

# Baha'i Prophecies

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Throughout the Bahá'í writings, future events have been prophesied. The most specific prophecies are related to the rise and fall of leaders and organizations. Most of these prophecies can be found in Bahá'u'lláh's tablets to the kings and rulers of the world and in the Kitáb-i-Aqdas.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

Particularly potent to early Bahá'ís was Bahá'u'lláh's prediction in 1868–69 of the fall of Sultan Abdülaziz, who was deposed in 1876.<sup>[3]</sup> Other prophecies, including statements from 'Abdu'l-Bahá, are general in nature, relating to the nature of future society, and the rise of the Bahá'í Faith to prominence.<sup>[1][4]</sup>



## Historical events

### The downfall of various leaders

#### Sultan Abdu'l-Aziz<sup>[edit]</sup>

Bahá'u'lláh wrote a condemnatory letter to then Sultan 'Abdu'l-'Azíz (r. 1861–1876), the original of which has been lost. Originals of three other letters addressing two of the Sultan's ministers are recorded in *Summons of the Lord of Hosts*, which also mention the Sultan. The letters condemn their misrule, abuse of civil power, and character; especially their role in Bahá'u'lláh's banishments and imprisonment.<sup>[5]</sup>

Two of the three letters, the *Súriy-i-Ra'ís* and the *Lawh-i-Fu'ád*, predict that 'Abdu'l-'Azíz will lose control of the Ottoman Empire.<sup>[3]</sup> In 1868 Bahá'u'lláh wrote,

The day is approaching when the Land of Mystery (Adrianople) and what is beside it shall be changed, and shall pass out of the hands of the King, and commotions shall appear, and the voice of lamentation shall be raised, and the evidences of mischief shall be revealed on all sides, and confusion shall spread by reason of that which hath befallen these captives at the hands of the hosts of oppression.<sup>[6]</sup>

Later in 1869, Bahá'u'lláh compares the Sultan and his Prime Minister 'Alí Páshá to Nimrod and Pharaoh who rose up against Abraham and Moses and writes that they will lose power:

Soon will We dismiss the one who was like unto him ['Alí Páshá], and will lay hold on their Chief who ruleth the land [the Sultan]...<sup>[7]</sup>

Sultan 'Abdu'l-'Azíz was deposed on May 30, 1876 and a fortnight later he was found dead in the palace where he had been confined, and trustworthy medical evidence attributed his death to suicide although many people believed he was murdered by a conspiracy.

The prophecies regarding the downfall of the Sultan played an important role in the conversion of Mírzá Abu'l-Fadl, one of the Bahá'í Faith's foremost scholars, after the fulfilment of the prophecies.<sup>[8][9]</sup>

#### 'Alí Pashá and Fu'ád Páshá

Bahá'u'lláh addressed two letters to 'Alí Páshá (*Súriy-i-Ra'ís* and *Lawh-i-Ra'ís*) and an additional letter written reflecting on the death of Fu'ád Páshá (*Lawh-i-Fu'ád*), both of whom served at different times as Grand Viziers of Sultan 'Abdu'l-'Azíz. Among the strong condemnations of the ministers, written from 1868–1869, Bahá'u'lláh also predicts the downfall of 'Alí Pashá (referred to as the "Chief").<sup>[10]</sup> Writing to him in the *Súriy-i-Ra'ís*, Bahá'u'lláh says:

Soon thou shalt find thyself in manifest loss!<sup>[11]</sup>

Writing to him in the *Lawh-i-Ra'ís*, Bahá'u'lláh says:

Soon will He seize you in His wrathful anger, sedition will be stirred up in your midst, and your dominions will be disrupted. ... Neither will your glory last, nor will Mine abasement endure.<sup>[12]</sup>

Fu'ád Páshá died of a heart disorder in February 1869. 'Alí Páshá tried to perform the vacant role of foreign minister as well as prime minister, but also began having health problems, later getting tuberculosis and dying in September of 1871.<sup>[13]</sup> After his death, his reforms were changed and his enemies returned from exile. Five years later the government was reformed, and the steady decline of the empire culminated in its dissolution during World War I.

Juan Cole wrote a commentary on the prophecies, suggesting that "predictions of the Sultán's downfall, such as Bahá'u'lláh made in that Tablet, were not unusual but rather were commonplaces..."<sup>[14]</sup> He continues,

"Bahá'u'lláh predicts that Alí Páshá, then grand vizier, will be deposed (the verb is 'azala, which is used of deposing kings). He says, too, that God will "lay hold" (the verb is akhadha, to take, seize) of Sultán AbdulAziz (he is called amiruhum, literally, "their prince" or "their commander"). Although Bahá'u'lláh was correct that neither of these powerful men had long at the top in 1869, his prophecy, if taken literally, actually reverses their true fates... Taken together with Bahá'u'lláh's prediction in the Tablet of the Premier that turmoil would overtake the Ottoman empire and his advocacy from his early Acre years of parliamentary democracy, he does seem to have been prescient about the imminence of the First Constitutional Revolution. Indeed, the matter of Alí Páshá never being deposed seems minor in comparison."<sup>[14]</sup>

### **Napoleon III**

Napoleon III was the Emperor of the French from 1852 to 1870. In 1869 Bahá'u'lláh wrote to him in one of the five chapters that compose the *Súriy-i-Haykal*. In the tablet Bahá'u'lláh writes that if Napoleon III does not follow Bahá'u'lláh he will lose his kingdom and that commotion will occur in France:<sup>[15]</sup>

"For what thou hast done, thy kingdom shall be thrown into confusion, and thine empire shall pass from thine hands, as a punishment for that which thou hast wrought. Then wilt thou know how thou hast plainly erred. Commotions shall seize all the people in that land, unless thou arisest to help this Cause, and followest Him Who is the Spirit of God in this, the Straight Path. Hath thy pomp made thee proud? By My Life! It shall not endure; nay, it shall soon pass away, unless thou holdest fast to this firm Cord. We see abasement hastening after thee, whilst thou art of the heedless. "

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Súriy-i-Haykal*, 1869)

Within the year, in battle against Prussia in July 1870, the Emperor was captured at the Battle of Sedan (September 2) and was deposed by the forces of the Third Republic in Paris two days later; he was sent into exile to England where he died.

After Napoleon's capture by the Prussians, General Louis Jules Trochu and the politician Léon Gambetta overthrew the Second Empire and established the "Government of National Defence" which later became the conservative Third Republic. Its creation was overshadowed by the subsequent revolution in Paris known as the Paris Commune, which maintained a radical regime for two months until its bloody suppression in May 1871.

### **Caliphate**

Bahá'u'lláh prophesied the fall of the Caliphate, the title of the head of state in Sunni Islam. From 1517 onwards, the Ottoman sultan was also the Caliph of Islam, and the Ottoman Empire was, from 1517 until 1922 (or 1924), synonymous with the Caliphate or the Islamic State. Addressing the people of Constantinople, the capital of the Ottoman Empire, Bahá'u'lláh, in the *Kitáb-i-Aqdas* which was completed in 1873, claims that the leaders of Constantinople, the Caliph, has been a source of tyranny, and that they will lose control:<sup>[16][17]</sup>

"O people of Constantinople! Lo, from your midst We hear the baleful hooting of the owl. Hath the drunkenness of passion laid hold upon you, or is it that ye are sunk in heedlessness? O Spot that art situate on the shores of the two seas! The throne of tyranny hath, verily, been established upon thee, and the flame of hatred hath been kindled within thy bosom, in such wise that the Concourse on high and they who circle around the Exalted Throne have wailed and lamented. We behold in thee the foolish ruling over the wise, and darkness vaunting itself against the light. Thou art indeed filled with manifest pride. Hath thine outward splendour made thee vainglorious? By Him Who is the Lord of mankind! It shall soon perish, and thy daughters and thy widows and all the kindreds that dwell within thee shall lament. Thus informeth thee the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Kitáb-i-Aqdas*, 1873)

On March 3, 1924, the first President of the Turkish Republic, Kemal Atatürk, constitutionally abolished the institution of the Caliphate. Its powers were transferred to the Turkish Grand National Assembly (parliament) of the newly formed Turkish nation-state and the title has since been inactive.

