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PULA!



A poem by Tertia

S ula(1) prays aloud:
Please Allah
Shower pula(2) on the
Tree of Life and The
Land?
Allah answers: Pula! Pula! Pula!
Sula and Abdu'llah(3) see The
Land is enriched with pula water.
The Land nourishes the Ancient
Root with pula water.
From the Ancient Root grows the
Most Great Branch.
The Most Great branch flourishes
into the
Branches and the Twigs.
With the absorption of pula water,
out from the
Branches and the Twigs
sprout the Most Holy Leaf,
flowers, fruits and seeds.
The seeds from flowers, and fruits
then disperse around the

Tree of Life and The Land.
From there, The Land gives ger-
mination of Abha Paradise.
Without pula we all die.
So we know Allah reigns us all.
Allah gives us pula, henceforth
pray to Allah for pula.
Thank you, Allah for pula! Thank
you Allah for pula!
Thank you, Allah for pula!
Abdu'llah tells Sula that he does
not understand and asks for

another interpretation.
So Sula prays again aloud
Please Allah, Shower pula on the
Kabballah and Leland?
Allah answers:
Pula! Pula! Pula!
Sula and Abdu'llah see Leland is
now enriched with pula water.
Leland nourishes Baha'u'llah
with pula water. From
Baha'u'llah grows 'Abdu'l-Baha.
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"I HAVE ADOPTED YOU TO BE MY SON"

Mason Remey Aghsan's final visit with his father, 'Abdu'l-Baha

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Reminisces of the Master, 1921

(New York Public Library
Collection)

by Charles Mason Remey

Final Visit in Tiberias, 1921

The Master having driven
from Haifa down to
Tiberias, retained his
carriage there, a long
wagon with three seats and a cover
such as we in America call a
mountain wagon. One evening just
before sunset the Master and several
of his suite of Oriental friends started
out for a drive taking the shore road
to the North. They could not have
gone

very far when something broke
about the harness and the horses
took fright; however
Isphendier, the driver, held
them while the Master and the
others descended. Shortly
another carriage was procured
and He returned to the hotel,
remarking as He entered the
house that God had been their
fortress and their protection.

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HAPPY AYYAM'I'HA!

Pula!

'Abdu'l-Baha gives rise to the Aghsans(4) and Afnans. With the absorption of pula water, out the Aghsans and the Afnans sprout the Bahiyyih Khanum, old Baha'is who create new Baha'is. The new Baha'is scatter around the Kabballah and Leland. Through Leland they enter the Kingdom which germinates into Abha Paradise. Without pula we all die. So we know Allah reigns supreme and gives us pula. Henceforth pray to Allah for pula. Thank you Allah for pula! Thank you Allah for pula!

Thank you Allah for pula!

Now Abdu'llah understands. Abdu'llah sings:
Pula! Pula! Pula!
Thank you, Allah
For Baha'u'llah, the Ancient Root!
The Lion of Judah!
Alleuia! Alleuia! Alleuia!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Ya Baha'u'l-Abha!
Ya Baha'u'l-Abha!
Ya Baha'u'l-Abha!
Allah u' Abha! Pula! Allah u' Abha!
Pula! Allah u' Abha! Pula!
Allah u' Abha! Pula! Allah u' Abha!

Pula! Pula! Pula!
Thank you, Allah
For Leland the Savior!
Baha'u'llah and Leland merge
to germinate the Kingdom of Abha.
The Aghsans are saved,
For Leland protects and nourishes
the Ancient Root's *Kitab-i -Ahd*.
Alleuia! Alleuia! Alleuia!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Ya Baha'u'l-Abha!
Ya Baha'u'l-Abha!
Ya Baha'u'l-Abha!

Thank you, Allah For Abdu'l-Baha,
the Most Great Branch.

His *Will and Testament* is the testimony to the Branches, and Twigs. The Branches are saved. For Leland protects and nourishes the Ancient Root's *Kitab-i-Ahd* And the Most Great Branch's *Will and Testament*. With the tri-combination of Leland, Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha, the Aghsan lineage survives!

Alleuia! Alleuia! Alleuia!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Ya Baha'u'l-Abha!
Ya Baha'u'l-Abha!
Ya Baha'u'l-Abha!

Allah u' Abha! Pula! Allah u' Abha!
Pula! Allah u' Abha! Pula!
Allah u' Abha! Pula! Allah u' Abha!
Abdu'llah asks Sula?:-
Where is Amatu'l-Baha Ruhiyyih Khanum's another title as part of the Tree of Life?

Sula replies:
She has no other title.
Abdu'llah responds:
So she is a desolate handmaiden of Glory.
Through her, the kingdom of Abha terminates.
So Abdu'llah prays to Allah aloud
Please Allah,
Shower pula on Amatu'l-Baha Ruhiyyih Khanum
Allah answers: Pula! Pula! Pula!
Amatu'l-Baha Ruhiyyih Khanum is soaking wet!
Then Allah answers to both
Abdu'llah and Sula:
I always shower pula everywhere on the Earth.
Who, are soaking wet, worship her.
Who, are flowers, fruits and seeds, worship Me
For they are sprouted out of me beloved Aghsans.

