

31-Love

The essence of love is for man to turn his heart to the Beloved One, and sever himself from all else but Him, and desire naught save that which is the desire of his Lord.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 155

In the world of existence there is no more powerful magnet than the magnet of love.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *'Abdu'l-Bahá in London*, p. 77

O SON OF BEING!

Love Me, that I may love thee. If thou lovest Me not, My love can in no wise reach thee. Know this, O servant.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Hidden Words (Arabic)*, #5

Love gives life to the lifeless. Love lights a flame in the heart that is cold. Love brings hope to the hopeless and gladdens the hearts of the sorrowful.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Paris Talks*, p. 179

The best way to thank God is to love one another.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 231

The foundation of Bahá'u'lláh is love...You must have infinite love for each other, each preferring the other before himself.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 213

By the fire of the Love of God the veil is burnt which separates us from the Heavenly Realities, and with clear vision we are enabled to struggle onward and upward, ever progressing in the paths of virtue and holiness, and becoming the means of light to the world.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Paris Talks*, p. 82

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

O ye beloved of the Lord! Commit not that which defileth the limpid stream of love or destroyeth the sweet fragrance of friendship. By the righteousness of the Lord! Ye were created to show love one to another and not perversity and rancour. Take pride not in love for yourselves but in love for your fellow-creatures. Glory not in love for your country, but in love for all mankind.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, pp. 138-139

Strive, therefore, to create love in the hearts in order that they may become glowing and radiant. When that love is shining, it will permeate other hearts even as this electric light illumines its surroundings. When the love of God is established, everything else will be realized. This is the true foundation of all economics. Reflect upon it. Endeavor to become the cause of the attraction of souls rather than to enforce minds.

Abdu'-Bahá, *Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 239

Especially to those whose thoughts are material and retrograde show the utmost love and patience, thereby winning them into the unity of fellowship by the radiance of your kindness.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Paris Talks*, p. 27