### **The rise and fall of Communism**

- The rise and fall of Communism:<sup>[18]</sup>

"...absolute equality is just as impossible, for absolute equality in fortunes, honors, commerce, agriculture, industry would end in disorderliness, in chaos, in disorganization of the means of existence, and in universal disappointment: the order of the community would be quite destroyed."

(‘Abdu'l-Bahá, *Some Answered Questions*, 1904–6)

"Movements, newly-born and world-wide in their range, will exert their utmost effort for the advancement of their designs. The Movement of the Left will acquire great importance. Its influence will spread."

(‘Abdu'l-Bahá in January 1920, quoted in *World Order of Bahá'u'lláh* and published in full context in *Star of the West*, vol. 14, issue 12, pp. 355-356)

"The chief idols in the desecrated temple of mankind are none other than the triple gods of Nationalism, Racialism and Communism, at whose altars governments and peoples, whether democratic or totalitarian, at peace or at war, of the East or of the West, Christian or Islamic, are, in various forms and in different degrees, now worshiping."

(Shoghi Effendi, *The Promised Day is Come*, published in 1941)

### **The outbreak of World War(s)**

- The fall of kingdoms in Europe by 1917:<sup>[19]</sup>

"We are on the eve of the Battle of Armageddon referred to in the sixteenth chapter of Revelation... The time is two years hence, when only a spark will set aflame the whole of Europe... by 1917 kingdoms will fall and cataclysms will rock the earth."

(‘Abdu'l-Bahá in October 1912, quoted in Esslemont, *Bahá'u'llah and the New Era*, citing Corinne True in *The North Shore Review*, September 26, 1914)

- The outbreak of World War II, involving the Balkans:<sup>[20]</sup>

"The ills from which the world now suffers... will multiply; the gloom which envelops it will deepen. The Balkans will remain discontented. Its restlessness will increase. The vanquished Powers will continue to agitate. They will resort to every measure that may rekindle the flame of war."

(‘Abdu'l-Bahá in January 1920, quoted in *World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*)

- The sufferings of Germany in two wars:<sup>[21]</sup>

"O banks of the Rhine! We have seen you covered with gore, inasmuch as the swords of retribution were drawn against you; and you shall have another turn. And We hear the lamentations of Berlin, though she be today in conspicuous glory."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Kitáb-i-Aqdas*, 1873)

### **Scientific discoveries**

*Main article: Bahá'í Faith and science*

Bahá'u'lláh wrote:

"Strange and astonishing things exist in the earth but they are hidden from the minds and the understanding of men. These things are capable of changing the whole atmosphere of the earth and their contamination would prove lethal."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Kalímát-i-Firdawsíyyih (Words of Paradise)*, c.1879–91)

Some point to this as a statement about the discovery of nuclear energy and the use of nuclear weapons.<sup>[22]</sup> Bahá'u'lláh also wrote that planets would be found around other star systems, and that life would be found on those planets:

"Know thou that every fixed star hath its own planets, and every planet its own creatures, whose number no man can compute."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh*, Section LXXXII)

### **A ruler who will raise up the Bahá'í Faith**

In 1873 Bahá'u'lláh wrote in the *Kitáb-i-Aqdas*:<sup>[23]</sup>

"How great the blessedness that awaiteth the king who will arise to aid My Cause in My kingdom, who will detach himself from all else but Me! Such a king is numbered with the companions of the Crimson Ark—the Ark which God hath prepared for the people of Bahá. All must glorify his name, must reverence his station, and aid him to unlock the cities with the keys of My Name, the omnipotent Protector of all that inhabit the visible and invisible kingdoms. Such a king is the very eye of mankind, the luminous ornament on the

brow of creation, the fountainhead of blessings unto the whole world. Offer up, O people of Bahá, your substance, nay your very lives, for his assistance."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Kitáb-i-Aqdas*, 1873)

This is elaborated specifically:

"In the Lawh-i-Ra'ís He actually and categorically prophesies the rise of such a king: "Erelong will God raise up from among the kings one who will aid His loved ones. He, verily, encompasseth all things. He will instill in the hearts the love of His loved ones. This, indeed, is irrevocably decreed by One Who is the Almighty, the Beneficent." In the Ridváu'l-'Adl, wherein the virtue of justice is exalted, He makes a parallel prediction: "Erelong will God make manifest on earth kings who will recline on the couches of justice, and will rule amongst men even as they rule their own selves. They, indeed, are among the choicest of My creatures in the entire creation.""

(Bahá'u'lláh, 1868, quoted by Shoghi Effendi in *Promised Day is Come*)

## **The establishment of a World Commonwealth**

*Main article: Bahá'í Faith and the unity of humanity*

### **The Lesser Peace**

Shoghi Effendi wrote:<sup>[24]</sup>

"... It must, however long and tortuous the way, lead, through a series of victories and reverses, to the political unification of the Eastern and Western Hemispheres, to the emergence of a world government and the establishment of the Lesser Peace, as foretold by Bahá'u'lláh and foreshadowed by the Prophet Isaiah."

(Shoghi Effendi, *Citadel of Faith*, 1947)

### **Signs for the coming of age of the human race**

Bahá'u'lláh wrote in the *Kitáb-i-Aqdas*:<sup>[25]</sup>

"We have appointed two signs for the coming of age of the human race: the first, which is the most firm foundation, We have set down in other of Our Tablets, while the second hath been revealed in this wondrous Book."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Kitáb-i-Aqdas*, 1873)

The first sign refers to the selection of a single language and the adoption of a common script:

"O members of parliaments throughout the world! Select ye a single language for the use of all on earth, and adopt ye likewise a common script. ... This will be the cause of unity, could ye but comprehend it, and the greatest instrument for promoting harmony and civilization, would that ye might understand!"

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Kitáb-i-Aqdas*, 1873)

The second sign refers to the emergence of a "divine philosophy" which will include the discovery of a radical approach to the transmutation of elements:

"Consider the doubts which they who have joined partners with God have instilled into the hearts of the people of this land. "Is it ever possible," they ask, "for copper to be transmuted into gold?" Say, Yes, by my Lord, it is possible. Its secret, however, lieth hidden in Our Knowledge. We will reveal it unto whom We will. Whoso doubteth Our power, let him ask the Lord his God, that He may disclose unto him the secret, and assure him of its truth. That copper can be turned into gold is in itself sufficient proof that gold can, in like manner, be transmuted into copper, if they be of them that can apprehend this truth. Every mineral can be made to acquire the density, form, and substance of each and every other mineral. The knowledge thereof is with Us in the Hidden Book."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings from the Writing of Bahá'u'lláh*, Section XCVII, undated)

In Bahá'u'lláh's tablet addressed to Shaykh Salmán, he mentions a third sign, which is that no one will accept to bear the weight of kingship:

"One of the signs of the maturity of the world is that no one will accept to bear the weight of kingship. Kingship will remain with none willing to bear alone its weight. That day will be the day whereon wisdom will be manifested among mankind. Only in order to proclaim the Cause of God and spread abroad His Faith will anyone be willing to bear this grievous weight. Well is it with him who, for love of

God and His Cause, and for the sake of God and for the purpose of proclaiming His Faith, will expose himself unto this great danger, and will accept this toil and trouble.””

(Bahá'u'lláh, undated, quoted in Shoghi Effendi, *The Promised Day is Come*)

## **The establishment of a World Commonwealth**

See also: *New world order (Bahá'í)*

Shoghi Effendi wrote:<sup>[4]</sup>

"The unity of the human race, as envisaged by Bahá'u'lláh, implies the establishment of a world commonwealth in which all nations, races, creeds and classes are closely and permanently united, and in which the autonomy of its state members and the personal freedom and initiative of the individuals that compose them are definitely and completely safeguarded..."

"A world federal system, ruling the whole earth and exercising unchallengeable authority over its unimaginably vast resources, blending and embodying the ideals of both the East and the West, liberated from the curse of war and its miseries, and bent on the exploitation of all the available sources of energy on the surface of the planet, a system in which Force is made the servant of Justice, whose life is sustained by its universal recognition of one God and by its allegiance to one common Revelation—such is the goal towards which humanity, impelled by the unifying forces of life, is moving."

