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## "Baha'is' Justin Baldoni-Faced Lies"

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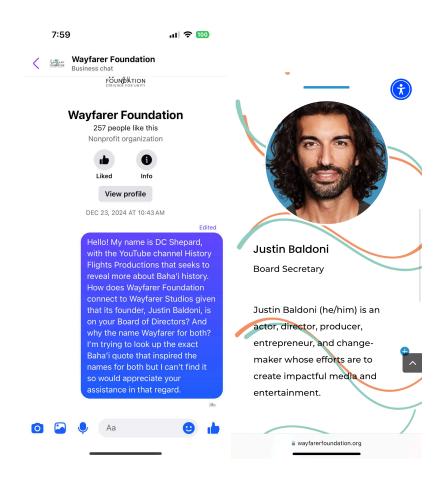
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#### 161. payment of Zakát ¶146

Zakát is referred to in the Qur'án as a regular charity binding upon Muslims. In due course the concept evolved into a form of alms tax which imposed the obligation to give a fixed portion of certain categories of income, beyond specified limits, for the relief of the poor, for various charitable purposes, and to aid the Faith of God. The limit of exemption varied for different commodities, as did the percentage payable on the portion assessable.

Bahá'u'lláh states that the Bahá'í law of Zakát follows "what hath been revealed in the Qur'án" (Q&A 107). Since such issues as the limits for exemption, the categories of income concerned, the frequency of payments, and the scale of rates for the various categories of Zakát are not mentioned in the Qur'án, these matters will have to be set forth in the future by the Universal House of Justice. Shoghi Effendi has indicated that pending such legislation the believers should, according to their means and possibilities, make regular contributions to the

## 162. It is unlawful to beg, and it is forbidden to give to him who beggeth. ¶147

In a Tablet 'Abdu'l-Bahá expounds the meaning of this verse. He states that "mendicancy is forbidden and that giving charity to people who take up begging as their profession is also prohibited." He further points out in that same Tablet: "The object is to uproot mendicancy altogether. However, if a person is incapable of earning a living, is stricken by dire poverty or becometh helpless, then it is incumbent on the wealthy or the Deputies to provide him with a monthly allowance for his subsistence ... By 'Deputies' is meant the representatives of the people, that is to say the members of the House of Justice."

The prohibition against giving charity to people who beg does not preclude individuals and Spiritual Assemblies from extending financial assistance to the poor and needy or from providing them with opportunities to acquire such skills as would enable them to earn a livelihood (see note 56).

"The Mirzā (meaning Bahā'u'llāh)...., from the beginning of his life to when he came of age—because the means were at hand and because of the gathering of the companions—was engrossed in studying and endeavored in homework. He wouldn't disengage from learning the rudiments for a moment. After studying the rudiments of Arabic and literature he inclined towards the science of philosophy (ḥikmat) and mysticism ('irfān) so that he might benefit from these. It was such that he would spend most of the day and night socializing with high statured philosophers and the gatherings of mystics and Sufis. When it was blown in Seraph's Trumpet of Appearance (meaning when the Bāb made his claims), he (meaning Bahā'u'llāh) was a man who had seen most of the words and phrases of the mystics and philosophers and had heard and understood most of the signs of the appearance (of the Mahdi)...after returning from

Badasht and after the Shaykh Ṭabarsī Fort war was over, he was engaged day and night in socializing with great Islamic scholars and followers of mysticism..."

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"And then in the Fifteenth [gate]: Hoarding wealth outside of the limits of equilibrium and balance is forbidden (haram) to you in the Light! Rather We have made it licit (halal) for you to expropriate the wealth and property of the filthy rich and to redistribute it among the weak, the sick, the ailing, the lame, the wounded, the destitute, the homeless, the poor, the oppressed, the downtrodden, the wretched of the earth, the deprived, the aged, the elderly and similar because the dominion belongs to God, the Lord of the Worlds, and not to the inordinately rich! And We command Our lights that if it is possible, to bring about a global revolution against the capitalist order! We have given permission to seize and take over all the means of production throughout the earth [and] out of the hands of the filthy rich in order to implement the decree of the 11 Gate of the 9th Unity of the Bayan!"

