

18-Confidence

Arise in the name of thy Lord, the God of Mercy, amidst the peoples of the earth, and seize thou the Cup of Life with the hands of confidence, and first drink thou therefrom, and proffer it then to such as turn towards it amongst the peoples of all faiths...

Bahá'u'lláh, *Proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 83

Promote ye the development of the cities of God and His countries, and glorify Him therein in the joyous accents of His well-favoured ones... We have assigned to every end a means for its accomplishment; avail yourselves thereof, and place your trust and confidence in God, the Omniscient, the All-Wise.

Bahá'u'lláh, *The Kitáb-i-Áqdas*, K 77

Be patient under all conditions, and place your whole trust and confidence in God.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, p. 296

Face ye all nations of the world with the constancy and the endurance of the people of Bahá, that all men may be astounded and ask how this could be, that your hearts are as well-springs of confidence and faith, and as mines so rich in the love of God.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Selections From the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá*, p. 219

Therefore, with supreme confidence and certitude, say: "O God! Make me a radiant light, a shining lamp, and a brilliant star, so that I may illumine the hearts with an effulgent ray from Thy Kingdom of Abhá...."

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Compilation of Compilations, Vol II (Women)*, p. 361

A question or principle which is religious in its nature must be sanctioned by science. Science must declare it to be valid, and reason must confirm it in order that it may inspire confidence. If religious teaching, however, be at variance with science and reason, it is unquestionably superstition.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 394

I give you my advice, and it is this: Train these children with divine exhortations. From their childhood instill in their hearts the love of God so they may manifest in their lives the fear of God and have confidence in the bestowals of God. Teach them to free themselves from human imperfections and to acquire the divine perfections latent in the heart of man. The life of man is useful if he attains the perfections of man.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*, 21.4

...in the world of humanity it is wise and seemly that all the individual members should manifest unity and affinity. In the clustered jewels of the races may the blacks be as sapphires and rubies and the whites as diamonds and pearls. The composite beauty of humanity will be witnessed in their unity and blending. How glorious the spectacle of real unity among mankind! How conducive to peace, confidence and happiness if races and nations were united in fellowship and accord!

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*, 23.3

The Lord of mankind has bestowed upon us the faculty of reason whereby we may discern the realities of things. How then can man rightfully accept any proposition which is not in conformity with the processes of reason and the principles of science? Assuredly such a course cannot inspire man with confidence and real belief.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*, 118.9