

The Pacific will be a storm center. When the Baha'is settle it, it will become really an ocean of peace.

Abdu'l-Allah first landed in Haifa, that is why it progressed first. Brother and half-brother were with him.

Communism based on denial of God, emphasis on matter. Un-Baha'i and dangerous. Materialism, too, is materialistic, but not atheistic. Baha'is condemn both materialism and atheism.

Principle is to scatter and establish more centers, first isolated believers, then groups, as basis for NEA's, as they have done in Central America.

Eastern Baha'is, have a deeper understanding of the Faith but lack organization. Western Baha'is have organization, drive, etc.

Speaking of Temple sites, 1 acre enough, not in city, not too far, not too near. They start with 1 acre, then extend. Baha'is own 50 acres in heart of mountain

(Carmel) but has been a slow process. Hope to own head of mountain now west of Bab's shrine, (Belongs to Catholics and State) for Mashriqu'l-Adhkar place of

worship; later on the East of the Shrine will be located Administration Seat (work). Baha'is everywhere must establish these two centers (worship and work)

and in some countries will have Shrines where the Master visited. The friends must have a very clear conception of their responsibilities and duties. 1. Derive inspiration from Source of Guidance O Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, 2. Go to Hazriatu'l-Quds, work and inspire others by their service. Prayer and work, meditation and work, balance of two.

Baha'is must never identify themselves with communists, neither attack or vilify them. Don't approach communists because they will not accept entirely; avoid them because the authorities will become suspicious. The cooperation of the authorities is most important now.

Don't look for orthodox people, look for liberal element; spiritually minded people, liberal followers of the religions.

As our activities extend, do not give authorities the idea that we are a state within a state; we are purely spiritual and administrative, not political. Don't

insist that we will be the state. It will be a process of conversion, not force. When the majority become converted, then the Baha'i state (commonwealth) will be

born. We must avoid all political matters, we are not conscientious objectors. Our attitude to government and non-interference in politics is the only way to safe-

guard integrity and unity of the Faith now that Baha'is live under different forms of government and conflicting governments. We must try to please both sides,

only way to do this is not to meddle in affairs of government. e.g., Persia and England are opposed in their policies Baha'is live in both, if they interfere in

one country, they will create problems for the Baha'is in the other country. We are above parties and governments, we belong to God's party (Abdu'l-Baha).

The Faith has developed remarkably in Central America. The friends should be very proud and happy.

Site in Panama - Must have a commanding position overlooking the city like the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar in Teheran. Later there must be enough land for all of the

dependencies. Important not to depend upon Government. We must be self-sufficient. Baha'is must search for receptive souls and convert them to the Faith, make

them wholehearted Baha'is and create in them the desire to teach others, then the Cause will progress.

QUESTION: Why can some convert and not others? ANSWER: It is a question of consecration to the Faith. This is a continual struggle within ourselves and we must

reach as nearly as possible to the standard of Baha'u'llah. The harder the struggle, the more consecration. Without this we cannot quicken others. We must

create desire in new converts to study the Teachings for themselves. Gleanings very important, all of it is fit for public.

The prospects now are very bright. (Speaking of the world crusade).

In the Baha'i Revelation everything is superlative, Most Great Prison, Most Great Peace, Most Holy Shrine.

Note: Guardian constantly refers to his cables, saying "Do you remember when I said this and that?" We obviously must study all his cables much more carefully.

The International language will come gradually, probably the Baha'is will not establish it. While the Baha'is are establishing the New World Order of Baha'u'lla

the world will be establishing the World State which will need a world language.

The world state is different from the Baha'i commonwealth; will come about during the formative period of the Faith. The Baha'i commonwealth will come about during the Golden Age and will be formed by Baha'i States and will supersede the world state.

