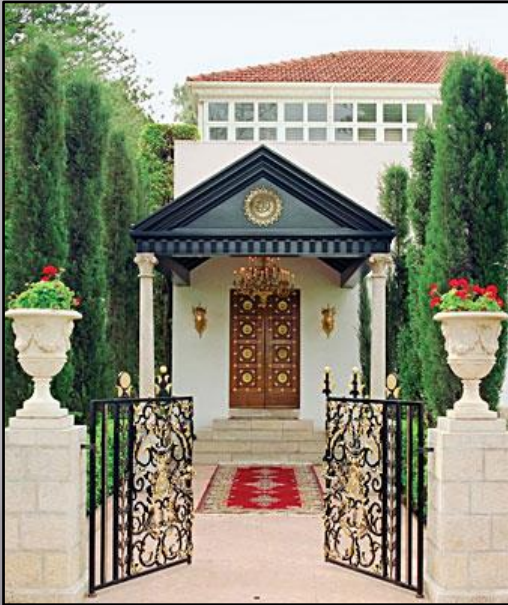




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Bahá' u'lláh
(1817-1892)

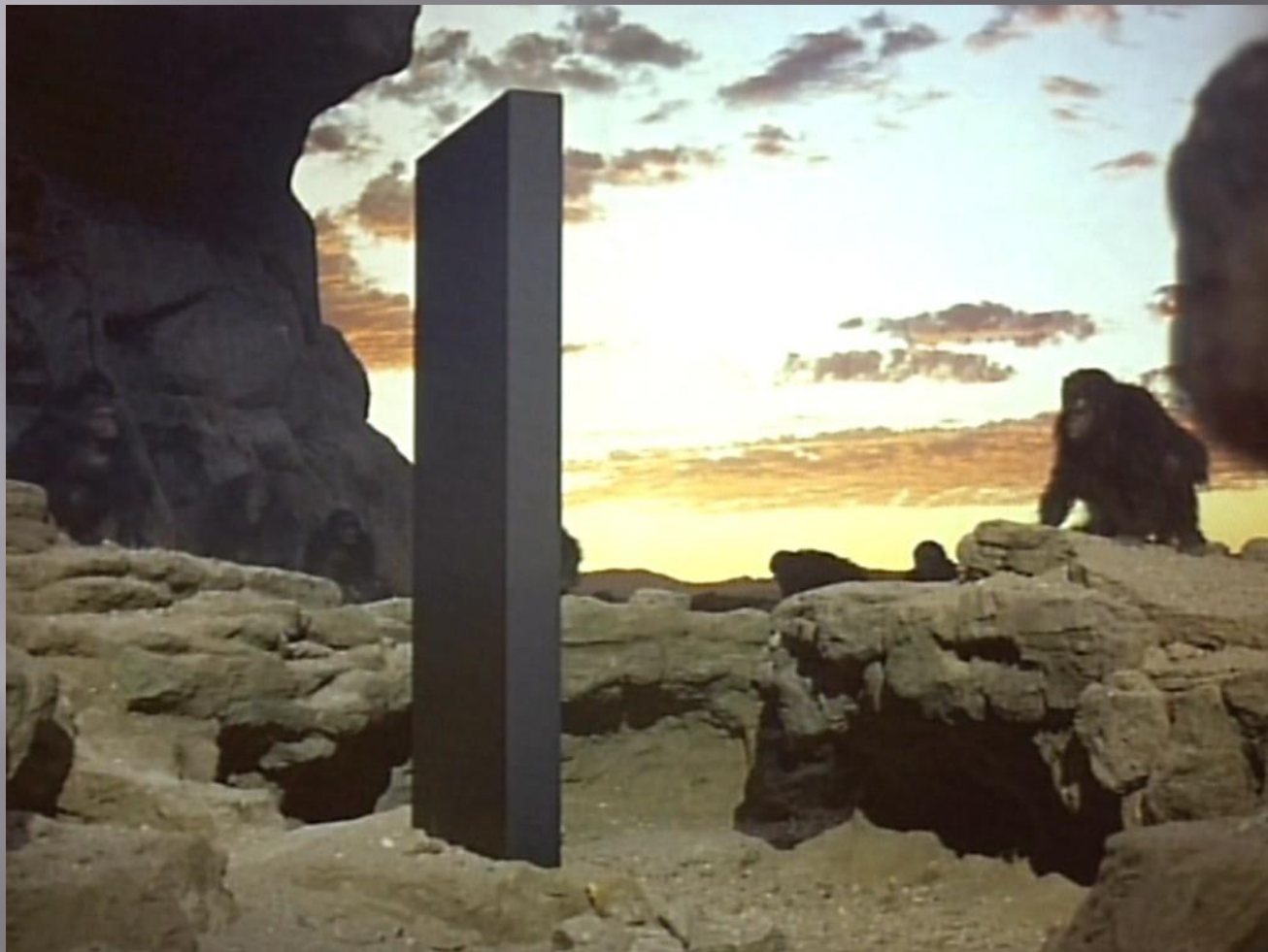
“Know verily that whenever this Youth turneth His eyes towards His own self, he findeth it the most insignificant of all creation. When He contemplates, however, the bright effulgences He hath been empowered to manifest, lo, that self is transfigured before Him into a sovereign Potency permeating the essence of all things visible and invisible.”
(*Gleanings* #49)



