

**The Spiritual Destiny of America and the West:
International Cooperation
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Bahá'í Writings

- **“ the sun of spiritual enlightenment rises in the East, but the power of God is shed and manifested in the West....The West has acquired illumination from the East but in some respects the reflection of the light hath been greater in the Occident.....through the splendor of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh, the West will have replaced the East, radiating the light of Divine Guidance”**

Achievement of Bahá'í Spiritual Principles and Universal Teachings in Christian Nations of America and the West

- **Oneness of Mankind – Unity of Races, Peoples, Nations and Faiths Under God: Main Principle**
- **Equality of Men and Women**
- **Unity and Freedom of Religion**
- **Universal Education: Moral and Civic Development**
- **Unity of Science and Religion Through Reason**
- **Independent Investigation of Truth**
- **Socio-Economic Justice Based on Rule of Law, Rights and Responsibilities**
- **Establishment of Global Commonwealth and Community: Common Norms and Values for Regulated Markets and Sustainable Agriculture (Plant and Animal) and Natural Environment**
- **Universal Common Language: Mother Tongue at Home – Common Language in Public**

Oneness of Mankind: Unity of Races, Peoples, Faiths and Nations

- **European Enlightenment Aligns Faith and Reason for Humanity**
- **American Declaration of Independence: All Men are Created Equal, Endowed by Their Creator with Inalienable God Given Rights to Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness**
- **Adoption of Four Freedoms: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, Freedom from Fear, Freedom from Want (Introduced by US President Franklin Roosevelt 1941)**
- **United Nations Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights established by the Allied Powers during WWII- Race, Sex, Language and Religion Become Focus for Oneness of Mankind**

Global Commonwealth

- **Common Norms, Laws, Government Policy and Standards for:**
- **Social and Economic Development and Integration**
- **Market, Industry and Trade Regulation**
- **Sustainable Agriculture (Animal and Plant), Natural Environment and Resource Management**
- **Science and Evidence Based Social and Economic Policy**

“The people of Europe and **America** have been uplifted by education and training from the *world of defects and have ascended toward the realm of perfection,*

`Abdu'l-Bahá – Promulgation of World Peace

World Society: European Contributions from Grotius, Hedley Bull and Barry Buzan

- **International/Multi-level Government Policy Cooperation and Coordination**
- **Common Norms for Civil Society, Rule of Law and International Relations**
- **Collective Security Against Shared Threats: Infectious Disease, Climate Change, etc.**
- **Harmonization of National and Regional Rules of Law for Collective Good and Protection of Society, Commonwealth and Nations**

World Peace

- **Moral and Normative Agreement Required to Achieve World Peace**
- **Transracial, Transreligious and Transnational Cooperation Required Within and Across Nations**
- **Unilateral Disarmament Not Safe or Successful**
- **International Law Enforcement**

“The Great Being, wishing to reveal the prerequisites of the peace and tranquility of the world and the advancement of its peoples, hath written: The time must come when the imperative necessity for the holding of a vast, an all-embracing assemblage of men will be universally realized. The rulers and kings of the earth must needs attend it, and, participating in its deliberations, must consider such ways and means as will lay the foundations of the world’s Great Peace amongst men. Such a peace demandeth that the Great Powers should resolve, for the sake of the tranquility of the peoples of the earth, to be fully reconciled among themselves. Should any king take up arms against another, all should unitedly arise and prevent him. If this be done, the nations of the world will no longer require any armaments, except for the purpose of preserving the security of their realms and of maintaining internal order within their territories. This will ensure the peace and composure of every people, government and nation.”

Bahá’u’lláh, Tablets of Bahá’u’lláh Revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas

Spiritual Destiny of America and the Nations of the Americas

“Hearken ye, O Rulers of America and the Presidents of the Republics therein, unto that which the Dove is warbling on the Branch of Eternity: “There is none other God but Me, the Ever-Abiding, the Forgiving, the All-Bountiful.” Adorn ye the temple of dominion with the ornament of justice and of the fear of God, and its head with the crown of the remembrance of your Lord, the Creator of the heavens. Thus counselleth you He Who is the Dayspring of Names, as bidden by Him Who is the All-Knowing, the All-Wise. The Promised One hath appeared in this glorified Station, whereat all beings, both seen and unseen, have rejoiced. Take ye advantage of the Day of God. Verily, to meet Him is better for you than all that whereon the sun shineth, could ye but know it. O concourse of rulers! Give ear unto that which hath been raised from the Dayspring of Grandeur: “Verily, there is none other God but Me, the Lord of Utterance, the All-Knowing.”

Bahá'u'lláh, Kitáb-i-Aqdas

Destiny of America: From Colony to Great Power

- **To raise the banner and standards for Oneness of Mankind: Unity of Races, Peoples, Faiths and Nations**
- **To lead the nations in international cooperation**
- **To facilitate the achievement of World Peace**

“Consider! The station and the confirmation of the apostles in the time of Christ was not known, and no one looked on them with the feeling of importance—nay, rather, they persecuted and ridiculed them. Later on it became evident what crowns studded with the brilliant jewels of guidance were placed on the heads of the apostles, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of John.”

`Abdu'l-Bahá, Tablets of the Divine Plan

Spiritual Destiny of America and the West: Conclusions

- **Christianity provided the spiritual foundations for the creation, development and transformation of Europe, America, the transatlantic nations of the Americas and the West**
- **From the elevation of the individual, citizen, community and universal human rights, Europe and America provide innovations of government, international public and private law, science in the public interest and socio-economic policy leadership**
- **To achieve their spiritual destiny in this Age, America and Europe must reconcile material, market and strategic interests: national-regional-global**
- **Reconciliation and unity of the Christian Faith is accelerating, and will strengthen Europe and America to achieve their Spiritual Destiny**
- **Investigation, Recognition and Acceptance of Bahá'u'lláh's principles and writings of the Bahá'í Faith by Americans and European provides the mechanism for reconciliation and achieving the oneness of mankind, international cooperation and world peace**
- **America, Europe and the transatlantic region of the West can rapidly build on their shared history, Christian foundations of universal community and vast land and natural resources to build World Society, Commonwealth and World Peace**
- **This is the Spiritual Destiny of America and the West**

Thank You!!!!!!!!!!!!!!