QUESTION: Will the 20 NSA's in Latin America be formed one by one or how?
ANSWER: There will probably first be Regional NSA's, two or three in Central America of countries of contiguous to each other which will later subdivide in individual NSA's. All depends upon how fast the work develops and upon multiplication of Baha'i Centers, especially local Assemblies. While the Baha'is are consolidating the home front; they must also extend beyond to other places, this is their responsibility, e.g. in Central America to the islands off Atlantic and Pacific not too far from them.

The pioneers must persevere and not leave virgin areas until a nucleus has been formed, then they may go to another place or return home. They must teach discreetly without publicity for it is dangerous in these new places. They must imitate Father and Mrs. Dunne. They cannot be called conquerors if they stay only a few months.

People who suffer become receptive to the Faith.
When the Baha'is build up their institutions the people will open their eyes and become interested.

Christ was the Redeemer of His day, but now we need another Redeemer who will save the world through His Teachings. When the world accepts His teachings it will be saved. His method is to redeem the world through world unity. Personal salvation is not sufficient today (Fishers of Men, redeemers of mankind). Gern of truth in the church doctrines about Redemption but they have been elaborated upon. The principle of sacrifice operates in every Dispensation, Christ sacrificed His life to save the world, Baha'u'llah sacrificed His son, the Purest Branch, Abraham sacrificed His son, the Bab, himself, etc.

The Institutions (Houses etc.) will be grouped around the Resting places at the World Center. He hopes that by Ridvan of next year all the Virgin Areas will be opened except the 16 behind the Iron Curtain. The world Crusade will open people's eyes. Three are going now behind the Iron Curtain, this is a very meritorious act. We should try to convert Russians and send them behind the Iron Curtain. Sixty out of 131 Areas settled on Oct. 22, 190 countries.

He has not been specific as to consolidation Goals, but he will be if the Baha'is accomplish quickly the Virgin Goals, we should do this fast so as to be able to go on to something else. He does not worry about these or the purchase of Temple sites. Only 1 acre is necessary for Temple site. Temple in Germany, can be modest, not like that of Wilmette; that in Iran more difficult because of restrictions there and larger size of Temple.

National Haziratu'l-Quds must be separate building owned by the Baha'is, preferably in the center of town. If the Baha'is cooperate, they can accomplish wonders, all must take part, not just few. It is based upon sacrifice give until it hurts. Tell them this, then leave it to their conscience, fixed quotas not allowed. The more sacrifice, the greater the bounties.

The dispersal of the Baha'is may be a protection for themselves, although this statement may seem strange to the world. Baha'is must do what is right regardless of what the people think. The principle of dispersal is not new, it began with the Bab, was emphasized by Baha'u'llah and later by Abdu'l-Baha in His Will and the Divine Plan Has a great spiritual effect on themselves, the world and the Faith. They must arise, then persevere. Follow example of Dunes; not just settle in one spot, even in Virgin Areas, but travel (Martha Root). Functions: L. Satter P. Build. Baha'u'llah said if one is constrained where he is, go elsewhere.

QUESTION: Should I stay in Costa Rica or travel? ANSWER: Baha'is must try if it is more successful to travel or settle. Some must travel, others settle. They will be guided if their motive is right.

There are International, National, Local Archives, all must be kept up; the friends must see to this.

This time the USA will be a stern center, Persia, Cradle of the Faith, the World Center, North Africa, British Isles, Western Europe, the Pacific are all gravely and directly exposed. It will be more than a war, it will be a great upheaval on a global scale, social, political, economic. It will have a tremendous

spiritual reaction, very much like the collapse of the Roman Empire when Christianity was given its greatest chance to build on the ruins of the Roman Empire and the same will happen to the Faith. The fire of this ordeal will do two things, purge and weld. Baha'u'llah says "My calamity is My Providence", it will weld the whole human race into one. This world upheaval very much like what happened to the USA after the Civil War. The world will suffer a Civil War on the world scale. There will be all sorts of complications, States vs. States, Classes vs. Classes, etc. It may be so severe as to affect the physical atmosphere of the earth causing physical disturbances. It will be unique.

