him, and he used to make jokes about the children of the followers of his brother Mohammad Ali Effendi, saying they sucked the penises of goats, mistaking their semen for milk.

*After the death of Baha'u'llah, the sons and main disciples of Baha'u'llah met at the Bahji (baw-zhee) mansion outside of Akka, and 'Abdu'l-Baha asked Miza Aqa Jan (the secretary of Baha'u'llah who personally wrote all his Tablets) whom he followed, and Mirza Aqa Jan replied that 'Abdu'l-Baha was distorting the laws and teachings of Baha'u'llah, at which time 'Abdu'l-Baha jumped up, grabbed Mirza Aqa Jan by the collar, slapped off his turban (a huge insult to a Persian man), and flung him to the ground, and this mistreatment continued by the followers of 'Abdu'l-Baha until Mirza Aqa Jan finally escaped and fled to the safety of Mohammad Ali Effendi.

*In the presence of liberal Westerners (rich American and European Baha'is), 'Abdu'l-Baha preached Race Unity and love, but in front of the Aghsan (family of Baha'u'llah), 'Abdu'l-Baha called black Africans "kakasiyah" (Farsi: "Niggers"), and he considered them to be "savages"

and "lower than animals" in morals and intelligence, and Baha'is in Egypt and Iran continued to buy and sell black African slaves until the British in Egypt and the French in Iran outlawed slavery and the slave trade (see the book *Black Pearls* published by Kalimat Press--an independent Baha'i book publisher later banned by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States).

*The "Apostles of Baha'u'llah" who were still alive at his death (1892) sided with the Branches (Mohammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah) and *against* 'Abdu'l-Baha: as did Nabil Zirandi (author of "The Dawnbreakers"), the Personal Secretary of Baha'u'llah, who wrote his Tablets with his own hand, whose name was Mirza Aqa Jan, sided with the Branches (Mohammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah) and *against* 'Abdu'l-Baha, and just about all of the other blood relatives of Baha'u'llah (all Aghsan except for the daughters of 'Abdu'l-Baha) did the same.

*George Ibrahim Kheiralla, the "Peter" of Baha'u'llah, who converted the first Westerners (thousand of them) to the Faith, and was a passionate Seeker of Truth, spent six months in Haifa with 'Abdu'l-Baha, but came to the conclusion that 'Abdu'l-Baha was an opportunist, and he sided with the Branches (Mohammed Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah).

*Shoghi Effendi, the grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha, was known as a practicing homosexual, "caught" several times having sex with men in Haifa, and this was generally known, and this is why 'Abdu'l-Baha sent him to Beirut, Lebanon, for college, and later Oxford University in England, where Shoghi Effendi was introduced to the World Federalists.

*Ruth White, a very wealthy American Baha'i woman living in Beverly Hills, California, frequently sends donations to 'Abdu'l-Baha, which he admits to her he has no knowledge of, and she checks with the bank in Haifa and discovers some of her donations were picked up by Shoghi Effendi, and not given to 'Abdu'l-Baha.

*Shoghi Effendi forged the portions of the "Will and Testament" of 'Abdu'l-Baha (according to Ruth White and two British handwriting experts she hired) making himself "Guardian" and telling the Baha'is they had to obey him "as they would obey God". The Research Department at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa has admitted that the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha is "in two different hands" (with the second hand appointing Shoghi

Effendi as Guardian), but ascribe the discrepancy to an "illness" that 'Abdu'l-Baha had, or that an unknown "scribe" wrote the second part of the Will.

*Shoghi Effendi told the Baha'is that the Branches (Mohammad Ali Effendi and Badi'u'llah) forbade Abdu'l-Baha from the Shrine of Baha'u'llah, but the truth is just the opposite, 'Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi banned the Unitarians (followers of Mohammed Ali Effendi) from the Shrine of Baha'u'llah, and they had to take Shoghi Effendi to an Israeli court, who ruled in their favor.

*Shoghi Effendi did not allow his wife Mary Maxwell (Ruhiyyih Khanum) to sleep in his bed, but she had a separate bedroom all during their marriage.

*Shoghi Effendi frequently went on Sabbaticals to Switzerland or England, sometimes for months at a time, often not contacting the Baha'is in those countries, and leaving his wife in Haifa to answer letters: signing his signature.

