

# BAHÁ'IS OF HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER

**“Concern yourselves with the things that benefit mankind, and not with your corrupt and selfish desires.”**

**Bahá'u'lláh, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p.96**

Dear Friends,

We are excited to bring to you the 6<sup>th</sup> issue of our newsletter! We would like to welcome you this month by sharing an excerpt from the book “Divine Art of Living”.

“Know thou that there are two kinds of happiness, spiritual and material. As to material happiness, it never exists; nay, it is but imagination, an image reflected in mirrors, a specter and shadow. Consider the nature of material happiness. It is something which but slightly removes one’s afflictions; yet the people imagine it to be joy, delight, exultation and blessing. All the material blessings, including food, drink, etc., tend only to allay thirst, hunger and fatigue. They bestow no delight on the mind nor pleasure on the soul; nay they furnish only the bodily wants. So this kind of happiness has no real existence. As to spiritual happiness, this is the true basis of the life of man, for life is created for happiness, not for sorrow; for pleasure, not for grief. Happiness is life; sorrow is death. Spiritual happiness is life eternal. This is a light which is not

followed by darkness. This is an honor which is not followed by shame. This is a life that is not followed by death. This is an existence that is not followed by annihilation.



This great blessing and precious gift is obtained by man only through the guidance of God ... This happiness is the fundamental basis from which man is created, worlds are originated, the contingent beings have existence and the world of God appears like unto the appearance of the sun at mid-day. This happiness is but the love of God. Were it not for this happiness the world of existence would not have been created. (‘Abdu’l-Bahá, quoted in the Divine Art of Living, pp. 17-18)“

## Announcements

- [Counsellor Navid Serrano Meeting with LSAs](#)
- [Independent Investigation of Reality: Joy and the Transformative Power of Love – Deborah Conow](#)
- [Fund Empowerment workshop in Encino](#)

## *Letters/Communications*

- ***National Spiritual Assembly***
  - [\*Feast of 'Ilm\*](#)
  - [\*Martyrdom of Mr. Farhang Amíri\*](#)
  - [\*American Bahá'í Community – Plan Gatherings to View Dedication Events\*](#)
  - [\*NSA Summarizes NSA Chile Advice for Temple Dedication Events\*](#)
  - [\*Letter on by-elections\*](#)
  - [\*By-elections for Regional Council Elections 2016\*](#)
  - [\*2016 By-election Form\*](#)
  - [\*ISGP Winter Seminar at Bosch Bahá'í School\*](#)
- ***Universal House of Justice***
  - [\*Martyrdom of Mr. Farhang Amíri\*](#)
  - [\*Greetings to Participants in Santiago Temple Dedication\*](#)
  - [\*Live Broadcast of Chilean Temple Dedication\*](#)
  - [\*Chilean Temple Dedication Broadcast Schedule\*](#)

## *Talks/Presentations/Web*

- [\*Temple Dedication: Mother Temple of South America\*](#)
- [\*Temple Dedication: Official Opening Ceremony - English\*](#)
- [\*Temple Dedication: Day 1 - English\*](#)
- [\*Imagining Bahá'í Law – Roshan Danesh\*](#)
- [\*Be Hopeful\*](#)



## *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\*](#)
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