Azal, Wahid. "The Completion of the Arabic Bayān and the Eight Paths," p. 78. *Archive.org*, Library of the Greatest Name (ism al-a zam), Vol. 2, 2022, <a href="archive.org/details/final-version-arabic-bayan-393.2">archive.org/details/final-version-arabic-bayan-393.2</a>. Accessed 6 Mar. 2025.

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#### **Baha'is Love Authoritarians**

"The shah demanded that the Russian legation allow Baha'u'llah to be surrendered to the government, but the Russians handed him over to the vizier, Aqa Khan Nuri, who was sympathetic to him. The vizier found it impossible to protect Baha'u'llah when anti-Babi riots broke out in Tihran, and Baha'u'llah was arrested and made to walk in chains to the Siyah-Chal, the Black Pit dungeon. The vizier, furious, offered his resignation over Baha'u'llah's false arrest." ([Quoting Nabil's Narrative, 595-650).

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"Your fifth question centers on the provision for Huququ'llah in Bahá'í wills. Your understanding that the obligation to pay Huququ'llah arises during one's lifetime and is normally to be carried out with lifetime giving is correct, although at the same time it is true that there may be cases where a believer dies without having made provision in his or her will for payment of the unpaid portion of Huguqu'llah, if any.

The event of death does not remove from a believer the obligation to pay Huququ'llah. Whatever portion is due to be paid is therefore a debt due from the believer's estate at the time of his or her death. The cost of the funeral and burial, the payment of the debts of the deceased, and the payment of whatever portion of Huququ'llah remains due are prior charges on the estate which must be met before arriving at the amount of the property which has to be divided in accordance with the provisions of the law of inheritance. Thus, whether or not a person makes a will or, having made a will, whether he or she makes provision in it for the payment of Huququ'llah, the Huququ'llah should be paid, like all debts, before the rest of the state is divided."

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#### First Interview of a Baha'i

- 4. Q My fiancé is an atheist. Is it okay if he doesn't say the marriage vow? A – No Bahá'í marriage can be valid without the recitation of the prescribed verse by both parties. (From a letter written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice to the National Spiritual Assembly of Ecuador regarding an atheist who agreed to the Bahá'í ceremony but since he did not believe in God did not wish to repeat the marriage verse using the name of God. 19 December 1974. Published in Bahá'í Canada, January/February 2011, p. 39)
  - 5. According to the explicit text of the Kitáb-i-Aqdas, both the bride and groom must, in the presence of witnesses, recite the prescribed verse; this is an essential requirement of the marriage ceremony. Thus if a Bahá'í is marrying a non-Bahá'í and this person for any reason refuses to utter this verse, the Bahá'í cannot marry that person. (From a letter dated 23 May 1985 written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice to a National Spiritual Assembly, cited in Lights of Guidance 4th ed. p. 386, no. 1284)
  - 6. A letter written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice clarifies 'that the recitation of this prescribed verse by both parties is a requirement for the Bahá'í ceremony, and that as all believers wishing to marry must have a Bahá'í ceremony, if the non-Bahá'í party is unwilling to recite this verse, it is not possible for you to marry him.' (An extract from a memorandum from the Research Department to the Universal House of Justice, dated, 19 July 2006)
  - 7. It may be worthwhile to reflect upon one additional aspect of the verse, the Bahá'í understanding of the concept of God. The following extracts are from letters addressed to National Spiritual Assemblies, which asked about counselling couples similar to that of ...

In counselling a particular couple your Assembly will, of course, have to use understanding and wisdom, while ensuring that the point is made quite clear. The House of Justice suggests that it could be of considerable help if the Bahá'í teachings about the nature of God, the unknowability of His Essence, and His relationship to His creation were explained to an atheist who finds himself in the situation you instance. (Letter written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice to a National Spiritual Assembly 28 October 1985, cited in a memorandum from the Research Department to the Universal House of Justice, dated, 19 July 2006)

8. ...the House of Justice feels that the problem may be overcome by explaining to him the Bahá'í concept of God as that Unknowable Essence of Essences described in the Bahá'í Writings. In other words, it should be made clear that the word 'God' for a Bahá'í has a very different meaning from that which is current in European society. Undoubtedly you can find appropriate

Gammage, Susan. Bahá'í Marriage Requirements.