*Shoghi Effendi claimed that Mohammad Ali Effendi, the second son of Baha'u'llah, was a selfish, dishonest, man, hungry for power, but those who knew him refute it and claim that Mohammad Ali Effendi was an extremely spiritual and humble man who refused to argue and refused to curse 'Abdu'l-Baha or his followers ('Abdu'l-Baha cursed his brother and his followers, the Unitarians, and made obscene jokes about their children).

*Shoghi Effendi claimed that Subh-i-Azal was despised by everyone, even his own family, and that the only persons to appear at his burial were two grave-diggers; which is a lie.

*Shoghi Effendi's translation of the Kitab-i-Aqdas ("Most Holy Book" of Baha'u'llah) is "loose" at best, and deliberately misleading in a number of "key" Verses.

*Shoghi Effendi condemned homosexuality publicly, but secretly practiced it, and this was known by his own personal secretaries and family which is why he had them all declared "Covenant-Breakers" (his own parents, brothers, and sisters, cousins, and all their children, even infants).

*Shoghi Effendi and Mary Maxwell (Ruhiyyih Khanum) had no children, and did not adopt any, frustrating the line of Guardians, but Shoghi Effendi

established the International Baha'i Council in 1954, placing Charles Mason Remey (a closeted homosexual man) as President, and naming his wife Mary Maxwell as "Secretary".

*Shoghi Effendi went to England to "buy furniture" and refused to stay with any Baha'i, but stayed at a hotel in London known as a "hook up" location for homosexual men; where he died of a fever.

*Mary Maxwell destroyed the Will of Shoghi Effendi--kept in a wall safe only her and her husband could open-- the day he died, lying to the Baha'is and telling them that Shoghi was "ill" for three days, "cleaning" his office while not letting anyone else in Shoghi's office, and then claiming she "did not know" if Shoghi had a Will, and "did not discuss" with her husband who would succeed him after his death, and she ruled the Faith with an iron fist as "Custodian" until her death.

*At the First Convocation of the Hands of the Cause of God, convened after the death of Shoghi Effendi, Mary Maxell (Ruhiyyih Khanum) disbanded the International Baha'i Council (which had not yet even functioned as a body), formed a new body called the Custodians (with her as de facto "head" Custodian in everything but title), and threatened to kill herself or become a monk in Tibet (which does not allow female monks) if the Hands did not all vote her way. They did.

*Charles Mason Remey later declares himself the Second Guardian, based upon his appointment as President of the International Baha'i Council (Shoghi Effendi wrote that only the Guardian could be President of that body), and the fact that 'Abdu'l-Baha adopted him as a son. Remey ("ray-mee") forms the Orthodox Baha'i Faith, which still exists today and numbers about 3,000.

*After the death of Mary Maxwell (Ruhiyyih Khanum) the Universal House of Justice becomes the true "head" of the Faith, and they spent about 20 billion dollars on the Baha'i World Centre and Gardens in Haifa, Israel.

*The Universal House of Justice "removes the membership" from any Baha'i scholar who translates and publishes any Tablet, or any of the writings from any early Bábí or Baha'i, without their express permission (which they rarely give).

*The Universal House of Justice has spent many millions on the Center for the Study of the Sacred Texts, one of five huge buildings at the Baha'i World Centre, and this building was completed in the late mid 1980s, but has yet to be opened to date (2016 A.D.). Why? They aren't saying.

*The Universal House of Justice has directed that Baha'is leaving Iran "hand over" to them all Baha'i and Bábí books published before 1970, and not to keep copies (this is not always obeyed).

*The Universal House of Justice "suppresses" the writings of The Bab (except for carefully chosen "Selections"), and the holy writings of Quddús (all of them), and much of the writings of Baha'u'llah (at least half of the Tablets are still unpublished) and many of the books of the early Bábís and Baha'is because they ABSOLUTELY CONTRADICT current Baha'i teachings on many subjects (reincarnation, Jesus literally arising from the dead, Muhammad as the Last of the Prophets and Messengers, etc.).

*The Aghsan (blood descendants of Baha'u'llah) are still alive today, by the hundreds, and claim that 'Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi were "opportunists" who "changed" the Baha'i Faith according to their own personal desires, and they also claim that Baha'u'llah was NOT a Messenger, NOT a Prophet, but a "Perfect Man", a Sufi Master who wished to become the Founder of a new Sufi order, called the Beha'i Order, consisting of Shi'ite Muslims, and patterned after the Naqshbandi Order of Sunni Muslims: which Baha'u'llah joined and was a member of in Sulimaniyyah, Iraq, for two years in the 1850s, when he took the name Dervish Muhammad Irani.

