

41-Unity

The Divine Messengers have been sent down, and their Books were revealed, for the purpose of promoting the knowledge of God, and of furthering unity and fellowship amongst men.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Epistle to the Son of the Wolf*, p. 12

He Who is the Day-Star of Truth beareth Me witness! So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth. The One true God, He Who knoweth all things, Himself testifieth to the truth of these words.

Bahá'u'lláh *Epistle to the Son of the Wolf*, p. 14

The well-being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established. This unity can never be achieved so long as the counsels which the Pen of the Most High hath revealed are suffered to pass unheeded.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, p. 286

The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 112

He Who is the Lord of Being is witness that this Wronged One hath besought from God for His creatures whatever is conducive to unity and harmony, fellowship and concord.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Epistle to the Son of the Wolf*, p. 38

Cleave tenaciously unto that which will lead to the well-being and tranquillity of all mankind. This span of earth is but one homeland and one habitation. It behoveth you to abandon vainglory which causeth alienation and to set your hearts on whatever will ensure harmony.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, pp. 67-68

Exalted, immensely exalted is He Who hath removed differences and established harmony. Glorified, infinitely glorified is He Who hath caused discord to cease, and decreed solidarity and unity.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Compilation of Compilations, Vol II (Women)*, p. 357

This is the day whereon all peoples should shed the light of unity and concord.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Epistle to the Son of the Wolf*, p. 76

With the utmost unity, and in a spirit of perfect fellowship, exert yourselves, that ye may be enabled to achieve that which beseemeth this Day of God.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, p. 196

It behoveth thee to consecrate thyself to the Will of God. Whatsoever hath been revealed in His Tablets is but a reflection of His Will. So complete must be thy consecration, that every trace of worldly desire will be washed from thine heart. This is the meaning of true unity.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, p. 338

I hope that each one of you will become just, and direct your thoughts towards the unity of mankind; that you will never harm your neighbours nor speak ill of any one; that you will respect the rights of all men, and be more concerned for the interests of others than for your own.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *Paris Talks*, p. 160

In matters of principle, therefore, there should be uniformity, while in matters of detail and procedure not only is diversity permitted, it is also encouraged. As conditions vary from country to country and, indeed, can vary from community to community within the country, Shoghi Effendi repeatedly advised the friends that they should be uncompromising in principle but flexible in subsidiary details.

Shoghi Effendi, *Lights of Guidance*, p. 38

Be united in counsel, be one in thought.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 138