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1281. Summary of Bahá'í Requirements Concerning Marriages with Followers of Other Religions

1.3 That he does not undertake any vow to act contrary to Bahá'í principles (such as to bring up the children in another Faith).

#### 1297. Two Essential Obligations Regarding Education of Children

"In all cases of marriage of Bahá'ís to followers of other religions the Bahá'í has two essential obligations as regards the children:

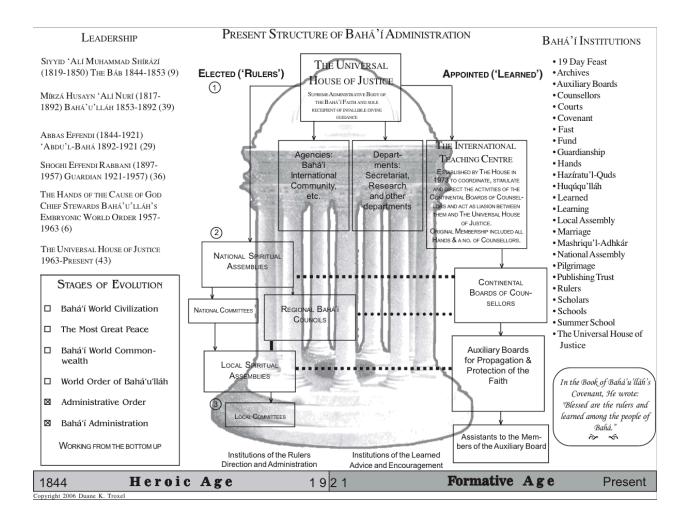
- a. He must not educate or assume a vow to educate the children of the marriage in a religion other than his own.
- b. He must do whatever he can to provide for the training of the children in the Bahá'í teachings.
- "...Bearing in mind the obligation of the Bahá'í parent to offer his child a Bahá'í education, there is no objection to the attendance of the child of a Bahá'í parent, or even a Bahá'í child, at a parochial school if circumstances require."

(From a letter of the Universal House of Justice to the National Spiritual Assembly of the United States, May 10, 1966)

Hornby, Helen Bassett "Lights of Guidance (Second Part): A Baha'i Reference File." Chapter 2, 1281 & 1297 Bahai-Library.com, 1988,

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#### Second Baha'i Interview



### The Baha'i Museum of Fake Smiles

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I was not able to find a verified source for the closure of the only Baha'i Home for the Aged known to exist in the United States, but clearly money is not the issue if the NSA of the United States, a "nonprofit," can splash \$1.51 million on a random house nearby. So, why aren't there more Baha'i senior homes, and where is the money going in the Baha'i Fund?

"As regard the whole question of the Temple and services held in it: He wishes to emphasize that he is very anxious, now that this first and greatest Temple of the West has been built, and will, within a few years, be used for worship and regular services by the Bahá'ís, that no forms, no rituals, no set customs be introduced over and above the bare minimum outlined in the

teachings. The nature of these gatherings is for prayer, meditation and the reading of writings from the Sacred Scriptures of our Faith and other Faiths; there can be one or a number of readers; any Bahá'í chosen, or even, non-Bahá'í, may read. The gatherings should be simple, dignified, and designed to uplift the soul and educate it through hearing the Creative Word. No speeches may be made, no extraneous matter introduced."

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https://bahai-library.com/hornby\_lights\_guidance\_2.html&chapter=5#n2061. Accessed 6 Mar. 2025.

### **Doublespeak vs. Streisand Effect**

"Verily I say, the tongue is for mentioning what is good, defile it not with unseemly talk. God hath forgiven what is past. Henceforward everyone should utter that which is meet and seemly, and should refrain from slander, abuse and whatever causeth sadness in men. Lofty is the station of man!"

-Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, pp. 219-220

"Know thou for a certainty that whoso disbelieveth in God is neither trustworthy nor truthful. This, indeed, is the truth, the undoubted truth. He that acteth treacherously towards God will, also, act treacherously towards his king. Nothing whatever can deter such a man from evil, nothing can hinder him from betraying his neighbour, nothing can induce him to walk uprightly."

-Bahá'u'lláh. *The Summons of the Lord of Hosts*. Baha'i Publishing Trust, 2006, bahai-library.com/writings/bahaullah/slh/muluk.html. Accessed 6 Mar. 2025. Paragraph 60.