*Baha'u'llah wore the crown of a Sufi Master of the Naqshbandi Order from 1857 until his death in 1892.

*The Universal House of Justice suppress the truth because they know that if the Baha'is knew the truth, most of them would leave the Faith, and the Members of the House still believe "they" will save the world from a nuclear holocaust, but only if they keep the Baha'i Faith expanding.

And now you know the TRUTH about the Baha'i Faith.

And ye shall know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH shall set you free!

Before the End of 1000 Literal Years

When Baha'u'llah wrote in the Kitab-i-Iqan (Book of Certitude) that "if anyone should claim a Cause before the end of 1000 literal years" that he is a liar, Baha'u'llah was NOT referring to 1000 solar years from 1863 (his declaration), but 1000 lunar years from 1260 A.H. when the Imaam Mehdi disappeared (went into "occultation") to 1260 A.H. (1844 A.D.) when The Báb declared he was the "Gate" of the Hidden Imaam, and when Quddus secretly discovered he was the Hidden Imaam, but did not publicize that until 1849; just before his martyrdom at the Tabarsi shrine. Baha'u'llah wrote the Book of Certitude to convince the uncle of The Báb that the Day of Resurrection (a new cycle in which Muhammad, Fatimah, the 12 Imaams, and the 4 Gates "returned") had come, in 1260 A.H. (i.e. 1844 A.D.). Shoghi Effendi "changed" the meaning of those verses!

The Vision of Baha'u'llah

Baha'u'llah envisioned a *spiritual order* of men and women that would walk a Sufi "Path of Holiness" in pursuit of "dying in God"; which is also called being "Born Again". When a man or woman "died in God" it means they have "killed" their own ego, it means they have annihilated "satan" within. Such a man or woman goes to Mawlawkoot (Kingdom of Angels) at death. There is *absolutely nothing* in the Writings of Baha'u'llah about the establishment of a "World Order of Baha'u'llah" or any Federalist state. Baha'u'llah envisioned an International Tribunal to settle disputes between independent and sovereign countries. There is a World Court in The Hague in the Netherlands, and Baha'is had nothing to do with its creation or establishment.

Mistranslations

Shoghi Effendi was not a religious man, unless it was for "show". He "changed" the doctrines of Baha'u'llah, and created a NGO (non-government organization) that seeks to establish a Baha'i World State called "The World Order of Baha'u'llah" or "the New World Order". Shoghi Effendi invented "the Baha'i Faith" as a new Religion outside of Islaam. He "mistranslated" key portions of the Most Holy Book of Baha'u'llah and other Writings; according to the Baha'i translators who were "excommunicated" by the Universal House of Justice (council of nine men who govern the Faith) and also according to the three sons of Baha'u'llah that were excommunicated by 'Abdu'l-Baha. Four people (four Baha'is and one non-Baha'i) made translations of the Most Holy Book before Shoghi Effendi did.

All their translations "agree" on every point. Shoghi's translation mostly agrees, but varies from the others in some "key" Verses. Compare Shoghi Effendi's translation of the Most Holy Book with earlier translations online and you'll see what we mean. Shoghi's translation is often at variance with what Baha'u'llah actually wrote.

Shoghi Effendi was introduced to "World Federalism" in college, probably first at the Protestant College of Syria (now American University of Beirut). Shoghi was not a religious man at all. He was a "closeted" yet "active" homosexual; according to the entire family of Baha'u'llah, and his own early secretaries, all of whom he later excommunicated. Many post-World War One liberal college professors had joined the World Federalist Movement, and spoke about it to their students. Shoghi planned to turn the Baha'i Faith, then a *Tawwassuf* (mystical Path) within Shi'ite Islaam, into an "independent World Religion" which taught and advocated the very same principles and goals as the World Federalists.

Remember, the religion of The Báb was ISLAM, and the religion of Baha'u'llah was ISLAM! Both taught that Muhammad (pbuh) was the Last and Final Messenger of God. Both used "Faith of God" and "Cause of God" as alternate names for Islam, which were common Shi'ite nicknames for Islam in their day. In order for Shoghi to "change" the Baha'i Movement from a spiritual movement of "Mystical Travelers" walking a Sufi Path to Oneness with God, into a New World Religion that played-down the mystical teachings and emphasized the "social" teachings, with the ultimate goal the same as the World Federalists, he had to do the following:

- *Excommunicate the entire family of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha except for himself: including their children and infants.