And thereby the Abha paradise multiplies.

Long live my beloved Aghsans!
Long live the Aghsans forever!
Abdu'llah and Sula prays together:-

May pula prosper the Tree of Life and The Land for ever.
Allah u' Abha! Allah u' Abha!
Allah u' Abha!

— Tertia.

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Botswana, Africa.

Notes—

1. Sula is 12 years old girl.
2. Pula – means 'rain'.
3. Abdu'llah is 12 years old boy.
4. Aghsans- are the descendants of King David (see Psalms 89) through Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha for ever, the presidents and executive branch (see W&T, p. 15) of the true Universal House of Justice of Baha'u'llah. ب

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Colorado Baha'is gain valuable teaching experience, fireside student!

By Colin

Colorado Baha'is have learned that the greatest teaching experiences, and the fruits of those efforts, don't always depend on a great number of people showing up.

In December of last year, a large group of Colorado Baha'is held a public event called "The Baha'i Symposium". Turnout was a disappointment, but everyone involved felt it was a positive experience. Most excitingly, because of this effort, one of the attendees enrolled in the school and has begun the firesides. Godspeed to her!

There were five talks given. The first talk being "The Tree of Life" given by Adam who briefly spoke on the Kabbalah and some of the Scandinavian prophecies.

He introduced the listeners to the concept of progressive revelation within the framework of the tree of life.

Patrick gave a short talk on the oneness of humanity. He

announced that if the people of the world would only investigate their own traditions, they would be led to the truth of Baha'u'llah as he is prophesied in every religion and tradition.

After a brief intermission allowing the public to peruse the literature and ask questions, Robert "Peace" gave an extensive and in-depth talk demonstrating that New Jerusalem was in the Rocky Mountains. With several visual aides and many quotes from the Bible, Robert advanced a compelling case that kept the crowd transfixed in rapt attention.

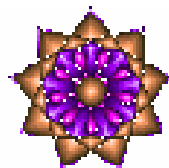
During another intermission, some of the believers in attendance fielded questions on the genealogy chart and shared some of the history of the lineage of King David down through Baha'u'llah.

The next talk was given by Jonah about the harmony of science and religion. Using many quotes from famous scientists as well as from the Baha'i scriptures,

the necessity of this unity was completely established.

Finally, Colin presented the covenant given to Abraham as spoken of in the Bible. The talk showed, with reference to the genealogy chart and quotes from the scriptures, how all the manifestations are from the same family and how the world will be united under a God-given government that will bring peace to the earth in fulfillment of God's promises.

In all, despite a small turnout, everyone involved said the event was a success. All said, in one way or another, they had learned a lot. Seeing the other presentations, figuring out how to make the next event better or just having an excuse to prepare a talk to share with others and have feedback, were some of the rewards of participating in this public outreach effort. ۞



TEACH! TEACH! TEACH!

"In these days, the most important of all things is the guidance of the nations and peoples of the world. Teaching the Cause is of utmost importance for it is the head corner-stone of the foundation itself. This wronged servant has spent his days and nights in promoting the Cause and urging the peoples to service. He rested not a moment, till the fame of the Cause of God was noised abroad in the world and the celestial strains from the Abha Kingdom roused the East and the West. The beloved of God must also follow the same example. This is the secret of faithfulness, this is the requirement of servitude to the Threshold of Baha!"

(Abdu'l-Baha, Baha'i World Faith - Abdu'l-Baha Section, p. 442)

Adopted

The following day Will and I took leave of the Master. He called us to Him in that upper chamber of the German Hotel. Of the incident of the night before He spoke as follows:

"I could not see you last night on account of the accident. The Blessed Perfection protected me. We walked and it was very warm. My clothing became very damp and then it became cold. The wind was from the Sea. Baha'u'llah has always protected me."

The Master first said to me, "Go to Germany for some days, then to Paris, and America.

"I want you to take the Glad Tidings of God from here to the German friends. Take with you to them a new spirit. The German friends are very pure, they are very spiritual. They have great capacity for spiritual development. The divine fragrances will refresh Germany. The reason that they are so pure and spiritual is that the abominable smell of violation has not reached that land. Had not this wind of violation blown over America the number of the friends by this time would have been over a million, but that retarded the spread of the Cause."

He was very serious indeed, as apropos of nothing at all in my mind He launched into a philippic against the violators who had spread such disaster in the Cause in America. Ibrahim Kierellah and Fareed He mentioned by names, but none others did He mention. He said that the Cause had been blighted in America by violation.

In America all of our troubles He said were due to violation; thus He discoursed for some time, finally exhorting the people to arise and to protect the Cause from such infection and those who spread it. "In the day when Khierella violated," said the Master, "several hundred souls turned away from the Cause."

I said, "Whenever I think of the violation in America I become distressed and disheartened." He said, "It is of no importance.