"No, I consider you quite different and distinct; I call you a man and the donkey but an animal. I perceive that you are highly intelligent, whereas the donkey is not. I know that you are well versed in philosophy, and I also know that the donkey is entirely deficient in it; therefore, I am not willing to accept your statement."

'Abdu'l-Bahá, and Howard Macnutt. *The Promulgation of Universal Peace : Talks Delivered by 'Abdu'l-Bahá during His Visit to the United States and Canada in 1912.*Wilmette, III., Bahá'í Pub, 2012, pp. 80–82.

This is in response to a supposed statement by a naturalist in Alexandria, Egypt, that "I see no difference between myself and the donkey, and I am not willing to admit distinctions which I cannot perceive" but I find it to be a gross, underhanded straw-man of naturalism, typical of Baha'i condescension towards critics. Therefore I have significant doubts as to the veracity of Abdul-Baha's recollection of the interaction, especially because this person is unnamed.

#### (p. 66) 12 February 1927

"It cannot be denied that in the course of the inevitable developments of this present situation the resident Bahá'ís of Egypt, originally belonging to the Muslim Faith, will be placed in a most humiliating and embarrassing position. They, however, cannot but rejoice in the knowledge that whereas in various Muhammadan countries and particularly in Persia the overwhelming majority of the leaders of Islám are utterly opposed to any form of declaration that would facilitate the universal recognition of the Cause, the authorised heads of their co-religionists in one of the most advanced communities in the Muhammadan world have, of their own initiative, published to the world a document that may justly be termed as the first charter of liberty emancipating the Bahá'í Faith from the fetters of orthodox Islám. And in order to insure the complete rupture of Bahá'í official relations with Muslim Courts they lay down in unmistakable terms the condition that under no circumstances can the marriage of those Bahá'ís who have been required to divorce their Muslim wives be renewed by the Muslim Court unless and until the husbands formally recant their faith by solemnly declaring that the Qur'án is the "last" Book of God revealed to man, that no law can abrogate the Prophet's Law, no faith can succeed His Faith, no revelation can claim to fulfill His Revelation."

(p. 149)

#### 3 November 1941

"RUHI AFNAN'S SISTER MARRIED SECRETLY COVENANT BREAKER HER MOTHER AND BROTHERS ALL CONCURRED ALL MANNER COMMUNICATION WITH THEM ACCORDING MASTER'S WILL FORBIDDEN.

SHOGHI RABBANI"

29 December 1941

"SISTER MEHRANGIS FOLLOWED EXAMPLE RUHI'S SISTER JUSTICE DEMANDS ANNOUNCE BELIEVERS HER EXPULSION."

#### SHOGHI RABBANI

(p. 181) 21 February 1946

"ASSEMBLY SHOULD EXPLAIN TO ... OWING HIS BROTHER'S SECESSION FAITH ADHERENCE ISLAM PARTICIPATION POLITICS AND ASSOCIATION WITH HIS OTHER BROTHERS AND MOTHER WHO HAVE FLAGRANTLY DISOBEYED MASTER'S WILL COMMUNICATION WITH HIM AND THEM FORBIDDEN. ASSEMBLY SHOULD EXERCISE UTMOST VIGILANCE THIS VITAL MATTER OTHERWISE AS MASTER REPEATEDLY WARNED CONTAMINATING INFLUENCE WILL SPREAD AND IMPERIL STRUCTURE FAITH. CABLE HIS RESPONSE SHOW UTMOST FIRMNESS."

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Translation: World religion of the future? History, teaching and organization in critical inquiry.

"The fifth candle is the unity of nations—a unity which in this century will be securely established, causing all the peoples of the world to regard themselves as citizens of one common fatherland."

Baha, Abdul. "Bahá'í Reference Library - Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Pages 29-32." *Bahai.org*, 2025, <u>reference.bahai.org/en/t/ab/SAB/sab-16.html#pg32</u>.

Accessed 6 Mar. 2025.