- *Threaten Baha'is with eternal shunning if they even "talked" with the "Covenant-breakers" (all those who opposed him or even criticized him).

- *Mistranslate "key" sections of the *Kitab-i-Aqdas* (Most Holy Book) and other Baha'i holy writings, when Verses opposed the "new" teachings he was bringing forth.

- *Refuse to allow the translation of 90% of the holy books of The Báb; allowing only brief *carefully* selected excerpts to be published.

*Refusing to translate or allow the translation of any of the holy books of Quddús: Whom The Báb clerely identified as the "Remnant of God" (return of the Imam Mehdi)

*Excommunicate all of his personal secretaries (including Ahgsan Rabanni) because they complained among themselves that he was "changing" the holy texts, and also complaining about his personal life (his frequent not-completely-secret trips to Switzerland for his homosexual liaisons).

*Refusing to leave a Will designating a successor as required by Baha'i Holy Law (or, if he did leave a Will, his wife destroyed it).

The sad part is, that Shoghi Effendi was successful in his goal.

Islaam Replaced By Shoghiism

The Seers (Shaykh Ahmad and Siyyid Kazim) taught and wrote about literal "cities" in Paradise, and described them in *great* detail. Baha'is today would be absolutely SHOCKED to read some of things those Seers had to say; which is why the House has forbid Baha'i translators from publishing their translations.

Baha'u'llah called Paradise and Hell-fire "metaphors" of being close or far from God in this life, but "reality" in the Afterlife. The Seers, and The Báb, and Quddús, and Baha'u'llah, called their religion "Islaam". They believed Muhammad (pbuh) was the Last of the Messengers and Prophets for this planet. The Aghsan (younger sons of Baha'u'llah) believed exactly the same!

'Abdu'l-Baha came up with eleven "Principles" (Oneness of God, Elimination of Prejudice, Equality of Genders, Race Unity, Universal Education, etc.) that he found liberal Westerners (non-muslims) would respond to well. He soon found that discussions of Islaamic prophecy, Razool, Nabi, Wali, Gates, Barzakh, and such things as that, both utterly confused and bored the wealthy educated liberal British and Americans who wrote to him or in some cases actually came to see him in Haifa. These wealthy American and British liberals wanted to "change the world" for the better. They weren't interested in "deep" Shi'ite Islamic theosophy. They were interested in World Peace and Race Unity and Esperanto. 'Abdu'l-Baha gave them what they wanted, and, in return, they gave him what "he" wanted.

Shoghi Effendi became Guardian in 1921, based upon what Ruth White believed was a "forged" portion of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha, and Shoghi became "interpreter" of the Baha'i Revelation. He went even farther than 'Abdu'l-Baha did with "The Principles". To 'Abdu'l-Baha, the Principles were "talking points"; a way to get liberal Westerners interested in the faith. Shoghi Effendi went even further. He "watered-down" the doctrines, making the Faith about 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13 "Principles" that we must "work" to establish worldwide, along with the "World Order of Baha'u'llah" or "New World Order" which is a Baha'i World State ruled over by a "World Executive" who commands a "World Police Force" that apparently has all lethal weapons (including nuclear) under his control, who is "reigned in" only by the Universal House of Justice acting as the Legislative/Judicial power to the World Executive's "executive" power.

The Baha'is today (thanks to Shoghi Effendi) will say that "Heaven" is being close to God (via the Manifestation) and "Hell" is being far from God (i.e. far from the Manifestation). If you ask a Baha'i "Is there a literal heaven or hell in the Afterlife?" they will look confused; with some saying "no" and some saying that "heaven" means "feeling good" in the Afterlife because you're work to establish the Principles and "hell" means "feeling bad" because you didn't work to establish the Principles. They will say: "The Afterlife can't be described or imagined, so why try?" They will say: "Don't worry about the Afterlife, we'll find out when we get there, just worry about the problems of the world in this life, and work to establish the Principles worldwide!"