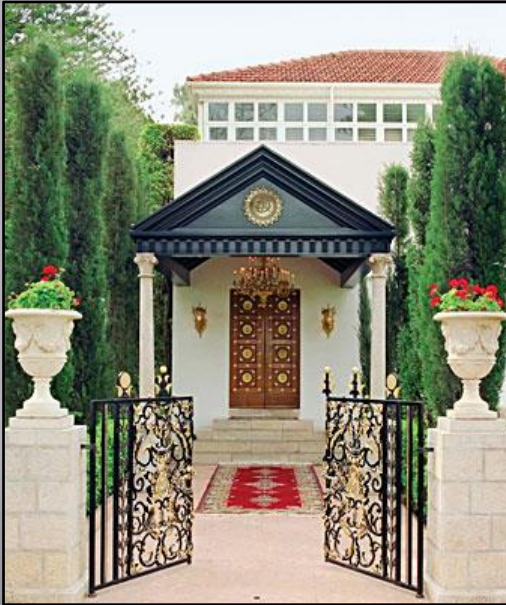
The Báb
(1819-1850)

“Say, He Whom God shall make manifest is indeed the Primal Veil of God. Above this Veil ye can find nothing other than God, while beneath it ye can discern all things emanating from God. He is the Unseen, the Inaccessible, the Most Exalted, the Best Beloved. “

(The Báb, *Selections* p. 131)

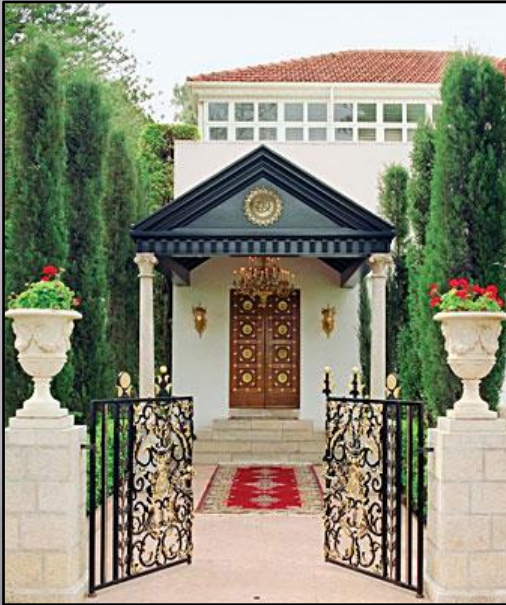






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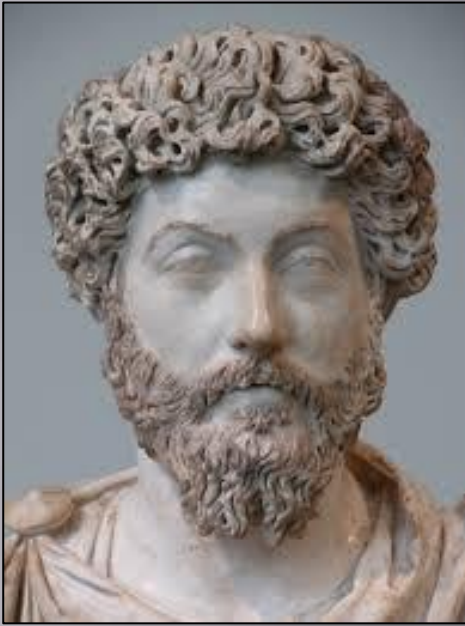
“With faces beaming with joy, hasten ye unto Him. This is the changeless Faith of God, eternal in the past, eternal in the future.”
(Kitáb-i-Aqdas #182)



Bahá'ú'lláh
(1817-1892)

“Know thou that in every age and cycle, all laws and ordinances have been changed according to the requirements of the times, except the law of love which, like a fountain, ever flows, and whose course never suffers change.”