(Shoghi Effendi, *The Unfoldment of World Civilization*, 1936)

This commonwealth must consist of:

- a world legislature.
- a world executive, backed by an international Force.
- a world tribunal.

Further features:

- a mechanism of world inter-communication.
- a world metropolis which will act as the nerve center of a world civilization.
- a world language, a world script, and a world literature.
- a uniform and universal system of currency, weights and measures.
- science and religion will be reconciled and will harmoniously develop.
- the press will be liberated from the influence of contending governments and peoples.
- the economic resources of the world will be organized, its sources of raw materials will be tapped and fully utilized, and the distribution of its products will be equitably regulated.
- national rivalries, hatreds, and intrigues will cease.
- the causes of religious strife will be permanently removed.
- economic barriers and restrictions will be completely abolished, and the inordinate distinction between classes will be obliterated.
- destitution on the one hand, and gross accumulation of ownership on the other, will disappear.
- an increase of human inventions, technical development, productivity, and scientific research.
- the extermination of disease and the raising of the standard of physical health.
- the sharpening and refinement of the human brain.
- the prolongation of human life.
- the furtherance of any other agency that can stimulate the intellectual, the moral, and spiritual life of the entire human race.

- the gradual adoption of a vegetarian diet by the majority of mankind.

(Shoghi Effendi, *The Unfoldment of World Civilization*, 1936)

"The second [Bahá'í] century [1944–2044 CE] is destined to witness a tremendous deployment and a notable consolidation of the forces working towards the world-wide development of that Order, as well as the first stirrings of that World Order."

(Shoghi Effendi, *Messages to America*, 1946)

### The Most Great Peace

Shoghi Effendi wrote:<sup>[24]</sup>

"The Most Great Peace... a peace that must inevitably follow as the practical consequence of the spiritualization of the world and the fusion of all its races, creeds, classes and nations..."

(Shoghi Effendi, *World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*, 1936)

### Future Manifestation of God

On Ridván 1863, the period in which Bahá'u'lláh made public his claim to have received a revelation from God, he stated that the next Manifestation of God will not appear before 1000 years have passed:<sup>[26]</sup>

"...ere the expiration of one thousand years whosoever advanceth a prophetic claim is false. By "year" a full year is intended, and no exegesis or interpretation is permitted in this matter."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Days of Remembrance*, section 9.)

In the *Kitáb-i-Aqdas* Bahá'u'lláh stated:

"Whoso layeth claim to a Revelation direct from God, ere the expiration of a full thousand years, such a man is assuredly a lying impostor. We pray God that He may graciously assist him to retract and repudiate such claim. Should he repent, God will, no doubt, forgive him... Whosoever, interpreteth this verse otherwise than its obvious meaning is deprived of the Spirit of God and of His mercy..."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Kitáb-i-Aqdas*, 1873)

In a similar verse he says:

"Should a man appear, ere the lapse of a full thousand years—each year consisting of twelve months according to the Qur'án, and of nineteen months of nineteen days each, according to the Bayán—and if such a man reveal to your eyes all the signs of God, unhesitatingly reject him!"

(Bahá'u'lláh, quoted in *World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*)

In the *Ma'idiy-i-Asmani*, Bahá'u'lláh anticipates a different "proof" for the next Manifestation of God:

"...we have ordained that a proof other than the revelation of divine verses be produced to vindicate the truth of the next Manifestation."

(Bahá'u'lláh, *Ma'idiy-i-Asmani*, Vol. IV, 93.)<sup>[27]</sup>

See also:

- [Progressive revelation \(Bahá'í\)](#)

### Notes:

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## *Prophecies of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha Concerning Global Catastrophe*

The atomic bomb, and the massive destructive force of nuclear annihilation, was prophesied by Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha, founders of the Baha'i Religion almost 150 years ago. At the same time They also gave the Remedy that would circumvent the possible destruction of our planet: the Baha'i Covenant which is the Charter for the establishment of the Christ promised Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. This prophecy of nuclear power was repeated by 'Abdu'l-Baha in 1912. He warned that we must speed up spiritual civilization, the Kingdom, to keep pace with scientific and material progress, otherwise materialism would destroy us.

Almost 150 years ago Baha'u'llah said:

**"A strange and wonderful instrument exists in the earth; but it is concealed from the minds and souls. It is an instrument which has the power to change the atmosphere of the whole earth, and its infection causes destruction." (Lights of Guidance, #1585)**

This prophecy was reiterated by 'Abdu'l-Baha in an interview which he gave to the Japanese Ambassador in Spain, Viscount Arawaka, and his wife, during his sojourn in Paris-October, December, 1911, and recorded by Lady Blomfield. He said:

**"Scientific discoveries have greatly increased material civilization. There is in existence a stupendous force, as yet, happily, undiscovered by man. Let us supplicate God, the Beloved, that this force be not discovered by science until Spiritual Civilization, i.e. the Kingdom, shall dominate the human mind. In the hands of men of lower material nature, this power would be able to destroy the whole earth."**

Baha'u'llah further warned in the most explicit of languages:

***"Split the atom's heart, and Lo!  
within it thou wilt find a sun."***

Thus demonstrating the power of the all-knowledge of the Supreme Manifestation of God, concerning the thermonuclear power of the sun being contained in the smallest of particles, the atom. And again Baha'u'llah so clearly predicted, **"that the day is fast approaching when the 'flame' [thermonuclear] of a civilization 'carried to the excess' 'will devour the cities.'" (GPB, p. 218)**

Now at this time, this great force, unleashed in the hands of political and greedy men, in wars fought over religion and oil, still stands as the greatest threat to human life on this planet. The Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, Shoghi Effendi, in 1954, has thus clearly and urgently warned all the people of the world and especially those chosen few living within the United States of America:

**"Baha'is must have a new way of life.** They need to be different from other people. They must be distinguished. The more distinguished, the more they will attract people. The greater the distinction, the greater the attraction. They must read the Tablets of the Covenant of 'Abdu'l-Baha (Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha) and study the Text of the Teaching (the Book of the Covenant of Baha'u'llah, the Kitab-i-Ahd). It is not enough to be good and kind and to lead a religious life today; it does not count for much unless one accepts the Manifestation of God and His Covenant, and the successors named therein. If one has heard of Him; it is almost wasted. One must accept the Manifestation in His day. If one has not heard of Baha'u'llah, they are not to blame; the blame lies with the Baha'is. If the Baha'is fail to teach the Faith, the people who do not hear of the Faith are not to blame. The blame lies with the Baha'is."

**"The young people must disperse far away, the old ones to outlying places; they must settle goal cities. Sell your property and pioneer! The young people of America should go out into the country on farms and work with their hands and produce food for their families."**

**"The cycle of six thousand years of city building has come to an end, and now we will have a new pattern starting with villages, etc. Material civilization is becoming like the ancient city of Babylon, and it must be destroyed."**

**"Americans are exposed to great dangers. Today the power of America is in the hands of the masses. There is a terrific power in the press, and the people are swayed by it. The United States, on a national scale, sets the pattern for an international pattern. **There will be a World Civil War**, followed by the establishment of a world state; all the nations will be a part of it and will have to conform to it. **This war has already started...**"**

**"Mankind cannot be purified and cleansed without suffering. It is positively dangerous to live in cities. **The cities are doomed. They will go up in smoke.** They will evaporate. The Baha'is must disperse from the cities...why do they not disperse? If they do not respond and disperse, they will suffer spiritually, materially, and physically. **In America the destruction will be great!** They must disperse for their own protection. **The cities are doomed: New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles... America will become the storm center of the future.**"**

**"Those with independent means must pack up and go. Those with spirit must pack up and go. There must be a mass response. I can warn them, but I cannot make them go. The Cause will triumph in spite of the actions and inactivity of the believers. If one country falls down, another will make up for it. The Baha'is have been given the method. Now they must have the spirit. It is hopeless for capable teachers in the cities (the people will not listen). The friends are calculating too much, and there is too much emphasis on nonessentials."**

"People are flocking to churches through fear. Americans must have a totally new way of life, become a race of wholly devoted souls, devoted to God and His ways. They must get to a simpler way of life. The standards of America must be lowered, have fewer luxuries. Americans do not have enough belief in God, not enough detachment. They must be more spiritual, disencumber themselves from things, have Baha'i standards, not American standards. Americans are too materialistic, too mechanized, too attached to family, health, and death. There must be less materialism, less intellectualism, and more spirit. America is the most disturbed nation, politically, on earth. There is too much organization in America and too little spirit."