On the other hand, Shaykh Ahmad and Siyyid Kazim both taught that Paradise was a literal and real dimension (not a geographical location as the Shi'ites believed but a literal Unseen Realm) in the Afterlife, and described the "cities" in Paradise in great detail, in their books (which the House now refuses to publish). The books by Shaykh Ahmad and Siyyid Kazim Rashti have been published in Arabic, and you can find these books for sale online in Arabic. Why hasn't the House (UHJ) published them in English? You *can't even ask them that question!* Baha'is who do, soon discover that their membership has been "removed" by the House. They are not informed of this until after their membership in the Faith has been "removed".

The *ISLAAM* of the Seers, The Báb, Quddús, and Baha'u'llah, has been "replaced" by a new religion called "SHOGHIISM"; based upon his own personal whims and philosophy, and the World Federalism (New World

Order) he learned about at university. Shoghi was not a religious man at all. He probably believed in God in the same way the Monists do: the intelligent "Force" behind Nature. He believed he could "use" religion as *a means to an end*: the New World Order which he called "The World Order of Baha'u'llah". Several years after the death of 'Abdu'l-Baha, he forged the last portion of the Will and Testament, giving himself Pope-like power and "infallibility".

'Abdu'l-Baha nowhere, in any of his writings or pilgrim's notes, says anything about Shoghi Effendi being his successor. 'Abdu'l-Baha envisioned the Baha'i Cause (he never called it a "religion") as democratic, with an elected "International House of Justice" presiding over it. The "twenty-four Guardians" that 'Abdu'l-Baha speak of are NOT 24 successors of his, but refer to the 18 "Letters of the Living" and "Five Elders" who would be revealed later. Shoghi Effendi "invented" the concept of "Guardian" as an infallible "Pope" with himself as the unquestioned and infallible RULER of the Baha'is worldwide. He "invented" the Baha'i Faith as a new world religion, with The Báb as the Forerunner of Baha'u'llah (he was actually the Forerunner of Quddús, the Imaam Mehdi). He "invented" Baha'u'llah as a new Prophet and Messenger of God, although Baha'u'llah himself wrote that Muhammad (pbuh) was the Final Messenger and Prophet!

'Abdu'l-Baha was a MUSLIM! He worshipped at a Muslim masjid (mosque) every Friday, in line with other Muslims. He saw no contradiction in being a "Baha'i", and also a "Muslim"; just like a "Lutheran" is also a "Christian", or a "Sufi" thinks himself also and foremost a "Muslim". 'Abdu'l-Baha attended a Muslim masjid (mosque) in Akka every Friday afternoon, and performed Muslim *Salat* (prostrating prayers). He was buried according to *Muslim* burial rites. Shoghi Effendi *despised* the rigidity of Islaam, and "invented" the Baha'i Faith as a new world religion with emphasis on 11 (or 9, or 10, or 12, or 13) social-reform "Principles" and a World Government called "The World Order of Baha'u'llah" (which Baha'u'llah himself never envisioned). Shoghi Effendi "invented" a new religion!

On the other hand, the Religion of Baha'u'llah was ISLAAM, Muhammad (pbuh) was the Final Prophet, and the purpose of religion was NOT a "World Government" nor in establishing a set of social-reform Principles (that was a side-note), but the purpose of Islaam was reaching the highest level of spirituality (the 7th Valley) in life so that one could enter Paradise at

death. Baha'u'llah did envision a "International Tribunal" that settled disputes between sovereign (independent) nations, but that was a "side note" to the real message of Islaam, the *Final* Religion and Revelation of God.

Mankind's Only Hope

Baha'is are taught that the Baha'i Faith (i.e. the World Order of Baha'u'llah) is "mankind's only hope" for world peace. If they abandon the Faith, then Mankind is doomed! Again, dear Reader, please understand this:

1|| Shoghi Effendi "invented" the "World Order of Baha'u'llah". It is a man-made invention, and not of God.

2|| According to Shi'ite Muslim prophecies, "world peace" will be established by the Hidden Imaam, when he comes out of "occultation" and leads vast Muslim armies, and Jesus will come soon after him.

3 || The Hidden Imaam is Quddús, who will "return" with a new name, born of a new mother, sometime in the future.

4 || A combination of the coming of the Hidden Imaam, and the second advent of Jesus, will bring "world peace" to the world, and *not* by Baha'is trying to establish "The Principles" worldwide through talking about them at Baha'i Feasts and Devotionals, or by their support of the United Nations.

5 || The Christians of the world will recognize Jesus when He returns, but He will tell them "I am a Muslim" which will cause the Christians to realize that Islaam is the Religion of God, and they will convert to Islaam.

