

## *Allah'u'Abha*

*One Common Faith* provides a wonderful opportunity to study and commit to memory some of Words of Baha'u'llah. Some are rather short so it makes for a good “one liner” in a conversation. Mr. Martin, in his last talk of April 2005 at the Baha'i World Centre, expressed a reflection of the call to study that the Universal House of Justice writes in the forward of this commentary, “*One Common Faith*, prepared under our supervision, reviews relevant passages from both the writings of Baha'u'llah and the scriptures of other faiths against the background of the contemporary crisis. We commend it to the thoughtful study of the friends.” These are not the exact words of Mr. Martin but hopefully they provide the essence. He suggested that memorizing some of these passages would allow a person to talk about the current events in the world in light of the Writings of Baha'u'llah and would as a result be a great teaching tool. We have the gift of the Universal House of Justice selecting some rather important and relevant passages from the many the Faith offers. The following are the quotes of Baha'u'llah used in *One Common Faith*. Some of the quotes here, not easily understood out of context, include more of the quote itself than used in the commentary. The number before each quotation relates to the source numbers used in the reference of *One Common Faith*. Enjoy!

In the forward:

**Religious fanaticism and hatred are a world-devouring fire, whose violence none can quench. The Hand of Divine power can, alone, deliver mankind from this desolating affliction.**

(Baha'u'llah, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 13)

**1. One must judge of search by the standard of the Majnun of Love. It is related that one day they came upon Majnun sifting the dust, and his tears flowing down. They said, "What doest thou?" He said, "I seek for Layli." They cried, "Alas for thee! Layli is of pure spirit, and thou seekest her in the dust!" He said, "I seek her everywhere; haply somewhere I shall find her."**

(Baha'u'llah, The Seven Valleys)

**2. The world is in travail, and its agitation waxeth day by day. Its face is turned towards waywardness and unbelief. Such shall be its plight, that to disclose it now would not be meet and seemly.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 118)

**3. Its sickness is approaching the stage of utter hopelessness, inasmuch as the true Physician is debarred from administering the remedy, whilst unskilled practitioners are regarded with favor, and are accorded full freedom to act.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 39)

**4. Ye are all the leaves of one tree and the drops of one ocean.**

(Baha'u'llah, Tablets of Baha'u'llah, p. 27)

**5. The shout hath been raised, and the people have come forth from their graves, and arising, are gazing around them.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 41)

**6. The breeze of the All-Merciful hath wafted, and the souls have been quickened in the tombs of their bodies.**

(Baha'u'llah, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf, p. 132)

**7. For the majority of the earth's people, the scriptures of each of these systems of belief have served, in Baha'u'llah words, as the 'City of God'...**

(Kitáb-i-Íqán, Paragraph 216)

**8. Only when the lamp of search, of earnest striving, of longing desire, of passionate devotion, of fervid love, of rapture, and ecstasy, is kindled within the seeker's heart, and the breeze of His loving-kindness is wafted upon his soul...Then will the manifold favours and outpouring grace of the holy and everlasting Spirit confer such new life upon the seeker that he will find himself endowed with a new eye, a new ear, a new heart, and a new mind.**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Íqán, p. 195)

**9. To every discerning and illumined heart it is evident that God, the unknowable Essence, the divine Being, is immensely exalted beyond every human attribute, such as corporeal existence, ascent and descent, egress and regress. Far be it from His glory that human tongue should adequately recount His praise, or that human heart comprehend His fathomless mystery.**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Íqán, p. 95)

**10. It is clear and evident to thee that all the Prophets are the Temples of the Cause of God, Who have appeared clothed in diverse attire. If thou wilt observe with discriminating eyes, thou wilt behold them all abiding in the same tabernacle, soaring 154 in the same heaven, seated upon the same throne, uttering the same speech, and proclaiming the same Faith.**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Íqán)

**11. I bear witness, moreover, that through Thy beauty the beauty of the Adored One hath been unveiled, and through Thy face the face of the Desired One hath shone forth...**

(Baha'u'llah, Prayers and Meditations by Baha'u'llah, p. 310)

**12. Through the Teachings of this Day Star of Truth every man will advance and develop until he...can manifest all the potential forces with which his inmost true self hath been endowed.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 67)

**13. All men have been created to carry forward an ever-advancing civilization.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 214)

**14. The Prophets and Messengers of God have been sent down for the sole purpose of guiding mankind to the straight Path of Truth. The purpose underlying Their revelation hath been to educate all men, that they may, at the hour of death, ascend, in the utmost purity and sanctity and with absolute detachment, to the throne of the Most High. The light which these souls radiate is responsible for the progress of the world and the advancement of its peoples...All things must needs have a cause, a motive power, an animating principle. These souls and symbols of detachment have provided, and will continue to provide, the supreme moving impulse in the world of being.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 156)

**15. Consider the hour at which the supreme Manifestation of God revealeth Himself unto men. Ere that hour cometh, the Ancient Being, Who is still unknown of men and hath not as yet given utterance to the Word of God, is Himself the All-Knower in a world devoid of any man that hath known Him. He is indeed the Creator without a creation.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 150)