"Reflections such as these should steel the resolve of the entire Baha'i community, should dissipate their forebodings, and arose them TO REDEDICATE THEMSELVES TO EVERY SINGLE PROVISION OF THAT DIVINE CHARTER-the sacred Will and Testament-whose outline has been delineated for them by the pen of 'Abdu'l-Baha." (Shoghi Effendi, *Advent of Divine Justice*, p. 73)

"This House of Justice enacteth the laws and the government enforceth them. The legislative body must reinforce the executive, the executive must aid and assist the legislative body so that through the close union and harmony of these two forces, the foundation of fairness and justice may become firm and strong, that all the regions of the world may become even as Paradise itself." (Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha, page 15)

This purpose of this article is to introduce the reader and true seeker to the dire consequences that violation of the Covenant of God has upon human affairs both collectively and on an individual level. All present day civilization is the by-product of the mysterious forces of civilization that have been poured forth in the last 6000 years through the 9 Great Revelators of the Adamic cycle. The violation of the Covenant of God, likewise, and man's turning away from Him toward something else, has been the cause of the collapse of society and civilization, which is now seen as endemic in the Western World, now that the Dispensation of Jesus has come to an end with the appearance of the second coming of Christ fulfilled in the person of Baha'u'llah, the promised Inaugurator and Divine Author of the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

It is essential that every pure soul be acquainted with the prophecies of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha concerning the Global Catastrophe all the people of the world are now suffering within in order that fears and childish or immature concepts should be dispelled and that a mature, spiritual and intellectual understanding of the crises that befalls us all should be inculcated in the minds and hearts of all for the safety, security and salvation of both individual souls of men and the continuing process of the spiritualization of the societies and countries of this terrestrial world.

This article only scratches the surface of these concepts: Kingdom and Catastrophe. It is our hope that it will shed more light and insight of individuals already awake to this reality from God, on the warnings and prophecies given in all the holy books and scriptures of the prophets of every people and passed generation and dispensation. Only through the perspective of understanding of how prophecy has already been fulfilled, are we able to fully develop our inner faculties to comprehend according to our capacity the onrushing fulfillment of prophecies still yet to be. Every prophecy is a promise. And God never makes a promise but that he keeps it.

***Prophecies of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha  
concerning Global Catastrophes  
and the transmutation of this material world into  
spiritual paradise through the divine awakening  
of all mankind.***

The word "Apocalypse" is from the Greek "apokalypsis" which means "To Disclose" or "To Reveal". "A disclosure regarded as prophetic; revelation." This is significant in the Baha'i Faith, as this is the Revelation of God that is disclosed to the world through the Divine Manifestation. The definition of Apocalypse continues as "any of various Jewish and Christian writings depicting symbolically the ultimate destruction of evil and triumph of good." This is inherent in the Baha'i writings as this is the Cause that ends humanities ignorance and depravity and establishes the Kingdom of God on earth in the form of the Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah that has the living descendant of King David as its president, which is the prophesied Kingdom spoken of all throughout the Bible.

Also included in this definition of Apocalypse is "a cataclysmic event esp. the sudden and violent end of the world; Apocalyptic: of or constituting a culminating or decisive event, turning point, etc. esp. one that is unsettling or threatening, a system of beliefs about the end of the world, esp. that it will be sudden, violent and destructive." (*Webster's New World College Dictionary*)

In a newspaper article from Colorado around 1915, Abdu'l-Baha is pictured as the "Son of the Founder and Present Leader of the Baha'i Movement." A subheading entitled "Predicted War" goes on to say:

"At Leland Stanford university, in October, 1912, this same Abdu'l-Baha predicted the Great War: 'We are on the eve of the battle of Armageddon, referred to in the 16th chapter of Revelation. The time is two years hence when only a small spark will set aflame the whole of Europe.'"

World War I which began in August of 1914, on the date 'Abdu'l-Baha accurately predicted was considered by scholars, after the fact, to fulfill the same Biblical prophecies as given by 'Abdu'l-Baha. Yet 'Abdu'l-Baha gave the date of this event before it actual transpired in the world, and without the benefit of the "hindsight" of experts who saw, after the fact, that what 'Abdu'l-Baha gave and the date that he gave, was the explicit fulfillment of the prophecy and apocalyptic warning of God:

"Now we are ready to ask: Has there ever been a war, started by two nations, which grew into a worldwide war by the kingdoms of the world, followed by unprecedented famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places (perhaps simultaneously)? I am of the opinion that we can discern such.... I believe there is one event that fulfills all four parts of this prophecy. That terrible event has been labeled by historians as World War I, which took place between 1914 and 1918."

"Historians agree that World War I was unique in the annals of warfare. One writer said, 'World War I differed in many respects from any previous war. It involved literally the whole population of the warring nations. All able-bodied men were recruited or conscripted for combat or munitions factories. Women and children worked in factories. Whole populations were subject to air raids, gas attacks, and the rationing of food, clothing, and other necessities of life. Hence social effects were greater than in previous wars'"

"When added together, these facts of history give us ample reason to conclude that the Austrian declaration of war in July-August of 1914 began to fulfill *the sign* of the end of the age as given by our Lord."

"I am convinced that the events of 1914-1918 fulfill the beginning of Jesus' prophecy. World War I was unique among conflicts, not only in size and extent, but in the way it started. Until history produces a more acceptable fulfillment, it is reasonable to conclude that 1914 ushered in the beginning of the end." (Tim LaHaye, *The Beginning of the End*, pp. 35-39)

The central purpose of wars as an institution in our current nationalistic and fragmented society is mainly to settle disputes through the rule of force usually over some economic or religious issue, such as the war today being fought over oil and religion in the Middle East and countries such as Iraq. When we study and look at the causes for World War I -- the ethnic, religious, nationalistic and economic causes of that war -- we see that in fact what we call World War I, the protracted battle that began in August of 1914 and ended on November 11, in the West -- November 12th in the East -- 1918 (November 11-12 is Baha'u'llah's birthday) in fact did not settle the dispute for the cause of that International or World War. In fact history has demonstrated that these same causes of WW I have been the source of the conflict in WW II, the wars in Korea and Vietnam, and the current so-called War on Terrorism, which since the 9-11 event of the collapse of the Two Towers (Is. 30:25), has been considered by many to be the opening of World War III. Therefore, the rule of force cannot solve the underlying problems of global tensions over economic (oil), religious and ethnic differences. All any war can accomplish at this point is to create and engender inside the hearts of the majority, in the aftermath of its fruitless destruction, the desire to settle these issues through the practical solution of getting to the root of the problem through consultation in an International Tribunal for rule by law, rule by truth, and not by force. But the wayward people of this world follow their leaders to war, the road that leads to their destruction, and flirts with thermonuclear annihilation on a global catastrophic scale.

The prophesied battle of Armageddon is the final battle to be fought in a long protracted series of World Wars and International Conflicts that began, therefore, in 1914, with three great waves or main battles being labeled WWI, WWII, and WW III, showing the start of these conflicts is rooted in the same date 'Abdu'l-Baha gave over two years in advance in 1912! Many scholars and historians in fact share this view that the world is in fact still fighting World War I, over and over again. These scholars, historians and philosophers, cannot solve the problem, and are impotent to help humanity in its plight. Likewise the political, military and economic leaders have miserably failed to alleviate the current crisis, which, because of their reliance on deterrence, that is, stockpiling weapons of mass destruction, has finally lead us all into the greatest threat in human history, wild card fundamentalists or militant religious fanatics getting hold of the bomb, a dirty nuke, chemical and /or biological weapons. As America has been the greatest exporter of these types of infernal engines of destruction, as Jesus has said: "the bread you cast upon the water comes back to you" we now see the prophecies of the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, Shoghi Effendi being a day to day fulfillment that "America has become the storm center" and these weapons that have been exported by the military industrial complex that President Eisenhower, warned the Americans about in his farewell speech to the nation, have now returned to American soil, from where they were invented and manufactured threatening the very people who condoned their construction and exportation to the other countries of the world. America being the greatest Arms dealer of the nations.