Baha'i efforts to convert the world to the Baha'i Faith *will fail*. Baha'i efforts to establish the World Order of Baha'u'llah, will fail: BECAUSE GOD IS NOT BEHIND IT! Instead of trying to establish "Shoghiism" worldwide, Baha'is should concentrate on "transforming" their own soul, and going to Paradise at death. That is what Wali Baha'u'llah, the Perfect Man and Sufi Master, commanded his followers to do! That is the purpose and goal of the Behai Sufi Order that he wanted to form. Please...STOP giving money to the Universal House of Justice so they may build massive buildings and gardens. Stop giving money to the NSA. Give money to a recognized charity that actually "helps" people.

We Are Burning In Hell Now!

The Muhaddas (Jamshid Rohani) taught that any mortal life on a planet where the Ultra-violent rays of the Sun "burns" and ages our skin, where there is famine and injustice and war and violence, where "demons" (i.e. socio-paths/criminals) torment us, is "burning in Hell-fire". We are, in fact, "burning in Hell-fire" *now*, and during each mortal life on any hellish world like Earth where there is famine, earthquake, injustice, war, violence, crime, deformity, disease, death, and evil selfish souls who torment others. Only by walking daily a path of holiness and reaching the *7th Spiritual Tone of the Soul* may we escape the Wheel of Rebirth on these hellish planets, and be "born above" into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jamshid also taught that between death and reincarnation, all of us dwell in one of seven "dimensions" or "dreamworlds" with the highest being Paradise, an extremely pleasant "dream" and the lowest being Tartarus, which would be like the worst nightmare you can imagine; with five dream-worlds in between. Which dream-world we find ourselves in at death, depends upon our "soul-tone" or the "level" of our spirituality. We "increase" our soul-tone (spirituality) by spiritual practices: daily prayer, Zikr (chanting the 99 Names of Allah), honesty, reverence, meditation, Kriya Yoga, reading the Holy Books, and, for men, "continence" (keeping one's 'seed' within). These spiritual practices increases the "tone" of the soul, and the higher the "tone" at death, the better the dream-world in Barzakh (the Spirit-World). Paradise (the 7th dimension in the Spirit-World) is just a way-station between death and being "born above" into the Kingdom of Heaven, which are literal planets where the mind controls matter.

The teachings of Jamshid Rohani were not "guesses" nor were they based upon what Muslim scholars said or wrote. They did not come from words he read found in the Books of Hadith, nor for any other book. His teachings came from his "interviews" of many Prophets and Saints that he communicated with, in the Third Heaven, during his many OBEs (out-of-body experiences). The Apostle Paul also went to the Third Heaven, and heard words "not lawful for a man to utter". We invite you to discover more about the teachings of the Muhaddas Jamshid Rohani.

Dear Baha'i Readers,

What is today called "The Baha'i Faith" is really a man-made religion, and that "man" was Shoghi Effendi. Baha'u'llah had no intention to leave Islaam and start a New World Religion. He wanted to start a new Shi'ite Muslim spiritual order, fashioned upon the Naqshbandi Sufi Order of the Sunni Muslims. As we have seen The Báb never claimed to be a Messenger of God, but rather the "Five Gate" (fifth "channel") of the Hidden Imaam; who reincarnated as Quddus, who died at the Tabrisi Shrine in 1849, in direct and clear fulfillment of Shi'ite Muslim prophecy. No man-made religion can bring world peace! World peace will come when Jesus returns, and not before that. Jesus will return just after Quddús returns: with a new name, born of a new mother.

Baha'u'llah clearly taught that Jesus arose from the dead, as the Gospels report. Mirza Valiyyu'llah Khan Varqa (son of the Baha'i poet Varqa) wrote:

"My father was much with Baha'u'llah. One night Baha'u'llah, as He walked back and forth in His room, said to my father:
'At stated periods souls are sent to earth by the Mighty God with what we call the Power of the Great Ether. And they who possess this power can do anything: they have all Power....Jesus Christ had this Power. The people thought of Him as a poor young man, Whom they had crucified; but He possessed the Power of the Great Ether, therefore He could not remain underground. This ethereal Power arose and quickened the world.'" (The Chosen Highway 3:1)

The 'Power of the Great Ether' was the power to arise from the dead, and to appear on earth again. Baha'u'llah claimed that the Spirit of God (Jesus) was "in" him, and thus could sometimes "write" in the Name of Jesus, as The Báb often wrote in the Name of the Hidden Imaam. Baha'u'llah (as Jesus) wrote:

"The Kingdom of God circleth around Him and it is because of His Love that the Cross was adored with My body. Verily, I rose from the dead to complete my mention of His Name amongst men. O people of the Gospel! Do not make mention of Me (Jesus) when you have turned away from my Father, the All-Glorious."