**19. These principles and laws, these firmly-established and mighty systems, have proceeded from one Source, and are the rays of one Light. That they differ one from another is to be attributed to the varying requirements of the ages in which they were promulgated.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 287)

**20. This is the changeless Faith of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future.**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Aqdas)

**21. Consider the past. How many, both high and low, have, at all times, yearningly awaited the advent of the Manifestations of God in the sanctified persons of His chosen Ones...and the light of the Unseen did shine above the horizon of celestial might, they all denied Him...Ponder for a moment, and reflect upon that which hath been the cause of such denial...**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Íqán p. 4)

**22. What could have been the reason for such denial and avoidance on their part?**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Íqán, p. 7)

**23. What could have caused such contention...?**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Íqán)

**24. Reflect, what could have been the motive...?**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Íqán, p. 12)

**28. Say: O leaders of religion! Weigh not the Book of God with such standards and sciences as are current amongst you, for the Book itself is the unerring Balance established amongst men.**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Aqdas, p. 56)

**29. Verily, the day of ingathering is come, and all things have been separated from each other. He hath stored away that which He chose in the vessels of justice, and cast into fire that which befitteth it.**

(Baha'u'llah, The Summons of the Lord of Hosts, p. 64)

**30. "Peerless is this Day, for it is as the eye to past ages and centuries, and as a light unto the darkness of the times."**

(Baha'u'llah quoted by Shoghi Effendi, The Advent of Divine Justice, p. 78)

**47. Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in, and center your deliberations on its exigencies and requirements.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 212)

**50. Think not that We have revealed unto you a mere code of laws. Nay, rather, We have unsealed the choice Wine with the fingers of might and power.**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Aqdas, p. 21)

**51. O ye the elected representatives of the people in every land! Take ye counsel together, and let your concern be only for that which profiteth mankind and bettereth the condition thereof, if ye be of them that scan heedfully. Regard the world as the human body which, though at its creation whole and perfect, hath been afflicted, through various causes, with grave disorders and maladies. Not for one day did it gain ease, nay its sickness waxed more severe, as it fell under the treatment of ignorant physicians, who gave full rein to their personal desires and have erred grievously. And if, at one time, through the care of an able physician, a member of that body was healed, the rest remained afflicted as before.**

(Baha'u'llah, The Summons of the Lord of Hosts, p. 90)

**53. Be united, O concourse of the sovereigns of the world, for thereby will the tempest of discord be stilled amongst you and your peoples find rest. Should any one among you take up arms against another, rise ye all against him, for this is naught but manifest justice."**

(Baha'u'llah quoted by Shoghi Effendi, The World Order of Baha'u'llah, p. 40)

**54. We can well perceive how the whole human race is encompassed with great, with incalculable afflictions... They that are intoxicated by self-conceit have interposed themselves between it and the Divine and infallible Physician. Witness how they**

**have entangled all men, themselves included, in the mesh of their devices. They can neither discover the cause of the disease, nor have they any knowledge of the remedy.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah)

**55. The religion of God and His divine law are the most potent instruments and the surest of all means for the dawning of the light of unity amongst men.**

(Baha'u'llah, Tablets of Baha'u'llah, p. 129)

**56. ...the fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race...Whatsoever is raised on this foundation, the changes and chances of the world can never impair its strength, nor will the revolution of countless centuries undermine its structure.**

(Baha'u'llah quoted by Shoghi Effendi, The World Order of Baha'u'llah, p. 202)

**57. O people of Bahá! That there is none to rival you is a sign of mercy.**

(Baha'u'llah quoted by Shoghi Effendi, The Advent of Divine Justice, p. 84)

**58. So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 288)

**61. Concerning the Covenant of Baha'u'llah: They that have turned away therefrom are reckoned among the inmates of the nethermost fire in the sight of thy Lord, the Almighty, the Unconstrained.**

(Baha'u'llah from a previously untranslated Tablet.)

**63. But, O my brother, when a true seeker determineth to take the step of search in the path leading to the knowledge of the Ancient of Days, he must, before all else, cleanse and purify his heart, which is the seat of the revelation of the inner mysteries of God, from the obscuring dust of all acquired knowledge, and the allusions of the embodiments of satanic fancy.**

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitáb-i-Íqán, p. 192)

**64. Verily I say, this is the Day in which mankind can behold the Face, and hear the Voice, of the Promised One. The Call of God hath been raised, and the light of His**

**countenance hath been lifted up upon men. It behoveth every man to blot out the trace of every idle word from the tablet of his heart, and to gaze, with an open and unbiased mind, on the signs of His Revelation, the proofs of His Mission, and the tokens of His glory.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 10)

**65. Verily, the day of ingathering is come...**

(Baha'u'llah, The Summons of the Lord of Hosts, p. 64)

**77. This is the Day in which God's most excellent favors have been poured out upon men, the Day in which His most mighty grace hath been infused into all created things...Soon will the present-day order be rolled up, and a new one spread out in its stead.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 6)

**82. Referring to the followers of the Cause: Ye are the stars of the heaven of understanding, the breeze that stirreth at the break of day, the soft-flowing waters upon which must depend the very life of all men...**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 196)

**83. That which the Lord hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith.**

(Baha'u'llah, Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, p. 255)