

SOURCES – ESSAY 7

"The tabernacle of unity hath been raised; regard ye not one another as strangers. Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. We cherish the hope that the light of justice may shine upon the world and sanctify it from tyranny." (Baha'u'llah)

"But it behooves the writers and editors thereof (newspapers) to be sanctified from the prejudice of egotism and desire, and to be adorned with the ornament of equity and justice. They must inquire into matters as fully as possible in order that they may be informed of the real facts, and commit the same to writing." (Baha'u'llah)

"... thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor." (Baha'u'llah)

"... the nations of the world will no longer require any armaments, except for the purpose of preserving the security of their realms and of maintaining internal order within their territories. This will ensure the peace and composure of every people, government and nation." (Baha'u'llah)

"There is perfect brotherhood underlying humanity, for all are servants of one God and belong to one family under the protection of divine providence." ('Abdu'l-Baha)

"In the sight of God there is no distinction between whites and blacks; all are as one. Anyone whose heart is pure is dear to God – whether white or black, red or yellow. Among the animals colors exist. The doves are white, black, red, blue; but notwithstanding this diversity of color they flock together in unity, happiness and fellowship, making no distinction among themselves, for they are all doves. Man is intelligent and thoughtful, endowed with powers of mind. Why, then, should he be influenced by distinction of color or race, since all belong to one human family? There is no sheep which shuns another as if saying, 'I am white, and you are black.' They graze together in complete

unity, live together in fellowship and happiness. How then can man be limited and influenced by racial colors?" ('Abdu'l-Baha)

"I praise God for this meeting of human souls free from the bondage of imitations and prejudice, willing to examine reasonably and accept that which is found to be true." ('Abdu'l-Baha)

"To all administrative regulations which the civil authorities have issued from time to time, or will issue in the future in that land, as in all other countries, the Baha'i community, faithful to its sacred obligations towards its government, and conscious of its civic duties, has yielded, and will continue to yield implicit obedience...." (Shoghi Effendi)

"We see, therefore, that we must do two things – shun politics like the plague, and be obedient to the Government in power in the place where we reside. If they (the Baha'is) become involved in the issues the Governments of the world are struggling over, they will be lost. But if they build up the Baha'i pattern they can offer it as a remedy when all else has failed." (Shoghi Effendi)

"The press will, under such a system, while giving full scope to the expression of the diversified views and convictions of mankind, cease to be mischievously manipulated by vested interests, whether private or public, and will be liberated from the influence of contending governments and peoples." (Shoghi Effendi)

"Many Americans say the creation and spread of made-up news and information is causing significant harm to the nation and needs to be stopped ..." (journalism.org)

"Majority cannot name a source that reports news objectively." (Gallup/Knight Foundation)

"We find no evidence of anti-Black or anti-Hispanic disparities across (police) shootings, and White officers are not more likely to shoot minority civilians than non-White officers." (David J. Johnson et. al., in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences)