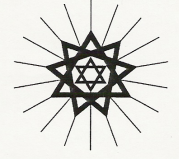


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TRIUMPH!!!

By Victor

Finally! At long last! After over two years of battling those who have violated God's immutable Cause, the Covenant-breakers have been defeated on their own battlefield. Since the first rumblings became apparent after the September 11, 2001 great Trumpet Call of the destruction of the Trade Towers in New York City and their evil intentions became known, the "Sons of the Evil One" were gathered together into bundles and thrown out of the Kingdom as they leagued together in opposition to the Guardian whom God brought forth in the year Mustaghath (2001) in fulfillment

in fulfillment of prophecy and the mission of the Establisher of the Baha'i Faith, Dr. Leland Jensen. For two long years these shadows cast their darkness, and the "whisperings of Satan were breathed to all creatures" so those who were pure of heart and learned and

steadfast in the Cause could shine out in defense of the Covenant, and be tempered in the fire of this spiritual onslaught. Thank God! These ones presumed to be able to strengthen their feeble attempt by having their violation sanctioned by the secular court system, and
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"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea." (Isaiah 11:11, KJV)

First International Baha'i Gathering exciting experience for West Indies Pioneer

By Alexander

*M*y visit to the faithful in the Covenant, Calling myself a citizen of the world, going to "the promised land", the land of opportunity and materialism in its extreme, was not on my list of lands to visit. I never had the idea of visiting this vast land of abundance. A few weeks before, I made the decision to set my opinion about America and its

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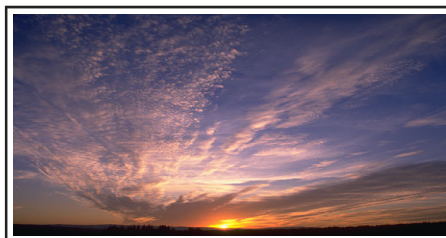
instead it was this same secular court system that could not deviate from the Plan of God the Almighty. The Promised Establisher, Joshua the High Priest, Dr. Leland Jensen, wrote specifically that the issue of the guardianship was not a thing to be decided in the secular court system. He explains, in complete concord and harmony with the text of Divine Authority, that the guardianship is only decided by that document to which this Authority is invested; The Sacred Will & Testament of Abdu'l-Baha and nothing else. *"The criteria for settling all Baha'i issues is the Sacred Will and Testament, not any court..."* (3rd Epistle to Pepe; pg. 5)

And so, not even the secular court system of Montana would deviate from the writings of the Establisher, thus proving that it is God who is in control and not the evil scheming of the violators who brought this frivolous case against the true SIBC with the descendant of David at its head. We will continue to march onward from victory to victory beneath the banner of the Everlasting Covenant, and God is the All-Sufficing! As these attacks of the violators from within came right after that event signaling that the Baha'is Under the Provisions of the Covenant are right, and the Guardian Neal Chase is accurate in his warnings, imagine to what degree the next wave of attacks will be, when, instead of a handful of buildings

in New York City being destroyed, it is the majority of the city that is destroyed! As the first great Trumpet Call of the Trade Towers set the world in motion into this "Age of Terror", it will be this second sounding of the Trumpet when the City of the Covenant, New York City, is attacked with a nuclear weapon that will usher in the terrible onslaught from the peoples of the world in opposition to the truth.

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Just as it was when the 9/11 event occurred and the first wave of attacks came from the violators within the ranks of the BUPC, it was those Knights of Baha'u'llah who arose to defend and league around in support of the Guardian that separated the wheat from the chaff.



Now it will be the destruction of New York that will bring another, even greater, volley of attacks against the Cause to which God will raise up those "Legions of the Covenant" from among the World Faith Baha'is across the globe who will come into the ranks and under the Provisions of the Covenant in defense and support of the Guardian and the Cause of God. Praise be to God for His Ever-Watchful and Protecting Presence! It is these calamities, which occur in the world, and in turn, having a direct affect on the Faith, which assists in projecting the Cause of God forward. It is Great! And it is Terrible! Thy Will be Done O Lord! Thy Cause will never be defeated!