In deepest consideration, the educated leaders of this world have seen clearly that root of the problem that confronts the people of the world, at the Cause of WW I, WW II, and WW III, the War on Terrorism, is religious in nature, yet they are impotent to solve the problem and stop the onslaught. These scholars understand that the unifying force and the cohesive element that binds civilization and society together is religious in nature. Some scholars have gone so far as to even suggest that as the world internationally is lacking any such religious system that can unite all the people; theretofore, it would even be good to just make up a "synthetic religion", that is one that is man made. Yet others have rightly proved this would fail, as it would lack being founded in reality, for it would only come from the minds of men, and not from God, the foundation of all true faith. They have written:

"The establishment of civilizations requires unifying forces. The more unifying the force, the more stable the civilization. Ancient Egypt maintained by means chiefly of religious devotion and motivation a civilizations that endured for three millennia's."

"For humanity today the urgent need is the establishment of world unity. Technology and science are modern forces of unification that exert everywhere a powerful influence. But beyond these forces, some world thinkers are also envisioning a unification or religious life upon the planet. **Sorokin of Harvard**, suggests a synthetic [manmade] religion combining valid truths from all the world religions."

"But **Hocking, Harvard philosopher of religion**, maintains that a synthetic religion is impossible, in that it would violate the very nature of religion. For all religions are believed by their adherents to be revelatory, hence not a truth, but the truth. However, Hocking does not elucidate how any of the existing world religions can successfully achieve the task of spiritually unifying our planet."

In fact, God Almighty, Himself, has already accomplished this in His plan. For people who are spiritually mature and awake, seeing the truth with their own eyes and not through the eyes of their neighbour, they can see the reality that in fact God has given One Single Revelation over the passed 6000 years cycle of Adam, through the advent of Nine Great Revelators whose combined Message forms one single unified whole. Through the mysterious forces emanating from out these Great Founders of the world's great civilizations, thinking people can see the unity of their spiritual teachings and ideals, such as the Golden Rule, the uplifting of Love, Justice, Mercy, Concord, Fidelity, Harmony, etc..., as the same unified and unending qualities and attributes of the same One True Invisible God. Also through the science and study of prophecy, thinking people can see One Single Unified Plan, contained within all the previous Holy Books AND Scriptures, giving the SAME PROMISE OF THE SAME MESSAGE OF THAT Great Day, when Good shall triumph over evil, and all the Human Race will be united in the truth and knowledge of God into one people and one society, even as Christ has given it in the Book of Revelation:

"The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."  
(Revelation 11:15)

And again:

"After this I looked, and behold, **a great multitude which no man could number, from all tribes and peoples and tongues**, standing before the throne [Davidic] and before the Lamb..." (Rev. 7:9)

Therefore, the scholars can see the root of the problem behind the collapse of civilization and the flaring up of egregious wars and the impending Global Catastrophe. And they can even surmise what the solution should be like, knowing that the answer CAN only come from religion, yet fail to SEE, that TRUE RELIGION ONLY COMES FROM GOD. And likewise, fail to recognize who the Divine Revelator is for this day, today, none other than Baha'u'llah seated upon the throne of David which is to last for ever.

Though they can see the solution from afar off, they are powerless to implement or bring these waters of life and have no suggestion or remedy of what to do. However, Baha'u'llah, and 'Abdu'l-Baha, and their appointed successors in this Mighty and everlasting Covenant from God, are the Divine Physicians that have their finger on the pulse of mankind. Not only have they prophesied accurately with a 100% track record the degenerative disease and calamities that have befallen humanity over the last 150 years, but they have offered, and offered again, the Divine Elixir, the Cup of Christ, imbued with the Wine of Salvation, and overflowing with the crystal clear waters of life that are free of price, not only for the healing of the nations, but for the salvation of all individual souls who would sacrifice "ego" and "pride" to bow down and wet their lips therein. Thus Baha'u'llah has so emphatically declared:

"Hold the chalice of My grace in my name. Then drain it in My mention, the mighty, the wonderful!" (Kitab-i-Ahd, Book of the Everlasting Covenant of God)

Therefore it is by no "synthetic" or "manmade" concoction, but by the revelation of the second coming of Christ in the potency of the Everlasting Father seated upon the throne of David (see Isaiah 9:6,7) that the vision of the Prophets, and the diagnosis of the scholars is both realized and actualized in this contingent world of material being. They go on to explain:

"Toynbee [the great analytical historian of the 20th century] also realizes the value and need of a spiritual unity as a foundation and cementing force for the "one world" which is fast approaching. A universal civilization implies a universal spiritual as well as secular attitude toward life. Indeed, Toynbee seems to suggest that it is the purpose of civilization to bring forth a universal society (that is, all people united as one soul in one body)."

"One earnestly hopes that Toynbee's vision of the future may be prophetic:

'When radiation has been followed by counter-radiation of influence, what will stand out will be a single great experience, common to the whole of mankind -- a new common life... The historians of (the future, in the fortieth century) will say that the impact of Western civilization on its contemporaries, in the second half of the second millennium of the Christian era (1500 to 2001 AD), was the epoch-making event of the age because it was the first step towards the unification of mankind into one single society. By their time, the unity of mankind will perhaps have come to seem one of the fundamental conditions of human life -- just part of the order of nature...'

'And the historians of (the future, in the fiftieth century) will say, I fancy, that the importance of this social unification of mankind was not to be found in the field of technics and economics, and **not in the field of war and politics, but in the field of religion.**'" (Arnold J. Toynbee, *Civilization on Trial*)

True Religion is One and all have equally warned that like the physical body of the human being that disintegrates and decomposes, when it is separated from its soul -- the life giving forces -- so all mankind and his society and civilization disintegrates and decomposes when it is separated from its soul -- the life giving forces -- which is none other than the knowledge and love of God Himself. The first barrier comes from the separation of the individual people from the Divine Revelator and the rightful successors He has appointed in His Covenant. Therefore, this violation of the Covenant must cease. That is, the people are being led into this catastrophic war by leaders who have knowingly and deliberately gone against God for their own power and self-aggrandizement, just as they had done before at the time of Christ on his first advent 2000 years ago, and they must come out from this VIOLATION and come into the acceptance of God and His Plan, for all else is the road to destruction and self annihilation. Now with the thermonuclear technology, and maybe even worse, biological, chemical and genetically engineered weapons of mass destruction, not only is all human life threatened, but even what it means to BE human (genetic) is subject to reckless abandon and wanton genetic alteration. In the face of these dire evils and

unthinkable monstrous horrors, many would choose thermonuclear war over these other mind and body-altering potentialities when put in the use of the wrong hands could be unfathomably horrific and devastating to say the least.

Therefore, as the people are separated from God, His Revelator and the Divinely appointed successors in His everlasting covenant, and for the most part have failed to recognize the great-grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha alive in the world today, as the president of the Universal House of Justice seated upon the throne of David which is to last for ever, the catastrophes are upon us NOW. Baha'u'llah, 'Abdu'l-Baha, and the infallible Guardian Shoghi Effendi, have all warned and likewise prophesied the same!

The final date for the final battle of Armageddon is immediately descending upon us. Baha'u'llah, 'Abdu'l-Baha and the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, have all explained and reiterated the calamity being in these phases, or chain of catastrophic events that would succeed one another, like four great waves in the sea, one following the other. Moreover, they have one and all given the specific dates, times, places, causes and events surrounding all the particulars of all the upheavals and disasters during their respected ministries and continued down until today, after their earthly lifetimes throughout the entirety of all their combined ministries stretching from 1844 until the present.

Baha'u'llah has explained this as well in the Aqdas and in His writings, has not only explicitly warned against the use of nuclear destructive power, but has given the place of both the first and second world war, as being on **"the banks of the Rhine"**, the disputed lands between **Germany** and France, and of hearing the **"lamentations of Berlin"**, the capital city of Germany where both WW I and WW II (**"you shall have another turn"**) have been fought. In other places, even as 'Abdu'l-Baha has given the date for the start of WW I as we have already seen above, the dates for the other catastrophes likewise are contained in the Baha'i Holy writ, including the recent 9-11 event in the year 2001 AD, given in the Baha'i prophecies cryptically as the year of mustaghat (which is numerically 2001 AD). To get into all the specific details and citing the extent of these prophetic warnings far exceeds the scope of this article. Let it suffice a brief compilation of writings and prophecies of Baha'u'llah, 'Abdu'l-Baha and the Guardian Shoghi Effendi on this all-important theme, for the safety, security and salvation of the people. For how can the people be prepared to survive if they are not forewarned about the coming calamity and the root causes of this disaster even as God has said: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Therefore, the true Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah and the current President of this Council, seated upon David's throne, feel a deep spiritual obligation and a fiduciary responsibility to maintain both the availability of the constant remedy and the continual dire warnings for all the people of the world who are all and equally the loved one and chosen of the Lord, as Baha'u'llah, 'Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi continually guided, warned and instructed the people along these lines throughout their respective authoritative ministries.

Concerning the first and second world wars in Germany, Baha'u'llah has very specifically prophesied in His Aqdas circa 1879, many decades before either event transpired:

**"O banks of the Rhine!** We have seen you covered with gore [World War I], inasmuch as the swords of retribution were drawn against you; and you **shall have another turn** [World War II]. And We hear **the lamentations of Berlin**, though she be today in conspicuous glory." (Baha'u'llah, 1879; The Kitab-i-Aqdas, page 53)

Both the remedy and the prophecies of wars for the world in the history of the Baha'i Faith is long standing. Baha'u'llah warned the kings and rulers of the world time and again of their eventual downfall and the resulting wars that would envelope the world. The entire book by Shoghi Effendi entitled *The Promised Day is Come*, in fact is devoted to this explicit theme, and undoubtedly you will refer to it. Baha'u'llah predicted the downfall of Kaiser Wilhelm, the Sultan Abdu'l-Aziz, the Shah of Persia, the Caliphate, etc... the entire Ottoman Empire, the Persian Empire, World War I, World War II and the current calamity assailing mankind today. When asked how the world would eventually come to accept the Baha'i Revelation, and overcome these ruinous wars, that is, how will the Cause of God be universally adopted by mankind? Baha'u'llah answered:

"First the nations of the world would arm themselves with infernal engines of war, and when fully armed would attack each other [without mercy] like bloodthirsty beasts. As a result, there would be enormous bloodshed throughout the world. Then the wise from all nations would gather together to investigate the cause of such bloodshed. They would come to the conclusion that prejudices were the cause, a major form being religious prejudice. They would therefore try to eliminate religion so as to eliminate prejudice. Later [in the 21st Century] they would realize that man cannot live without religion. Then they would study the teachings of all religions to see which of the religions conformed to the prevailing conditions of the time. It is then that the Cause of God would become universal." (Tablet of Varqa)

Shoghi Effendi devoted much of his writings to reiterating the prophecies of Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha as to the great world catastrophe that is to happen. He explained to the believers that, as Baha'u'llah prophesied, the only way the world would wake from its lethargy of materialism and moral decay is through a world-convulsing catastrophe. In *"The World Order of Baha'u'llah"* Shoghi Effendi writes:

### **The Fire of Ordeal**

"That the forces of a world catastrophe can alone precipitate such a new phase of human thought is, alas, becoming increasingly apparent. That nothing short of the fire of a severe ordeal, unparalleled in its intensity, can fuse and weld the discordant entities that constitute the elements of present-day civilization, into the integral components of the world commonwealth of the future, is a truth which future events will increasingly demonstrate."

"The prophetic voice of Baha'u'llah warning, in the concluding passages of the Hidden Words, 'the peoples of the world' that 'an unforeseen calamity is following them and that grievous retribution awaiteth them' throws indeed a lurid light upon the immediate fortunes of sorrowing humanity. Nothing but a fiery ordeal, out of which humanity will emerge, chastened and prepared, can succeed in implanting that sense of responsibility which the leaders of a new-born age must arise to shoulder."

"I would again direct your attention to those ominous words of Baha'u'llah which I have already quoted: 'And when the appointed hour is come, there shall suddenly appear that which shall cause the limbs of mankind to quake.' Has not Abdu'l-Baha Himself asserted in unequivocal language that 'another war, fiercer than the last, will assuredly break out?'" (Shoghi Effendi, *World Order of Baha'u'llah*, page 46)

As already given above, Abdu'l-Baha accurately prophesied the date for the start of World War I and here Abdu'l-Baha declares that another war "fiercer than the last" will break out: World War II. This is showing how the "Battle of Armageddon" is not limited to just one world war, but to a protracted series of upheavals. The first World War was just the beginning -- the "Battle of Armageddon" will be fought through a successive series of World Wars ending in the FINAL BATTLE giving birth to the Kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven, the true war to end all wars.

And again Shoghi Effendi states:

### **Divine Retribution**

"The whole of mankind is groaning, is dying to be led to unity, and to terminate its age-long martyrdom. And yet it stubbornly refuses to embrace the light and acknowledge the sovereign authority of the one Power that can extricate it from its entanglements, and avert the woeful calamity that threatens to engulf it."

"Ominous indeed is the voice of Baha'u'llah that rings through these prophetic words: 'O ye peoples of the world! Know, verily, that an unforeseen calamity followeth you, and grievous retribution awaiteth you. Think not that which ye have committed hath been effaced in My sight.' And again: 'We have a fixed time for you, O peoples. If ye fail, at the appointed hour, to turn towards God, He, verily, will lay violent hold on you, and will cause grievous afflictions to assail you from every direction. How severe, indeed, is the chastisement with which your Lord will then chastise you!'"

"Must humanity, tormented as she now is, be afflicted with still severer tribulations ere their purifying influence can prepare her to enter the heavenly Kingdom destined to be established upon earth? Must the inauguration of so vast, so unique, so illumined an era in human history be ushered in by so great a catastrophe in human affairs as to recall, nay surpass, the appalling collapse of Roman civilization in the first centuries of the Christian Era? Must a series of profound convulsions stir and rock the human race ere Baha'u'llah can be enthroned in the hearts and consciences of the masses, ere His undisputed ascendancy is universally recognized, and the noble edifice of His World Order, the Kingdom, is reared and established?"

"The long ages of infancy and childhood, through which the human race had to pass, have receded into the background. Humanity is now experiencing the commotions invariably associated with the most turbulent stage of its evolution, the stage of adolescence, when the impetuosity of youth and its vehemence reach their climax, and must gradually be superseded by the calmness, the wisdom, and the maturity that characterize the stage of manhood. Then will the human race reach that stature of ripeness which will enable it to acquire all the powers and capacities upon which its ultimate development must depend." (Shoghi Effendi, *World Order of Baha'u'llah*, pp. 201-202)

How many generation must be warned and warned again and suffer the consequences of failing to accept the Covenant of Baha'u'llah as delineated in every single provision of the sacred Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha? When will the masses of the people arise with one voice and in one accord and declare, "Enough! Let God's peace come upon all flesh upon this darksome and war torn globe!" Baha'u'llah is the second coming of Christ and for very sure is His Revelation one that is both associated with, and is in fulfillment of, the Jewish and Christian scriptures. Indeed! It can be said to be the very core and spirit of those Holy Faiths. Whereas Judaism is the root and Christianity is the branch, the Baha'i Faith is the leaf, flower, and fruit of that very same Tree of God, the tree of Life, if the people eat of they will live forever and ever!

To separate the Baha'i Faith, and the Baha'i sacred Covenant, from the explicit warning of Divine Retribution associated with violating any one of its provisions, let alone separating away from the Executive Branch of the Universal House of Justice and the genealogy and lineage of King David continued through Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha, more then lessens the influence of which this Covenant is the answer to the problems of the people of the world. In fact, the violation of the Covenant and the separation from God, and the separation from the Executive Branch and the turning away from the true Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah is the very insidious Cause of all these calamities and disasters.