(Revealed on the Day of Ridwan, published in Tasbih-va-Tahlil, Baha'i Publishing Trust of India, pp.142-155, provisional translation by Khazeh Fananapazir)

The teaching by 'Abdu'l-Baha that Jesus never arose but that the "body of Christ" (His disciples) became motivated after three days of doubt, is a *false teaching* and is contrary to what the Gospels actually report. Jesus performed literal miracles, not "metaphorical" ones like Shoghi Effendi and Mary Maxwell taught. The Gospels are narratives of what actually happened; not "mere parables" that 'Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi could "explain away" when it suited them.

Why is the Universal House of Justice "suppressing" the holy writings (publishing only "selections"), refusing to publish the holy tablets of Quddús, removing the membership of Baha'i translators who translate "unauthorized" holy tablets, and telling Baha'is traveling from Iran to the West to "surrender" to them all Baha'i books published before 1970, without making copies? The reason is simple: they sincerely believe that "they" will save the world from World War Three, and they are convinced that Shoghi Effendi was right about everything he wrote, and they "know" there are "problems" but they don't want "you" to know, and it would be "best" that "you" didn't know, because it would cause you to be "troubled" and perhaps lose your "faith" in them and perhaps in the "Institutions" as well. That is the reason why. They are doing this to help "you".

The Good Book of Jamshid Rohani

The Muhaddas, Jamshid Rohani, teaches that the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) is the Final Rasool (Messenger) and Nabi (Prophet) for this planet, but many Muhaddas (Seers) will arise in the future, from the Ummah (religious community) of Muhammad (pbuh) and other religious communities. Jamshid is not a Muslim, but claimed to be a "Follower of the Good Religion". He did not come to establish any Independent World Religion. He came to establish an international fellowship of Followers of the Good Religion. FOGI is not a new "sect" or religion, but a worldwide fellowship of non-sectarians who wish to practice Pure Religion daily and fellowship with each other.

Jamshid claims to have been to the Third Heaven, and to have received many answers to his questions about God, religion, and science. He taught the same Principles that can be found in the Baha'i Faith, and authorized the Friends of God in free nations to help popularize these Principles. Compare our Principles with those of the Baha'i Faith. We invite Baha'is to become BEHAIs, and join the Bahai Sufi Order; a order of the Friends of

God International. Compare the teachings of Jamshid Rohani with those of the Central Figures.

Jamshid Rohani visited the Third Heaven many times, in out of body experiences, and his teachings are contained in THE GOOD BOOK OF JAMSHID ROHANI. That will be published soon. If you'd like to read it once it is published online, let us know now, and we'll send you a link to it. Again, Jamshid was "not" a Messenger or God, nor a Prophet, but a Muhaddas (one who has true visions).

Lost History of the Baha'i Faith

If you would like to read the *real* history of the Baha'i Faith after the death of Baha'u'llah, then we suggest you get a copy of *Lost History* by Shua'u'llah, the grandson of Baha'u'llah. It is available via Amazon.com online. Shua'u'llah was the son of Mohammad Ali Effendi, the second son of Baha'u'llah and leader of the "Unitarians" (family of Baha'u'llah who were "united" against 'Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi).

Lost History by Shua'u'llah

No More Money To Haifa

Do not follow the man-made religion of SHOGHISM; an invention of an irreligious man and hypocrite who "invented" what is today called "The Baha'i Faith". Do not send your money to the Baha'i World Centre, which spends it on "gloriously" expensive buildings and gardens, which cost many *billions* of dollars! Do not send your money to your National Spiritual Assembly. Rather, spend a portion of your income helping those who need it by giving it to the following established charities:

- *Red Cross
- *Salvation Army
- *Feed the Children
- *World Vision
- *Catholic Charities

The Qur'an says that Believers should spend two per cent of their income on "zakat" (charity). Not to build glorious gardens and buildings in Haifa,

nor stylishly "chíc" yet totally impractical Baha'i temples in Chile, but for "charity" to *those who need it*. The Universal House of Justice doesn't need more "billions" to build more glorious Greek-like buildings in Haifa! Zakat is for those who "need" our help; not for super-expensive buildings and gardens for tourists.