#### Baha'u'llah UNALIVED His Critics?!

"...Mirza Husayn Ali Nuri had several of the outspoken prominent Babis who supported Azal murdered in Baghdad, Adrianople and Akka. See the introduction to E.G. Browne's translation of The New History of Mirza Ali Muhammad, the Bab (Tarikh-i-Jadid)(Amsterdam: 1975) pp. xxiii-xxiv, for some of the names and particulars as well as the Persian introduction to Nuqtat'ul-Kaf. In Note W (Mirza Yahya Subh-i-Azal) of his critical edition of A Travellers Narrative (Cambridge: 1891), 2 volumes, citing Hasht Behesht, Browne says, "All prominent supporters of Subh-i-Azal who withstood Mirza Husayn Ali's claims were marked out for death, and in Baghdad Mulla Rajab Ali "Kahir" and his brother, Hajji Mirza Ahmad, Hajji Mirza Muhammad Reza, and several others fell one by one by the knife or bullet of the assassin" p.359. "As to the assassination of the three Ezelis, Aka Jan Bey, Hajji Seyyed Muhammad of Isfahan, and Mirza Riza-Kulli of Tafrish, by some of Beha's followers at Acre, there can, I fear, be

but little doubt...the passage in the Kitab-i-Agdas alluding (apparently) to Hajji Seyyed Muhammad's death...proves Beha'u'llah regarded this event with some complaisance" p.370. On the murder of one Aga Muhammad Ali of Isfahan in Istanbul (who first bore allegience to Husayn Ali and then went back to Azal) by one Mirza Abu'l-Qasim the Bakhtiyari, Browne quotes the words of Mirza Husayn Ali Nuri addressed to the latter, "O phlebotomist of the Divine Unity! Throb like the artery in the body of the Contingent World, and drink of the blood of the Block of Heedlessness for that he turned aside from the aspect of thy Lord the Merciful!" p.363. Baha'i sources carefully omit all of these facts but they have been recorded for posterity by scholars like E.G. Browne, William Miller and Vince Salisbury in their European language studies, not to mention the original language, source documentation which has been provided in Azal's Notes. Baha'i sources have even gone through great lengths to twist, hide and obfuscate their crimes and attribute them to Azal and the Babis. For example, Baha'is make much noise about a poisoning incident in Adrianople whereby Azal is supposed to have attempted to poison his own brother. Baha'is use the fact that their prophet's hand shook for the rest of his life as evidence (I doubt very much if poison had anything to do with it. I think the man was simply a nervous wreck. I am unaware of any kind of poison in existence in the nineteenth century, which without killing its intended victim as meant, would instead cause permanent nervous damage! Besides, it does not occur to me that amongst either the partisans of Husayn Ali or Azal there was anyone who possessed a sophisticated knowledge of chemistry to contrive such

a potion. The Baha'is, typically, are simply attributing their own malefeasance unto others.) When the counter facts, and the accounts of direct eyewitnesses, one by one, are examined it turns out that it was actually the other way around and that Mirza Husayn Ali Nuri and his partisans where the ones attempting to poison and murder Azal (not once, but several times, each time their plans backfiring in some way). There is a first-hand eyewitness report in existence, currently only in manuscript, by a maid who was working on the day in question in Azal's household kitchen - an account never published anywhere to my knowledge but whose manuscript I have been shown - which shows that Husayn Ali had put his own agents up in Azal's kitchen on the day in question and that she witnessed them pouring something in vials into the food being prepared for Azal. In the aforementioned work, Browne states: "Mirza Husayn Ali...caused poison to be placed in one side of a dish of food which was to be set before himself and Subh-i-Azal, giving instructions that the poisoned side was to be turned towards his brother. As it happened, however, the food had been flavoured with onions, and Subh-i-Azal, disliking this flavour, refused to partake of the dish. Mirza Husayn Ali fancying that his brother suspected his design, ate some of the food from the side of the plate; but, the poison having diffused itself to some extent through the whole mass, he was presently attacked with vomiting and other symptoms of poisoning. Thereupon he assembled his own followers and intimates, and declared that Subh-i-Azal had attempted to poison him" p.359. Mirza Aga Khan Kirmani (d. 1896), a son-in-law of Azal and a major figure of the Iranian secular liberal democratic Constitutional movement in the

19th C. (who was executed as a co-conspirator along with his brother-in-law, Shaykh Ahmad Ruhi, after the assassination of Nasiruddin Shah in 1896), quotes part of the woman's account regarding the poisoning incident in the historical section which he wrote of the '8 Heavens' (Hasht Behesht). It will be translated in full in my forthcoming Materials for the Study of the Bayani Religion. Later "...[a] plot was arranged against Subh-i-Azal's life, and it was arranged that Muhammad Ali the barber should cut his throat while shaving him in the bath. On the approach of the barber, however, Subh-i-Azal divined his design, refused to allow him to come near, and, on leaving the bath, instantly took another lodging in Adrianople and separated himself entirely from Mirza Husayn Ali and his followers..." p.360.