If the majority of the people of today have misconstrued the Baha'i Message, have seen no connection between the Baha'i Faith and the Holy Bible, Christianity and Judaism, and the lineage of King David, and have secularized it into some mutual admiration society that views Baha'u'llah as nothing more than a great poet that has come out of the desert spewing beautiful verses, than the so-called "Baha'is" have "no one to blame but themselves", as the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi has stated above! In this catastrophe, therefore, the blood of the people will literally be upon the hands of the "Hands" and their followers that have led the people astray and separated away from

the Executive Branch, which is an integral part of the Covenant of Baha'u'llah. They have no Executive Branch. They are the Covenant-breakers. They have violated the Covenant on page 15 of the sacred Will and testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha.

"This House of Justice enacteth the laws and the government enforceth them. The legislative body **must reinforce the executive**, the executive must aid and assist the legislative body so that through the close union and harmony of **these two forces**, the foundation of fairness and justice may become firm and strong, that all the regions of the world may become even as Paradise itself." (Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha, page 15)

Baha'u'llah is the Second Coming of Christ, the Messiah whose arrival has been expected for thousands of years. Today IS the establishment of the Kingdom of God on Earth as it is in Heaven as Shoghi Effendi tells us in the above quoted message. The world IS headed for another great catastrophe, not unlike the two previous great catastrophes the world has already experienced. But this will be the third and final great catastrophe that will "weld the discordant entities that constitute the elements of present-day civilization, into the integral components of the world commonwealth of the future". If Baha'is today are so aloof from the idea that the present day administration has completely failed in its so called mission of Justice, then they need to hear the words of Baha'u'llah, Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi when they tell us that the only way the world will awake to the realities of this Revelation is only AFTER a devastating world catastrophe unprecedented in its destructive force.

We have, as a world, experienced two world wars; the last being the only war in which nuclear weapons were used. Lee Brown, a native American Baha'i of Salish heritage in British Columbia, has recently taken right action, correctly adhered to the Native prophecies, and with all his fellows is waiting for the final, great purification. He has explained, as transcribed from an open talk to the public:

### **Three Great Shakings of the Earth**

"People came on the east coast of the United States and they went across this land to the west and they were told in the prophecies that we should try to remind all the people that would come here of the sacredness of all things. If we could do that, then there would be peace on earth. But if we did not do that, if we had not come together as a human family, the Great Spirit would grab the earth with his hand and shake it."

"So the elders knew the First Shaking of the Earth was about to come about -- that was the First World War..."

"So the elders said when you see the sun rising in the east (rising sun of the Japanese Empire) and you see the sign of life reversed and titled in the east (swastika of the Nazis), you know that the Great Death is to come upon the earth, and now the Great Spirit will grab the earth again in His hand and shake it and this shaking (World War II) will be worse than the first."

"So the sign of life reversed and tilted, we call that the Swastika, and the rising sun in the east was the rising sun of Japan. These two symbols are carved in stone in Arizona. When the elders saw these two flags, these were the signs that the earth was to be shaken again (World War II)."

"The worse misuse of the guardianship of fire is called the "gourd of ashes". They said the gourd of ashes will fall from the air. It will make people like blades of grass in the prairie fire and things will not grow for many seasons. I saw on television not too long ago that they were talking about the atomic bomb, the gourd of ashes. They said it was the best-kept secret in the history of the United States. The elders wanted to speak about it in 1920. They would have spoken of it and foretold it's coming if they could have entered into the League of Nations. The elders tried to contact President Roosevelt and ask him not to use the gourd of ashes because it would have a great effect on the earth and eventually cause even greater destruction and the Third Shaking of the Earth, the Third World War."

"The Great Spirit has been shaking the Earth two times: The First and Second World Wars to remind us that we are a human family, to remind us that we should have greeted each other as brothers and sisters, from all around the whole world. We had a chance after each shaking to come together in a circle (League of Nations and United Nations) that would have brought peace to the earth, but we missed that. Tonight they are talking on the news about **the sign** for the Third Shaking of the Earth. They said they are going to build what the elders called the "house in the sky". In the 1950's they talked about this: they will build a house and throw it in the sky. When you see people living in the sky on a permanent basis (building the International Space Station), you will know the Great Spirit is about to grab the earth, this time not with one hand, but with both hands."

"Many of you of Native American background may have heard 'the spirits will warn you twice, but the third time you stand alone.' We've had two warnings, the first two World Wars, but now we stand alone in the Third one. As it says in the Baha'i Writings, there will be no-one protected. When this house is in the sky, the Great Spirit is going to shake the Earth a third time and whoever dropped that gourd of ashes, upon THEM IT IS GOING TO DROP."

"The Hopis in their prophecies say there will be a religion that comes here, (to the United States of America). Maybe it will be true and bring unity, or maybe it will not be true and not bring unity. If it does not bring unity, a second religion will come, and the people of this religion are known in the Hopi language as the Baha-ni, the people of Baha. Ni means "people of". So I was looking for the people of Baha. I wondered who the people of Baha were. I was a Baha'i for quite a while before somebody told me that Baha'i means "people of Baha". I thought, 'O my God! Here I was looking for it all these years and I never even noticed!' And I had already found it! I was stubborn and didn't want to become a Baha'i but my grandfather who passed on, you know he must have found out about it in the next realm because he came back to four times in dreams to tell me, "Hey, look at that again, look at that again. Look one more time." Baha'i... it means "Light or glory". Baha'i means "follower of the light", or the people of Baha. We've been waiting for these people for a long

time. They say they will bring a Teaching that will unite the earth. So we need to share this Teaching. They say the fire will come from the North. So here we are, in a circle, in the North, talking about the Baha-nis, the "people of Baha..." (Lee Brown)

The purpose of the descendant of King David is that we can recognize the TRUE "people of Baha" from the frauds who only masquerade in their name. Those who are "shunning" 'Abdu'l-Baha's great-grandson and are not under the provisions of the Covenant and do not accept the Universal House of Justice he presides over, are not "Baha'is" at all, they are people of the darkness, who have rejected the Light of this "Teaching that will unite the earth."

On the genealogy Chart of Baha'u'llah, we have this Teaching that no one else in the World has. We have the power and the proof that all the Manifestations of God are of ONE FAMILY, that shows the Unity of God, the Unity of His Prophets, the 9 Great Revelators of the Cycle of Adam, and the Unity of All mankind. Without the genealogy chart of Baha'u'llah back to King David, the FLAG and the DIVINE STANDARD of our Holy and Divinely Inspired Cause, there is no unity of anything, only disaster, war, destruction, famine and disease, the disintegration of all things.

The throne of David is the integral part of the Covenant, the point of unity, the symbol of the Oneness of Mankind that causes all the disintegrated parts to reassemble in the Great Day of the Resurrection of the Dead! The systems of the 9 Great Revelators correspond to the Nine scientific Systems of the Internal Human Body. The Throne of David, representing the Executive Branch and the seat of Will, alone has the resurrecting power to reconstitute these nine systems and the people within them into ONE unified whole, inwardly nine systems and outwardly the temple of the five pointed star of the human form, the most perfect form.

The Native Faiths, of all the world, from the Beginning at the time of Adam, are Universal on the Center Line and axis of the human form, corresponding to the Reproductive system where the "seed" of man is enshrined. Like the DNA contains the whole plan, as 'Abdu'l-Baha has explained, the Tree is the Manifestation of the seed, and not a division into parts.

The Great Revelation of Moses, giving the LAW from Mt. Sinai of the Interlocutor, corresponds to the Skeletal system, even as Jesus saith, not a "bone of his shall be broken" and Ezekiel has prophesied the resurrection of the dry bones! (see Ezekiel chapter 37)

The Universal Manifestation of God, Jesus Christ, corresponds to the heart and the Center of the Body, even as it is written in the Holy Gospel: "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, **which is in the bosom [heart] of the Father**, he hath declared him. (John 1:18 KJV) Like Adam, Jesus, the Son, rests on the centerline and axis of the everlasting Covenant symbolized in the resurrected human form. As 'Abdu'l-Baha has stated, even as all the other systems of the body, its members and parts, are dependent upon the life's blood (covenant) ever flowing without end from the Center of the heart, the Son, so all the other prophets like members and parts, are dependent upon the Son, who is exalted, being from David, amongst them.