(in *The Dawn*, v5#12 p.1, translated by Shoghi Effendi).

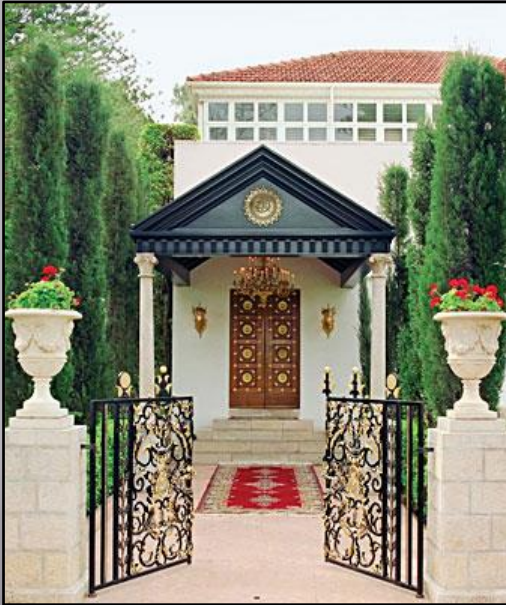


Marcus Aurelius
(Roman emperor,
121-180 A.D.)

“So where should a man direct his endeavor? Here only – a right mind, action for the common good, speech incapable of lies, a disposition to welcome all that happens as necessary, intelligible, flowing from an equally intelligible spring of origin.” (Meditations IV:33)

“Let one thing be your joy and comfort: to move on from social act to social act, with your mind on God.” (Meditations VI:7)

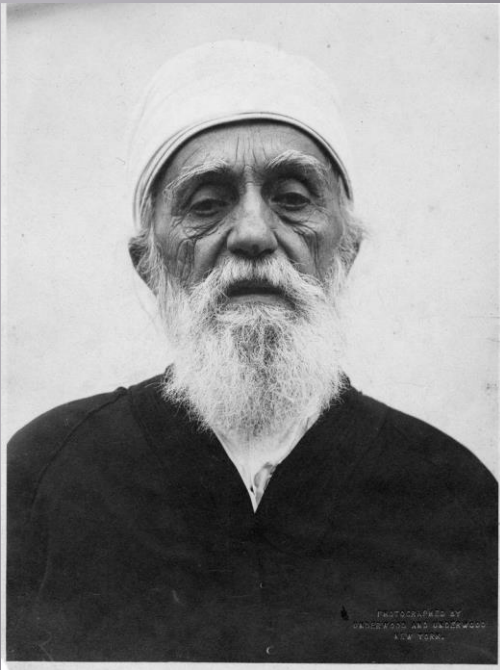
“In this world there is only one thing of value, to live out your life in truth and justice, tolerant of those who are neither true nor just.” (Meditations VI:47)



Bahá' u'lláh
(1817-1892)

The Divine Physician

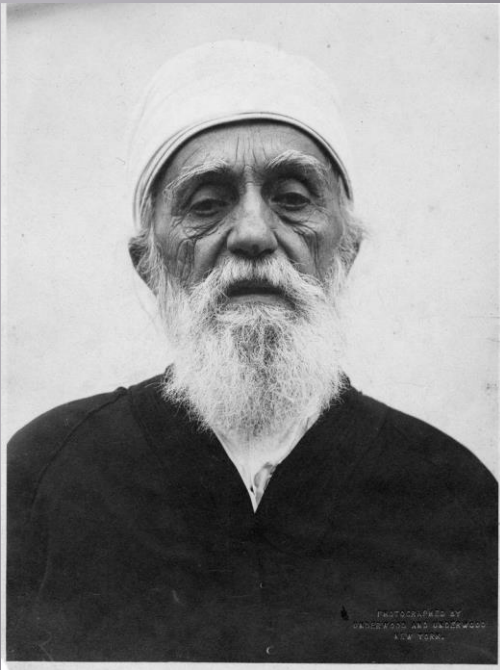
“The Prophets of God should be regarded as physicians whose task is to foster the well-being of the world and its peoples, that, through the spirit of oneness, they may heal the sickness of a divided humanity.”
(Bahá' u'lláh, *Gleanings* #34)



'Abdu'l-Bahá
(1844-1921)

“Briefly, the supreme Manifestations of God are aware of the reality of the mysteries of beings. Therefore, They establish laws which are suitable and adapted to the state of the world of man, for religion is the essential connection which proceeds from the realities of things.... Religion, then, is the necessary connection which emanates from the reality of things; and as the supreme Manifestations of God are aware of the mysteries of beings, therefore, They understand this essential connection, and by this knowledge establish the Law of God.”

(Some Answered Questions, ch. 41)

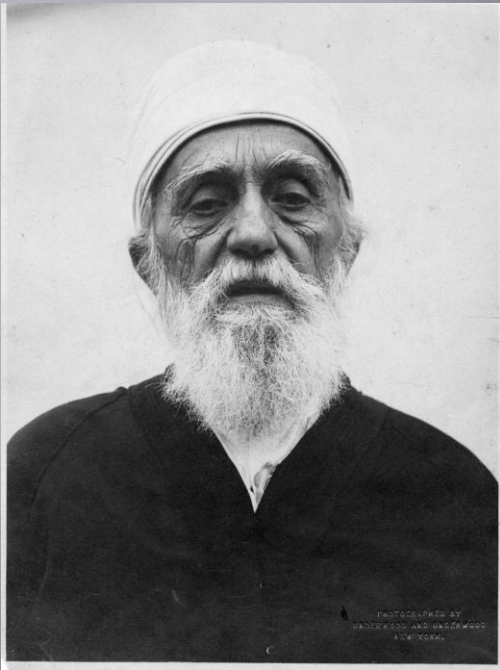


'Abdu'l-Bahá
(1844-1921)

“*Religion*, then, is the necessary connection which emanates from the reality of things.”
(Some Answered Questions)

“By *nature* is meant those inherent properties and necessary relations derived from the realities of things.” (letter to Dr. Forel)

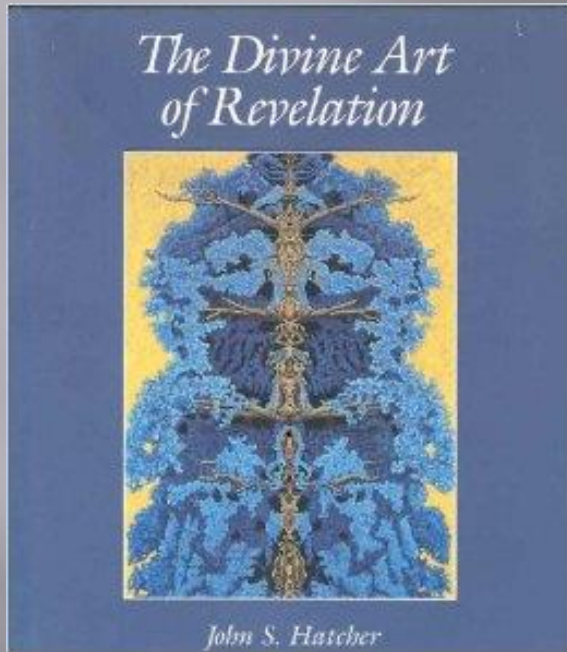
“*Love* is the cause of God’s revelation unto man, the vital bond inherent, in accordance with the divine creation, in the realities of things” (Selections #12)



'Abdu'l-Bahá
(1844-1921)

“These rules and relationships that constitute the basis of human happiness and that attend the descent of the divine favours are none other than *the divine law and the social order* that ensure the felicity, the integrity and the security of the human race. ...this law and this order consist in the necessary relationships deriving from the realities of things. How could they otherwise bring order to the body politic or be conducive to the well-being and happiness of human society?”
(Siyasiyyih, para. 43 – provis. trans.)





“...both the artist and the Prophet employ essentially the same techniques. Both refrain from coercing us, but, instead, employ devices that require us to become artists ourselves, first by investing a sufficient amount of creative thought to comprehend their ideas, and then by reinvesting that understanding with our own creative action.”

(John Hatcher, “The Divine Art of Revelation”)



The Universal
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(2005)

“Bahá’u’lláh has not brought into existence a new religion to stand beside the present multiplicity of sectarian organizations. Rather has He recast the whole conception of religion as the principal force impelling the development of consciousness.”
(One Common Faith, p. 23)