In the future, the nine rooms of the Shrine will be for prayer, there will be separate archives, there will not even be buildings near the Shrine. Baha'u'llah chose the site for the Shrine of the Bab.

The time of the world upon the follies of the politicians; if they continue as they are doing it may be not far away.

The Baha'is in Latin America must be very careful of Orientals, especially Syrians and particularly in Brazil, Sao Paulo, Rio De Janeiro, etc. They must not try to bring them into the Faith but rather concentrate on the natives, i.e. Indians and Spaniards and disregard Orientals as their motives are not good and they are enemies of the faith. We must always try to convert the majority element Persian Baha'is may travel to Latin America in the future, now is not the time for them to settle in Latin America.

QUESTION: Should Baha'is in Finland withdraw from the Church? ANSWER: How can Baha'is belong to a church which believes that the Promised One has not come? It is not fair to the Church. However it must be done gradually.

The Baha'is everywhere must not have anything to do with the Church in matters of divorce, marriage, inheritance, burial, etc. In spiritual matters obedience to the Faith is more important than to parents. In fundamentals, Baha'is must obey the Faith and not Civil Authorities or parents; in non-fundamentals, matters purely administrative, organizational, teaching, propagation, meetings, etc. obedience to Government. To recant is fundamental, to register as Jews or Christians, etc., Baha'is will not obey this (e.g. the martyrs); anything that is detrimental to the Faith or discredit it, they will not obey; something that will only retard the progress of the Faith, they will not obey. To recant is to bring shame on the Faith.

Esperanto - It is not necessary to study it but association with Esperantists advisable as a means to an end. If necessary, study it to gain goodwill of them as long as it does not take too much time.

NSA minutes must be brief, short condensations, only the actions. Latins must not copy USA in details such as minutes, news, etc. Diversity in details and methods is desirable, uniformity in fundamentals, e.g., constitution must be uniform throughout the world. Must not copy USA in newsletter, conduct of Feast, manner of consultation, etc. for these are secondary matters. Must encourage national characteristics, diversity in adoration in accordance with their own custom, i.e. can kneel, prostrate themselves, stand etc. This is purely secondary the important thing is to turn to Baha'u'llah in their hearts. Only in obligatory prayer do we turn toward Akka, also prayer for the Dead. In tablet of Visitation it is better to stand; circumambulation of Shrine is not obligatory now, House of Justice will reveal laws for this. No rites for visiting Bab's Shrine.

Holiest spot in Persia is Shrine, next Siyah Chal, Teheran. Prayer beads can be used as an aid in counting, not prescribed. We must be careful not to create new rites and rituals. 5x19 - 95, 5 is numerical value of Bab, 19 is the first unity, 18 letters of living plus Bab. 24 elders, first 19 plus five to be revealed in the future (Abdu'l-Baha). Vahed "Unity", has value of 19. Astronomers are starting to think there are 19 year cycles in regard to revolutions of the planets.

Sabbath - Friday is Baha'i day of rest but not yet. We follow customs of country, for House of Justice in future, essential is to teach and multiply numbers of centers.

The day will come when the people enter the Faith in Hoops (mass conversion) This will probably happen as result of the world upheaval.

There are two plans: 1. Major Plan, God's mysterious, we do not know how it will work. 2. Our Plan O Definite goals, both aim at the same thing, conversion of the people and triumph of God's plan for humanity. We are not concerned

with God's plan, but the other is our responsibility and that which is the Divine Plan originated with Abdu'l-Baha which He gave to the USA in His Tablets, 1915-1817. The USA are the executors, because it was given to them, Canada are the allies because they were included, Central and South America are the associates because Baha'u'llah addressed the Rulers of America in Aqdas, almost giving them a commission to protect the weak and downtrodden, administer justice, etc. In His Tablets to the other Rulers He admonished them and rebuked them. The Bab addressed the people of the West, Baha'u'llah the Rulers of the Western Hemisphere, and Abdu'l-Baha North America, thus each making the responsibility more specific. Divine Plan was held in abeyance while Administrative Order was being built. Now we have the instrument to carry out the plan. It was not only necessary to unfold the administrative Order but to give time for experience, until it could function properly. By 1963 the whole Administrative Order will be established, including the International House of Justice. Baha'i Court next step, ultimately International House of Justice.