Muhammad is the repeat of the outward Laws of Moses and the inward Spirit of Jesus; and therefore, Islam corresponds to the musculature system which conforms tightly to the bones of the skeletal (Moses) but like the heart (Jesus) is a muscle red with blood (covenant), but unlike the heart, which has a brain of its own, the node of Tawara, the muscles must submit absolutely, more than any other anatomical system, directly to the command of the mind centered in the Brain. Islam means to submit. If the muscles refuse to submit to the will, we have to go see a neurologist or other doctor.

Krishna, Buddha and Zoroaster, corresponds to the Respiratory, Digestive, and Immune systems respectively. Krishna brought detachment and Three Yoga's, defined in the Gita, where man should be free from all forms of imitation and earthly matter and breath deeply only the living breaths of the prana of God Almighty alone. Buddha brought meditation, which corresponds to the digestion of reality and the assimilation of ideas into the mind, spirit and soul of the body of man. Zoroaster, likewise, brought purity, which corresponds with the internal immune system to fight off disease, cancers, parasites and other ailments, keeping the body pure from illness and in sound well-being. The three mystical Prophets of the East!

The Bab, being the door or gate to Baha'u'llah, represents the Endocrine System, seated very near the center of the brain near the pineal gland, the doors of perception which are opened up between the world to allow us to see into the mind and plan of God limited by our capacity and humility and self-sacrifice in our love for him.

And finally that Great Universal Manifestation of God, Baha'u'llah, the King of Kings seated upon throne of David which is to last for ever, corresponds to the Revelation of God in the potency of the everlasting Father (see Isaiah chapter 9) and represents the seat of the Will in the center of the mind and Brain, even as it is written: "Christ [in the potency of the Father, the one seated upon David's throne] is the head of the church which is his body." (Ephesians 1:22, etc...).

Like Adam and Jesus Christ, the Son (heart), Baha'u'llah being represented by the Will, which is in the center of the Brain, is also on the middle line of the axis of the human form representing the everlasting Covenant of God, that was in the seed at the time of Adam, was proclaimed to be of David's line at the time of Jesus, the Son and the Herald of the kingdom, and is now a fully active and potent force in the world today through its connection to the material world through the Covenant setting up the true Universal House of Justice with the throne of David continued as the administrative position of the Executive Branch. May all the Presidents be servants unto Him, even as the Master was so self-effaced!

Thus, as the Universal House of Justice is the Head of the faith, its disconnection with the throne of David at any time is the same as the decomposition of the inner integrity of the brain, causing the soul to depart from the body and decomposition and death to set in and override the life design. But praise be to God!! In His word of eternity and everlasting being, the connection between the throne of David

and all the people of the world who will elect the BODY of their UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE, that is by the believers (see W&T, p. 14), the resurrection of the Dead is NOW the REALITY! Behold! The all-power of Almighty God who Alone "Doeth whatsoever He willeth and ordaineth whatsoever He pleaseth" All else are for the catastrophe and the FIRE! If only you knew it to be the truth!

If the peoples and the Covenant-breaking "Baha'is" today would like to remain veiled by their own ignorance or lack of exercising their right to personal investigation, that is their choice. But if they are going to refuse to allow the great-grandson of 'Abdu'l-Baha, and his fellows, to exercise his freedom to teach the Baha'i faith, and fulfill his role as the Executive Branch of the Universal House of Justice, and attack his first amendment rights to do his job as vouchsafed by God and protected under the constitution of the United States of America -- to tell the people of the world loudly and clearly the message of the Good News of this Kingdom -- then [God will wipe them all off the very face of the earth for violating His covenant](#) and being hypocrites to the principles of both their religion, in the Golden Rule, (do unto others...), and their laws, which give the people the franchise to teach and speak freely and openly.

The Baha'i Faith is the medicine for this sick world. Refusal to take it means death and destruction; [this is not a threat, it is just the way it is](#). If the people and the "Baha'is" refuse to come back under the provisions of God's everlasting Covenant, as given in the Bible and the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha, and warn the majority that the people of the world should begin to prepare themselves for this Third Great Shaking, then they are not only doing themselves a great disservice, but the whole of the world of humanity. As the current covenant-breaking administration on Haifa continues to occupy themselves with lavishly furnishing their properties and gardens and saying to themselves how great they are, the world continues to be in travail. The home land of the Baha'i institutions, Israel, is readying itself for war and the groaning of India and Pakistan, under the threat of another nuclear disaster, is heard around the world as the United States and the West conquers the East for oil, and Iraq is in the cross hairs of those oil greedy fat cats that are ruining the world for the rest of the people. God has warned:

"RELEASE the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates [*which flows through Iraq*]." So the four angels [*holding back the four winds of destruction*] were released, who had been held ready for the hour, the day, the month and the year, to kill a third of mankind." (Revelation 9:14-15)

As the proliferation of nuclear weapons spreads, and the availability of weapons of mass destruction escalates, and the resentment and dislike against America in the world community of nations rises, this disaster only gets worse and worse and worse. Why will the people not turn to the solution? In the end they will have no excuses. In the end they will have no one to blame but themselves.

All around the world the people pray for peace. But when God sends them the "Prince of Peace" in answer to their prayers, they reject Him. If you are one of these, then in the end, you will have no one to blame but yourself. The most we can do is hoist this flag on the world wide web, put out the battle cry, and open our doors day and night for the faithful to enter in.

As the "Haifans" in Israel continue to parlay the warnings of Baha'u'llah, 'Abdu'l-Baha, and Shoghi Effendi, the war that is about to devastate humanity is readying itself to be unleashed on an unsuspecting world. The Baha'is should be the first to be voicing the concerns to the people, but the majority of them are the last, as they have been veiled and misguided by a bogus and corrupted administration anti-the lineage of King David continuing, that seeks to "hold to the form of the religion, but deny the spirit of it". This is why the majority of the world will suffer. And this is why there will be a few of the Baha'is who will recognize the validity of the teachings on this subject. For some, it might be too late.

They majority of living souls, however, will see these events occur and will leave the current usurpation and come underneath the Covenant in "troops".

"This flow, moreover, will presage and hasten the advent of the day which, as prophesied by Abdu'l-Baha, will witness the entry by troops of peoples of divers nations and races into the Baha'i world - a day which, viewed in its proper perspective, will be the prelude to that long-awaited hour when a mass conversion on the part of these same nations and races, and as a direct result of a chain of events, momentous and possibly catastrophic in nature, and which cannot as yet be even dimly visualized, will suddenly revolutionize the fortunes of the Faith, derange the equilibrium of the world, and reinforce a thousandfold the numerical strength as well as the material power and the spiritual authority of the Faith of Baha'u'llah." (Shoghi Effendi, *Citadel of Faith*, p. 117)

This is the "Entry by Troops"! It is not that the world is going to somehow magically "realize" that Baha'u'llah is the Second Coming of Christ, but because of these catastrophes SIMULTANEOUS with the unfurling of this message of the Divine Banner!

"The world is in travail, and its agitation waxeth day by day. Its face is turned towards waywardness and unbelief. Such shall be its plight, that to disclose it now would not be meet and seemly. Its perversity will long continue. And when the appointed hour is come, there shall suddenly appear that which shall cause the limbs of mankind to quake. Then, and only then, will the Divine Standard be unfurled, and the Nightingale of Paradise warble its melody." (Baha'u'llah: *Gleanings*, Pages: 118-119)

Something much more important than the collapse of the Trade Towers happened on 9-11-2001. The genealogy of Baha'u'llah, the Divine Banner in the Human Form -- showing the Unity of God, His Prophets and All Mankind -- was unfurled for the first time on the world wide web for all the peoples of the world to see.

Now cometh the next convulsion! If they had not seen it then, they most assuredly all see it NOW!

"This Cause has hoisted the banner of the unity of the world of humanity. *One of the instruments which will bring about universal peace is this very war.* so that all the people might be disgusted with this confusion of the war, and that all the world of humanity might be inclined toward peace." ('Abdu'l-Baha)