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"The understanding of His words and the comprehension of the utterances of the Birds of Heaven are in no wise dependent upon human learning. They depend solely upon purity of heart, chastity of soul, and freedom of spirit. This is evidenced by those who, today, though without a single letter of the accepted standards of learning, are occupying the loftiest seats of knowledge; and the garden of their hearts is adorned, through the showers of divine grace, with the roses of wisdom and the tulips of understanding. Well is it with the sincere in heart for their share of the light of a mighty Day!" (Baha'u'llah: The Kitab-i-Iqan, Page: 211)

Pioneer

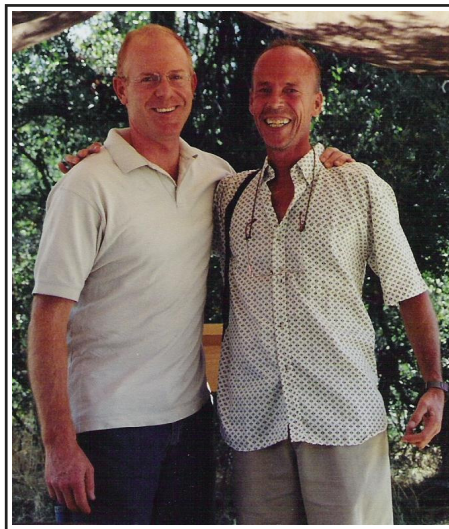
non-appealing system of this modern land and its people aside because I became aware of the Faithful residing in The Rockies. These souls mostly lived in two communities, one in Colorado, and another in Missoula, Montana, a city of about a small million inhabitants. Both locations I would visit on my two weeks trip.

I was pretty excited already the day before I would fly out. That very August sixth was the day nine years ago that I declared becoming a (sans guardian) Baha'i. Besides that, this very day happens to be the anniversary day of the ascension of the seventh Angel, Jesus returned, Doc, Leland Jensen who established Baha'u'llah and His Revelation, His Ministry, culminating in the Kingdom of God on Earth. At three in the night I drove to the airport. At midnight I arrived at the greyhound bus station in Colorado, not having slept for 44 hours because of excitement. To my surprise, there were quite some people waiting for me; they were like a big family. That was a great welcome. There I had the honor to meet the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith. Heroes and kings I never idolized but knowing to be in the presence of the King of the world is something else.

It was a warm welcome, and we separated. Victor, a Gate (member of sIBC), drove me to my first place of stay at the house of Paul and Linda, who were wonderful hosts.

The re-gathering to the Throne, and meeting my new friends of faithfulness and truth was a most wonderful experience. The topics on the agenda were very educational, and presented in a very casual, simple style, which does make it all very warm and spiritual. The food was great, thank you all and Lou a bit more. We all stayed over in little tents, and all were too tired to watch the meteors at night. Nobody even came out for a pee-pee. What a peaceful night after these most interesting talks.

Our trip to Chair Mountain the next day was informal, and all but this coward swam in the little river. I really felt in the Kingdom, surrounded by warm-hearted souls, the elect, the spiritual ones, the Angels of Light accompanied by our beloved Guardian.



Lou and Alexander enjoy a moment between presentations.

After this educational and joyful weekend, the Woodses drove me comfortably to my second stop, Missoula. A place that happened to be full of smoke, because of the numerous forest fires. I stayed there at the Marquis', who's 'kitchen stuff' I recommend.

There I would have firesides to get more acquainted to the teachings. So many firesides, through teaching and forest fires. Fire all over. Seeing Doc, Leland Jensen on videotape, makes this Faith so tangible, so real and close.

Man, we are so fortunate to live in this time and being part of this "movement."

We are on the verge of a new world, rolled out in our lifetime. We will witness the purification and entry by troops. In Armageddon we rejoice because we know that mankind, in general, lacks that spiritual eye and is warned enough, without listening to the Nightingale of Paradise. We are blessed to know the Truth that because of mankind's behavior destruction will have to come.

Thank God for my new friends, the Rainbow Warriors, who are happy and full of joy under the Provisions of the Covenant, and residing mostly in the beautiful Rockies. I love the Rockies and these angels with their white auras.

God willing, I hope to come back to Zion again, and meet the angels of the Lord firm in the provisions of the Covenant.

Allah'u'Abha ۞



Divine Economy: Spiritual Solution to world's economic ills

By Colin

One of the twelve fundamental principles of the Baha'i Faith is a spiritual solution to the economic problem. In our society today we see extreme wealth and extreme poverty, and the majority of the world's wealth is in very few hands. Almost one-fifth of the world's population is considered impoverished and lacking the basic necessities of life, like food and clean drinking water.

