

## 42-Justice & Equity

O SON OF SPIRIT!

The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbour.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Hidden Words*, Arabic #2

Tread ye the path of justice and equity in all things....

Be ye the embodiments of justice and fairness amidst all creation.

Bahá'u'lláh, *The Kitáb-i-Áqdas*, K 60, K187

Equity is the most fundamental among human virtues. The evaluation of all things must needs depend upon it....

Whoso cleaveth to justice, can, under no circumstances, transgress the limits of moderation.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, p. 203, 342

They that are just and fair-minded in their judgement occupy a sublime station and hold an exalted rank. The light of piety and uprightness shineth resplendent from these souls. We earnestly hope that the peoples and countries of the world may not be deprived of the splendours of these two luminaries.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 37

Justice and equity are twin Guardians that watch over men. From them are revealed such blessed and perspicuous words as are the cause of the well-being of the world and the protection of the nations.

Bahá'u'lláh *Epistle to the Son of the Wolf*, p. 13

Be fair to yourselves and to others, that the evidences of justice may be revealed, through your deeds, among Our faithful servants. Beware lest ye encroach upon the substance of your neighbor. Prove yourselves worthy of his trust and confidence in you, and withhold not from the poor the gifts which the grace of God hath bestowed upon you.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, pp. 278

We entreat God to deliver the light of equity, and the sun of justice from the thick clouds of waywardness, and cause them to shine forth upon men. No light can compare with the light of justice. The establishment of order in the world and the tranquillity of the nations depend upon it.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Epistle to the Son of the Wolf*, 52

We have in truth rent the veils asunder and disclosed that which will draw men nigh unto God, Who layeth low the necks of men. Happy the man that hath attained unto justice and equity in this Grace that hath encompassed all that is in the heavens and all that is on earth, as bidden by God, the Lord of the worlds.

Bahá'u'lláh, *Epistle to the Son of the Wolf*, 205

Surely men who are leaders of thought must conform to the example of his kindness and goodwill. Liberalism is essential in this day — justness and equity toward all nations and people. Human attitudes must not be limited; for God is unlimited, and whosoever is the servant of the threshold of God must, likewise, be free from limitations.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*, 118.1

Bahá'u'lláh taught that an equal standard of human rights must be recognized and adopted. In the estimation of God all men are equal; there is no distinction or preferment for any soul in the dominion of His justice and equity.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*, 63.17