The Friends of God International

One day in the future, FOGI (pronounced "foe-gee") itself will be a international charity and relief organization, building orphanages and homes for widows in areas where the government goes not provide these services. Feeding the hungry. Clothing the naked. Without glorious temples or shrines. Our temples will be hospitals for sick children. Our shrines will be soup kitchens and showers for the homeless in major Western cities. We shall practice the Good Religion every day. We shall think good thoughts, say good words, and do good deeds: practicing the Good Religion every day and everywhere. All are welcome in FOGI! We welcome all...we shun none!

FOGI will consist of local Fellowships, and have local elected officers. Members of FOGI will be divided into *SPs* (Sole Practitioners) who do not belong to Fellowships and do not attend meetings and *Attendees* who do belong to Fellowships and attend monthly meetings. FOGI will have no "mandated" financial contributions like Haququallah. The Friends will be asked to donate two per cent of their monthly income to the charity of their choice, and to a local and national FOGI fund any amount they wish, or no amount. Eventually, FOGI will itself become a charity and build free clinics, orphanages, and soup kitchens (with showers and basic medical care) for the homeless.

FOGI will be headed by a Secretariat, which will an elected body, and include men and women both. We keep a 12 month calendar, and we have Fellowships which are similar to Feasts. We will declare no one a "Covenant Breaker". Those who are violent or disruptive or disrespectful to others will be asked to leave, but those with differing opinions or interpretations will all get a fair hearing and be able to voice their opinion *in an orderly manner* to the rest of the Attendees. Everyone's opinion will be honored, and everyone will have a voice in FOGI.

Members of FOGI include Muslims, Christians, Jains, Buddhists, Zoroastrians, Jews, and "people who are spiritual but not religious". Jamshid Rohani was often asked "What religion are you? Are you a Baha'i, a Muslim, a Jew, or a Mazdayasni (Zoroastrian)?" and he always replied "I am naught but a Friend of God, and a follower of His Good Religion". The Fellowship (FOGI) is not a new "sect" nor a new "religion". We are an international fellowship of Believers in God. We see all "religions" as just different manifestations of the One Religion of God (the Good Religion).

How To Resign from the Baha'i Faith

If you no longer believe in "The Baha'i Faith" of Shoghi Effendi, then send in your *letter of resignation* by email. Make sure to include your full name and Baha'i I.D. number. Send your Letter of Resignation to:

community@usbnc.org

Just say: "I hereby resign from the Baha'i Faith. I no longer believe that the Baha'i Faith is reflective of the actual teachings of The Báb and Baha'u'llah. My name is _____. My Baha'i I.D. number is _____. Please remove me from the Membership rolls as soon as possible. I will no longer make any donation to any Baha'i fund. I will no longer attend any Feast or Baha'i-related meeting. If I am contacted by an Auxiliary Board member, I will not reply. Please do this without delay. Please confirm to me by email when this action has been completely. Thank you."

If you live outside the continental U.S., then either email your NSA or mail them your Letter of Resignation.

Don't follow Shoghi Effendi and the nine men of the Universal House of Justice. Follow God, and your own spirit (conscience), and do good every day!

No Response (Yet) To This Article

I ask the Universal House of Justice in Haifa and/or the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States (NSAUS), or any Continental Counselor, to make an official "reply" to this article! I encourage it. Even the Research Department at the Baha'i World Centre should make a reply. To date, no reply has been made. Not even a "mention". They have been sent

copies of this article. The *American Baha'i* magazine has been sent a copy. No reply. The House does not want "YOU" to read this. The National Spiritual Assembly does not want "you" to read this! To reply to it, would only let the Baha'is know it exists, and *they don't want that*. They don't want Baha'is reading this! To any Baha'i reading this, if you can find "errors" in this article let me know, and I will remove or correct the errors.

Instead of writing a rebuttal to this article, the Baha'i authorities will try legal means to have this website shut down. Writing a rebuttal will only inform Baha'is this website exists. They don't want that. They'd rather shut it down completely.

Conclusion

Now you know the Truth about the Baha'i Faith. Thank you for reading our article. Please share this article with others.

The Friends of God International (FOGI)