"Baha'u'llah's Tablet to Nasiru'd-Din Shah." *Baha'ism in Iran*, 8 Nov. 2015, 95.156.252.221/index.php/en/archive/archived-articles/item/3158-231. Accessed 6 Mar. 2025.

### The Political & Spiritual 1848 Revolutions

"To understand the convention in this way, as more than a fact of history but as a symbolic national rite of passage, invites Americans to their own conversion, their own redemption in terms of race and gender. It points toward the dizzying, ecstatic ritual moment where they might all be initiated at the hands of heroic, magical elders, Stanton and Douglass, somewhere off the page, behind the veil of traditional American history, in the imagination, at the end of history (and psychology as we know it), at the beginning of a new era, and upon a Bahá'í foundation."

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#### Baha'i Imperialism

"You must be very thankful to Columbus for discovering such a great country for you. It is the most strange thing that he discovered it but it became known as America. In reality, it must be called Columbus and this would be right and just...What was this piece of land (called) America? It was a jungle, it was an empty land. This was due to (the work of) nature. What caused it to flourish? The reasons of the people. Thus (nature) is imperfect and the reasons of the people make it perfect. Previously it was an (empty) land now it has become (full) of prosperous cities. Before Columbus came it was the world of nature now it is the world of humans. If the world of nature was perfect it should have been like that (from the beginning). Pay attention that first it was dark now it is illuminated, first it was ruined now it is prosperous, first it was full of thorns now it is full of flowers. Thus it is proved that the world of nature is imperfect and dark. If a child is born and we do not nurture him and we abandon him in his natural state what will happen? Without a doubt, he will remain ignorant and without cognition and he will be an animal. Look at (the inhabitants of) central Africa who are like animals and even inferior. Thus we can see how divine nurturing influences the world of humanity. The world of nature is the world of the animal."

Anon. "Abdu'l-Baha: Indigenous Americans Are Wild Savage Animals Who Lack Reason...." *The Bahai Insider*, 31 July 2014,

thebahaiinsider.com/2014/07/31/abdul-baha-indigenous-americans-are-wild-savage-ani mals-who-lack-reason-and-whose-country-should-have-been-named-after-a-white-euro pean/. Accessed 6 Mar. 2025.

"O ye beloved of God and maid-servants of the Merciful!

The republic of wise men believes that the difference in minds and opinions is due to the difference of education and the acquisition of ethics. That is, that minds are equal in origin, but education and the acquisition of ethics cause minds to differ and comprehensions to be at variance; that this difference is not in entity but in education and teaching; that there is no individual distinction 577 for any soul. Hence, the members of the human race all possess the capacity of attaining to the highest station, and the proof they adduce therefor is this: "The

inhabitants of a country like Africa are all as wandering savages and wild animals; they lack intelligence and knowledge; all are uncivilized; not one civilized and wise man is to be found among them. On the contrary, consider the civilized countries, the inhabitants of which are living in the highest state of culture and ethics, solidarity and inter- ependence; possessing, with few exceptions, acute power of comprehensions and sound mind. Therefore, it is made clear and evident that the superiority and inferiority of minds and comprehensions arises from education and cultivation, or from their lack and absence. A bent branch is straightened by training and the wild fruit of the jungle is made the product of the orchard. An ignorant man by learning becomes knowing, and the world of savagery, through the bounty of a wise educator, is changed into a civilized kingdom. The sick is healed by medication, and the poor man, by learning the arts of commerce, is made rich. The follower, by attaining the virtues of the leader, becomes great, and the lowly man, by the education of the teacher, rises from the nadir of oblivion to the zenith of celebrity." These are the proofs of the wise men."

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