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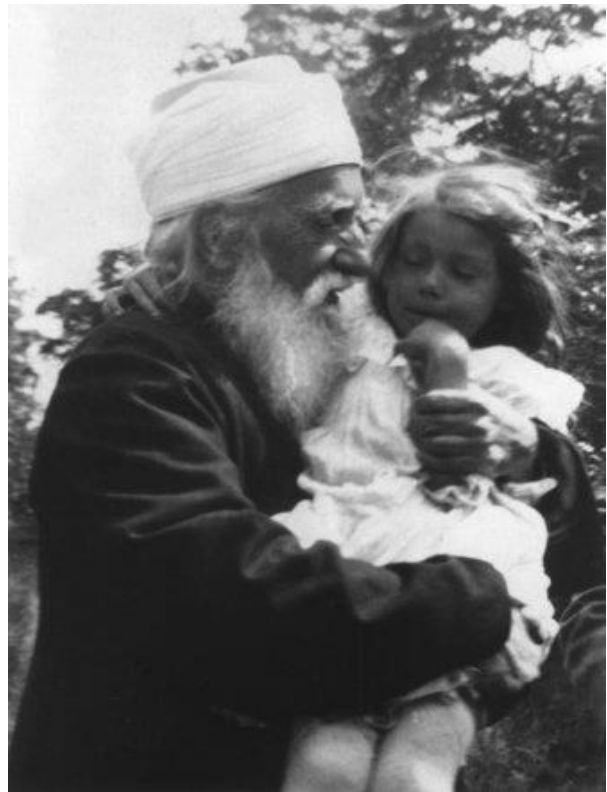
“Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship.”

Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, Bishárát

Dear Friends,

We are excited to bring to you the 3rd issue of our newsletter! We would like to welcome you this month by sharing an excerpt from Mr. Paul Lample's talk on the new Five Year Plan. Mr. Lample is a member of the Universal House of Justice and gave this talk recently at the House of Worship in Wilmette. The excerpt below is from a transcription of Mr. Lample's talk shared by Della L. Marcus.

“The reality of man is his thought,” 'Abdu'l-Bahá said. “So the world we see around us reflects the thought and actions of the peoples of the world. So, you think this way, and then you behave this way, and this is the world you get. And if you don't like this world, if there's a problem with it, then you have to learn how to think in a different way, and act in a different way. Now human beings live in this bubble of their own reality, and this is the society that they produce. The question becomes, for Bahá'is, well, what shapes our reality? For example, if we make a posting on our Facebook page, if we begin to engage in social media, and so on, what ideas are we reflecting in our engagement with the wider community? Is it what we are taking in from the news every day, is it what we studied in school, is it what politicians are telling us, is it what advertisers are telling us? Are we just echoing the other ideas of individuals on social media? So, is the old world order shaping us and our thought and our action, and we're pulled into that conversation, or does it come from somewhere else. Is our thought and reality shaped by Bahá'u'llah, so that whatever we see around us we're able to take from the pages of His Revelation concepts and ideas so that when we enter into that conversation that's what we're reflecting.



So not the processes of a disintegrating old world order, even though it completely surrounds us, even though we're bombarded by billions of dollars-worth of media and advertising, and everything that is trying to shape our reality and our thought, still we're not supposed to be shaped by that. We have to use what Bahá'u'llah said to us to shape our thinking, so that then we can contribute to a conversation of humanity that changes human thought, and then will change human action, and then will change the structures of reality around us. What Bahá'u'llah gives us as a picture of reality is sharply different than that the world gives us.”

Announcements

- [*Opportunity for Youth in the San Bernardino Cluster*](#)
- [*Pat Shelton Fund*](#)
- [*Pat Shelton Scholarship Guidelines*](#)

Letters/Communications

- *Universal House of Justice*
 - [*Persian Translations*](#)
- *National Spiritual Assembly*
 - [*Feast of Kalimát*](#)
 - [*Election of Regional Bahá'í Councils*](#)
 - [*Tragic Events of week of July 4th*](#)

Talks/Presentations/Webinars

- *108th National Convention Highlights – Mrs. Soheila Azizi – August 11th at 7pm at the Katsianos residence in Highland*
- *“Progressive Revelation” – Presented by Mrs. Gwyn Magaditsch at the Katsianos residence in Highland on July 9th.*
- [*Five Revolutionary Teachings on Gender Equality in the Bahá'í Faith – Vasu Mohan, March 2016, 2016*](#)



Links

- [*Bahá'is of Banning*](#)
- [*Bahá'is of Claremont*](#)
- [*Bahá'is of Fontana*](#)
- [*Bahá'is of Rancho Cucamonga*](#)
- [*Bahá'is of Redlands*](#)
- [*Bahá'is of Riverside*](#)
- [*Bahá'is of San Bernardino*](#)
- [*Bahá'is of San Bernardino southwest*](#)
- [*Bahá'is of Upland*](#)
- [*Bahá'is of Yucaipa*](#)
- [*Highland Children's Classes*](#)

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