"I have adopted you as my son. You have to appreciate this favor very much indeed. One should see that you are living according to the requirements of this sonship. You should be aware of your responsibilities. My prayers will help you. I always pray for you. At present take a new spirit to the German friends, and through this cause a greater harmony. Then after Germany, go to France, England and America."

These violations cannot achieve any results. They cannot attract nor hold any souls. They simply poison some souls and cause them to whither. But it is temporary. In a short time you will see no trace will be left of them. Observe the life of Ibrahim (Khierella), how he was, and how he is. They themselves and their damage to the Cause are like the foam of the surf of the sea – ephemeral. Observe the life of Ibrahim (Khierella), how he was, and how he is. They themselves and their damage to the Cause are like the foam of the surf of the sea – ephemeral.



"I have adopted you as my son. You have to appreciate this favor very much indeed. One should see that you are living according to the requirements of this sonship. You should be aware of your responsibilities. My prayers will help you. I always pray for you. At present take a new spirit to the German friends, and through this cause a greater harmony. Then after Germany, go to France, England and America."

The Master asked about the number of the friends in Germany. I explained to Him that there had been 325 at one Feast in Esslingen, while I had been there, but that now there were even more.

"You are under God's protection. If I am not with you in body, I am in Spirit. Convey my attachment to the friends. I pray for all."

Then He embraced us, kissing us both upon either cheek and upon our heads. We knelt to receive His Blessing and He placed His hands upon our heads as if drawing down a benediction from on High.

We left by the little boat which brought us. As she put out into the Lake we kept our eyes fastened on that little chamber on the top of the German Hotel until it was lost to sight. Little did I think that that was the last time I was to see my Master in this life! ﷲ

The Diaries of Mason Remey, Folio 2, "A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Reminiscences of the Master, 1921", pp. 127-129. New York Public Library Collection.

Montana Baha'i school prepares kids for tough lessons

By Kay

A Montana parent had no idea that full-time motherhood would become a Baha'i preschool. But it did, especially when she offered to care for another child whose mom began a job.

What she's gained are valuable lessons of her own about how children learn about the Faith and its deeper teachings.

"I really think it's important that children grow up with a sense that God loves them and wants them to be happy," Lisa, mother of three, said.

"And that's what I base my curriculum on."

As Lisa explores different Baha'i concepts with the children, ranging in ages eight months to four years, she's found the best way to teach them anything is by example, on a foundation of love and happiness. This primes children, she says, for understanding more abstract concepts, such as justice, tests and trials, God's omnipotence, and the importance of following His laws.

"It was hard for them to understand justice and omnipotence but easy to understand love, happiness and sharing because it's something they learn from example. When it comes to sharing, I want them to see that God wants them to be happy and if they were to share, then it would make them happy," she said.

"Because of this understanding that God wants everyone to be happy, it's easier to see why God's laws are made.

"I want them to understand that God's laws are good and so when they enter young adulthood hopefully it will make it easier to follow laws that otherwise might not be as easy."

Lisa says she thinks pain and suffering is something children will eventually ask about, but it's important to know first from their parents and from God that they are loved.

"I think it builds a self-esteem that will help carry them through different trials and tests. I want them to carry a sense of having a relationship with God.

It's a really basic 'why life' thing."

And Lisa does her best to make it just plain fun. So far, it appears to be a success. Just ask four-year-old Shira, who can't get seem to get enough of 'school.' "I want to go! I want to go!" she exclaims. ☞

"Cultivation by the farmer maketh of the grain the harvest, and the effort of the gardener maketh of the seed a noble tree. The gentle teacher promoteth the children of the school to the lofty altitude... the trainer placeth the little child upon the throne of ether." —Abdu'l-Baha

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"Dominion"

Feb. 26-29, Ayyam'í'Ha
March 2, 19-day feast,
March 2-20, fast
March 21, Naw Ruz
April 9, 19-day feast

"Known as the Ayyam-i-Ha (the Days of Ha), the Intercalary Days have the distinction of being associated with "the letter Ha". The abjad numerical value of this Arabic letter is five, which corresponds to the potential number of intercalary days. The letter "Ha" has been given several spiritual meanings in the Holy Writings, among which is as a symbol of the Essence of God.. Baha'u'llah enjoined upon His followers to devote these days to feasting, rejoicing and charity."
Aqdas: Notes, Pages: 178-179



"The education and training of children is among the most meritorious acts of humankind and draweth down the grace and favour of the All-Merciful, for education is the indispensable foundation of all human excellence and alloweth man to work his way to the heights of abiding glory. If a child be trained from his infancy, he will, through the loving care of the Holy Gardener, drink in the crystal waters of the spirit and of knowledge, like a young tree amid the rilling brooks. And certainly he will gather to himself the bright rays of the Sun of Truth, and through its light and heat will grow ever fresh and fair in the garden of life." —'Abdu'l-Baha

"If the meetings or Spiritual Assembly
has any other occupation, the time is spent in futility.
All the deliberations, all
consultation,
all the talks and addresses must revolve around
one focal center and that is:
Teach the Cause! Teach! Teach!
Convey the Message! Awaken the souls!"

—Abdu'l-Baha

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