Baha'u'llah outlines in his Revelation the means to bring about a just economic system based on spiritual principles—a divine economy. It is to be a capitalist system to preserve and support the entrepreneurial spirit; but it is to be bridled, eliminating extremes of wealth and poverty.

There are many facets to this divine economy, but it is centered on three pillars which, when established, will provide the foundation for economic justice to be realized throughout society. These three pillars are: the establishment of local Storehouses, the Zakat, and the institution of profit sharing.

The first step in creating this divine economy is the establishment of local Storehouses. The storehouses will be established in each village, and its first revenue will be a portion of the farmer's harvest to be redistributed to the poor and needy.

Baha'u'llah says that the farmer is the fulcrum of society, and by basing the divine

economy on agriculture we ensure and protect the local economy of our communities.

By first focusing on building stable local economies, we can then build a strong global economy. The storehouses will have a total of seven revenues and seven expenditures, which are detailed in the Baha'i writings. When these storehouses are functioning, society will no longer be in need of private banks.

The second pillar of the divine economy is the Zakat. Zakat means purification, and is the means Baha'u'llah has prescribed to purify one's wealth through tithing a small percentage of our income minus our expenses for the advancement of society. The Zakat is paid to the local storehouse and is administered by a democratically elected council. The Zakat is used to help ensure that no member of society goes without, to advance the education of the peoples and to pay the administrative costs of the local communities. Baha'u'llah asserts that all people must work—there will be no idle rich and no idle poor. But the Zakat will provide a security blanket, so-to-speak, for those that fall on hard times.

Since all must work, the third pillar of the divine economy is the institution of a system of profit sharing to ensure economic justice between the laborers and the financiers. When the workers have an economic stake in the performance of the



company, they will feel a stronger sense of purpose in their work, and will provide higher quality products and services. Strikes will become a thing of the past, and the financiers will no longer be able to live in luxury at the expense of the workers.

The principles of economic justice stand in stark contrast to the neo-liberal economic policies of globalization that we face today—an economy of rape and pillage that benefits a very small group at the expense of the whole. But the current economic system cannot stand much longer, as the way will soon be cleared for the establishment of Baha'u'llah's divine economy, based on these three pillars, ensuring that the whole of mankind can live in prosperity. ب

The month of QUDRAT (Power)

*Ye are the fruits of one tree,
and the leaves of one branch.
Deal ye one with another with
the utmost love and harmony,
with friendliness and fellowship.
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.*

—Baha'u'llah

- The birth of Baha'u'llah
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5 “Chair Mountain” near Aspen, Co., is the Heartland

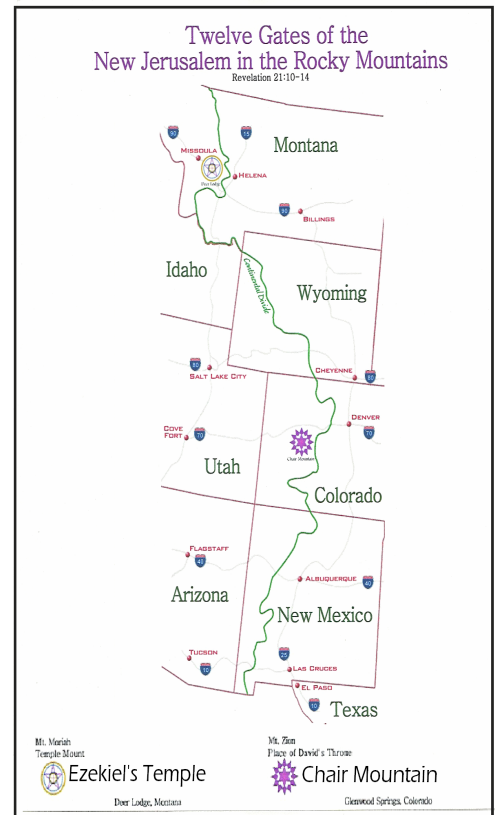
By Robert “Peace”

This year, at the 2003 International Baha’i Gathering, we saw how the New Jerusalem, described in the Book of Revelation, is located in the Rocky Mountains. The 12 gates of Revelation (Rev. 21:10-13) are the twelve cities on interstate highways that give people access to New Jerusalem in the Rockies. If the Rockies were likened to a human form, Missoula, Montana is where the brain is at. Missoula is where Dr. Jensen taught people to use their intellect to see the proofs for the Kingdom of God in the Baha’i Faith.