Progress in Latin America has been very rapid, now it is just beginning to fulfill its responsibilities. Until 1937 only 1 believer, Leonora Holsapple, then a remarkable response from 1937 until 1953.

Haziratu'l-Quds and endowments in each country - these are inherent tasks wherever an NSA is to be built. The important thing is to make a beginning, even the modest (has mentioned that a room can be rented, other times that we should own our own Haziratu'l-Quds, others to start buying them, It does not seem rigid, probably best step under circumstances should be taken - buy on terms?)

Islands of Pacific will be grouped in one NSA

Hopes LSA of Punta Arenas, Chile will incorporate.

The NSA's of Latin America will have their Branches in Israel to hold property. This important for prestige of Faith and to bind spiritually and legally different parts of the Baha'i world.

Punishment - If we commit offences, we will receive two fold punishment in this world and in the world to come. Punishment essential for order, reward and punishment. Justice breeds confidence. The Manifestation upholds the Law of Justice although He personally is inclined to pardon and give mercy (Baha'u'llah)

Akka is Most Great Prison because Baha'u'llah (His half-brother, etc.) although physical suffering worse in Siyah Chal. Cause always develops through crisis, this is the propelling force because the foundation is firm, otherwise the Cause would fall - thus there is a wisdom behind the Covenant Breakers - crisis and triumphs, every crisis which will enable the power of Baha'u'llah to demonstrate itself. The Cause awaits crisis for opportunity to demonstrate its power, this is a continual process which will exist as long as there is Evil in the world, this is the way God develops His Institutions. There will always be opposition, political, ecclesiastical, enemies within, even in the Golden Age. Clergy and priests will still exist and oppose. Papacy will disappear but some institutions of the Church remain - opposition now starting will spread to the Church of England, Lutherans, Catholics, finally to Orient where it will be worse, i.e. Hindus, Buddhists, etc. As papacy opposes consciously it will sow seeds of its own downfall. It is a very long process but glorious. Evolution of the Institutions will make opposition aware and arouse it. We should welcome opposition as providential, is means of new triumphs which in turn will produce new problems and new triumphs. We must not imitate methods of missionaries. They will be awakened only by development of Institutions of the Cause, not by individual effort.

Pioneers must maintain themselves completely independent of both politicians and missionaries without asking help of either. In remote places missionaries compromise their principles in order to gain converts, anything to be popular. We must not do this, nor align ourselves with politicians as they do. **INDEPENDENCE.**

Faith is emerging from obscurity, the more we scatter the more we will arouse opposition, which is good for the Faith.

For the coming two years we must concentrate on Virgin Areas. There must be a reserve in case the first pioneers cannot remain as we must hold the fort. If the Pioneers wish to be real conquerors, they must remain at and die at

their posts, NSA's must remain in close contact with pioneers, encourage them and provide them means to stay.

We must not disrupt the family for pioneering; pioneering, attending 19 day Feasts or meetings, etc. are administrative affairs and the family must not be disrupted for them but if it is a case of a spiritual principle, i.e. to recant then we must leave the family, even suffer martyrdom. We must learn increasingly to distinguish these two types of things in dealing with authorities.

