

BAHÁ'IS OF HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

“Backbiting quencheth the light of the heart, and extinguisheth the life of the soul.”

Gleanings from the writings of Bahá'u'lláh, p.265

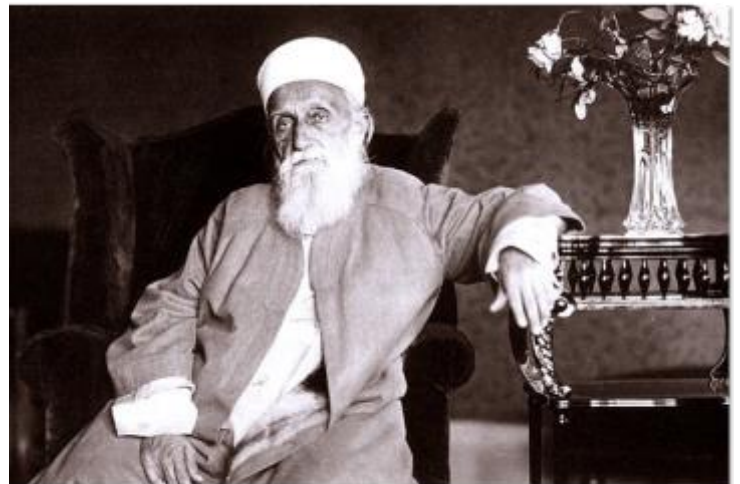
Dear Friends,

We are excited to bring to you the 7th issue of our newsletter! We would like to welcome you this month by sharing two extracts from the writings of ‘Abdu’l Bahá. The theme is Trustworthiness.

“Those persons who are selected to serve the public, or are appointed to administrative positions, should perform their duties in a spirit of true servitude and ready compliance. That is to say, they should be distinguished by their goodly disposition and virtuous character, content themselves with their allotted remuneration, and act with trustworthiness in all their doings. They should keep themselves aloof from unworthy motives, and be far removed above covetous designs; for rectitude, probity and righteousness are among the most potent means for attracting the grace of God and securing both the prosperity of the country and the welfare of the people. Glory and honour for man are not to be found in fortunes and riches, least of all in those which have been unlawfully amassed through extortion, embezzlement and corruption practiced at the expense of an exploited populace. Supreme honour, nobility and greatness in the human world, and true felicity in this life and the life to come—all consist in equity and uprightness, sanctity and detachment.

“Those souls who are employed in government departments should approach their duties with entire detachment, integrity and independence of spirit, and with complete consecration and sanctity of purpose. Content with the wages they are receiving, they should see that they do not stain their fair character through acts of bribery and fraud. Were one of the friends in this day to misappropriate so much as a single

If a man would seek distinction, he should suffice himself with a frugal provision, seek to better the lot of the poor of the realm, choose the way of justice and fair-mindedness, and tread the path of high-spirited service. Such a one, needy though he be, shall win imperishable riches and attain unto everlasting honour. (‘Abdu’l-Bahá, published in Compilation of Compilations, number 2067)”



*'Abdu'l-Bahá spends a tired moment at the Rittenhouse Hotel, where he stayed in Philadelphia in June, 1912. (National Bahá'í Archives, United States)

penny, the sacred mantle of God's Cause would become sullied by his action and the shame of it would attach to the whole community. Heaven forbid! Nay, rather, the government and people should come to repose such trust in the Bahá'ís as to wish to commit all affairs of state throughout the provinces into the chaste, pure hands of God's well-beloved. (‘Abdu’l-Bahá, published in Compilation of Compilations, number 2070)”

Announcements

- *University weekend at Bosch Bahá'í school*

Letters/Communications

- *National Spiritual Assembly*
 - *Feast of Qawl*
 - *Feast of Qudrat*
 - *Continental Counselors Appoint Auxiliary Board Members for Term 2016-21*
 - *2016 Regional Council Election Results*
 - *2016 Election Results*
 - *2016 Election Results - California*
- *Universal House of Justice*
 - *Supreme Body Comments on Worldwide Appointment of Auxiliary Board Members for 2016-21*

Talks/Presentations/Web

- *Bahá'u'lláh and the Birth of the New Revelation in the Síyáh-Chál Prison | Shahrokh Monjazebeh | #12*
- *Bahá'u'lláh's Rashh-i-'Amá' – A Provisional English Prose-translation*
- *Firouz Naderi Shares a Touching Story*



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*

Bahá'is of Highland

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