It is also the place and establishment of the Ark of the Covenant, and the central headquart-

ers of the IBC/UHJ and the Guardian. Thus it is the head of the faith. Chair Mountain corresponds to where the heart is, in the heartland of New Jerusalem.

We also saw how the Crystal River flows from Marble and Chair Mountain (Rev. 20:11, 22:1). And we saw how Chair Mountain represents the Throne of David, as this area, near Aspen, Co. is where 'Abdu'l-Baha rested, and is also where his great grandson, the third Aghsán Guardian, was publicly revealed to the people at the time of the 9-11 event. ب



Emerging from out of the clouds

By Phillip

This painting was shown at the gathering this year. It represents the UHJ and the Baha’i faith in its elder state.

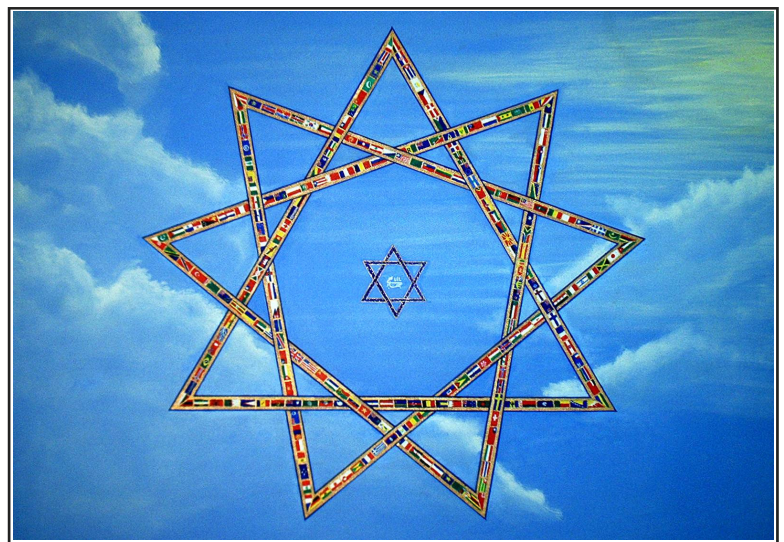
All the countries of the world are represented by their national flag within the three triangles (255 to be exact)!! They are all bound together by the rod of gold, which is the body of the UHJ, and outlined by Lapis Lazuli, representing the head or Davidic lineage.

The star of David in the middle, also Lapis Lazuli, represents the Davidic lineage,

but in turn is outlined by the gold, meaning the two are inseparable from each other. Each is part of the other. But in the middle of it all is God, forever watching over, forever keeping His promise. All this emerging from the clouds of

misconception. This is also the opening shot of the hit television show “Baha’i Forum Live” shown in Missoula on MCAT every Tuesday evening at 5:00 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

Dear Friends! Welcome to the first issue of our monthly newsletter published by Baha'is Under the Provisions of the Covenant. We hope that it will prove fruitful in sharing valuable news, insights and information to the believers worldwide, and will evolve in better serving you as time and space permits. The goal is to publish a new issue the first of every Baha'i month, or every 19 days.

As the Crimson Ark sails full-speed ahead, and we witness events unfolding and driving the

world ever nearer to the Horizon of God's Supreme Goal of unifying humanity under the Covenant, the Promise of Justice implemented in the Baha'i Peace Plan, and its unifying force centered upon the Covenant is being fulfilled before our very eyes. So exciting are these times! Glorious as the noonday sun is the Revelation of Baha'u'llah shining upon the People of Baha, and soon all the world.

We welcome submissions from any and all of the Baha'i friends interested in sharing their valuable insights, announcements, photos, poetry, or special news and

information as space permits. And please, feel free to offer valuable suggestions. We want this publication to be the best that it can be. If you are interested in submitting anything, please e-mail your material to Bostanrose@hotmail.com, or mail it to the International Baha'i Center at 248A North Higgins #126, Missoula, MT, 59802. Deadlines will be posted.

We trust that your piece will be appropriate for our BUPC audience, however, the editors reserve the right to edit length, content, or decline material that may not be appropriate to our readers.

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