

A NEW WORLD ORDER

BAHA'U'LLAH'S MESSAGE OF SOCIAL REGENERATION

The Spiritual Foundation

It is an age of universal reformation. Laws and statutes are in process of change and transformation. Sciences and arts are being molded anew. Thoughts are metamorphosed. The foundations of human society are changing and strengthening. All conditions and requisites of the past unfitted and inadequate for the present time are undergoing radical reform. It is evident therefore that counterfeit and spurious religious teaching, antiquated forms of belief and ancestral imitations which are at variance with the foundations of divine reality must also pass away and be reformed. They must be abandoned and new conditions be recognized. The morals of humanity must undergo change. New remedy and solution for human problems must be adopted. Human intellects themselves must change and be subject to the universal reformation. Therefore it is our duty in this radiant century to investigate the essentials of divine religion, seek the realities underlying the oneness of the world of humanity and discover the source of fellowship and agreement which will unite mankind in the heavenly bond of love. For if we remain fettered and restricted by human inventions and dogmas, day by day the world of mankind will be degraded, day by day warfare and strife will increase and satanic forces converge toward the destruction of the human race.

Human strife and religious disagreement complicate and disfigure the simple purity and beauty of the divine cause until clouds obscure the light of reality and disunion results. Therefore make use of intelligence and reason so that you may dispel these dense clouds from the horizon of human hearts and all hold to the

one reality of all the prophets. It is most certain that if human souls exercise their respective reason and intelligence upon the divine questions, the power of God will dispel every difficulty and the eternal realities will appear as one light, one truth, one love, one God, and a peace that is universal.—'Abud'l-Baha'.