Central America and South America are ready to approach directly the authorities. But not meddle in their affairs nor bargain with them as the missionaries do. Baha'is prefer to suffer martyrdom to compromising their spiritual principles and we should not be afraid to tell authorities this. In case of possibility of Government employment, for a Baha'i, the NSA should investigate if it is political or purely administrative and not leave it to the individual. ~~They~~ Baha'is can serve their country but not the politicians. Best way to serve one's country is to avoid the corruption of politics. A "Just" government is a firmly established one, the recognized government, for example a revolutionary government is not a "just" government until it is recognized. Baha'is must make efforts to secure from government administrative posts for 1. Gain gratitude of government, 2. Prove they are truly patriotic by serving faithfully and honestly. A public position is not necessarily political. Consular positions, legations, minister, parliaments, etc. are political. Economic missions may or may not be political. Truthfulness is a fundamental Baha'i principle. How can we accept political posts?

Baha'is should concentrate on the easy parts of the Plan first and get them out of way, then the hard ones. Consolidation, Haziratu'l-Quds, codification of Aqdas, Baha'i Courts, Mashriqu'l-Adkhars, etc. hard tasks.

There will be Hands in all countries, there is no limit to the number of Hands and they will have subsidiaries (e.g. the Boards of 9 in 1954). Hands have 2 functions: 1. Propagation (teaching the Faith) 2. Preservation (protection) of Faith. These functions are more important even than administration. NSA's will evolve into Governments and their committees into government departments.

At present NSA's are in charge of teaching, but this will be transferred later to the Hands and for this purpose the latter will have their own administration. Boards of 9 are first step.

Until the majority of the people of a country become Baha'is the Baha'is will not accept the reins of Government even though they may be asked to do so. Reasons 1. We must uphold the principle of majority vote; 2. To avoid the complications which such an act might cause.

Duty of NSA's to hold fort (in regard to the Virgin Areas), otherwise the Roll of Honor will have to be torn up.

Contact with authorities - We must always protect Name of Cause, explain purpose of incorporation, etc. If they oppose incorporation as ~~a~~ a religious body, get it as a commercial body, then religious when the government changes.

Pioneers must take precautions before leaving, get help of officials that can help if possible.

Louise Caswell - Yes, her resignation from the NSA to devote herself to the Indian work is justified because of importance of latter. The native Latin American Baha'is must take increasing responsibility in both local and national work; if she resigns maybe a Latin American can be elected. He is very proud of the Latin American Baha'is and has great hopes for them. The Cause has developed very rapidly there and very soundly. When you have a solid foundation, the Cause progresses. The Baha'is should not fear tests and trials there for the foundation is sound because the administrative principles have been followed. They must remember that any trial is a blessing in disguise. Summer Schools are very important aspect of the Administrative Order, has 3 elements, 1. Social, 2. Administrative, 3. Devotional.

We should form Assemblies, then amplify and specialize activities by appointing committees for 1. Teaching, 2 Literature, 3. Summer Schools, 4. To establish Haziratu'l-Quds, etc.

Tell your NS^a to be sure that pioneers in Virgin Areas stay long enough to establish a firm foundation.

Baha'is must not fear World Upheaval. Even if war breaks out and our Plan is interrupted, it will only be a temporary set-back of our Plan, and the Plan of God goes on and the suffering will probably do much more than our Plan to convert the people. God's Plan is mysterious, impossible to understand. Baha'is must work, earn their living, consult experts in regard to business, this is not the province of the Guardian, only the Cause is His province. Whatever happens is for good of the Cause, have confidence.

Ahmad Sohrab and old Covenant Breakers have lost their power outside the Holy Land. Theosophists are not so important. The Covenant-Breakers are those who have disobeyed the Manifestation, who have not accepted the Covenant and rejected the Master. They create doubts by very subtle methods.

The soul has a beginning but no end. Individually a soul starts as conception and continues after death. Unborn babies have a soul. The souls become more sensitive and is endowed with greater insight in the next world. We have opportunity here to prepare ourself for the next world, if we miss it we will realize it on leaving this world.

In the future, NS^a should have separate Haziratu'l-Quds for the present NSA and LS^a can share for economical reason.

Assemblies should obtain recognition of Baha'i marriages. If there are Civil Courts, Baha'is must not use a church.

The Believers must pray for me as I do for them; their prayers sustain me as I hope mine do them.