



# Baha'i Studies

## Working For Peace —

### Are We Doing It Right?



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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

## Escape To Adventure

A Poem (sic) by Robie Good-bod Badland

For Fanny,  
Who nearly had me there  
Flakes of white, snow-like matter  
Fell from my head and my shoulders  
My GOD, my image would shatter,  
For all these dandruff boulders.  
Quickly I withdrew from my love's grasp,  
And in the sheets hid my flakey dome  
Lest she notice my snowiness and gasp  
At these particles of soft chrome.  
After, I rushed to the Drug Mart  
In search of Vidal, Alberto, or Vitalis,  
Where it came to me, a start;  
I had been the fool of the palace!  
Oil that hair, my kind man,  
And put in some spikes,  
That will finally end this lam  
From from those dandruff likes.

— The People's Po-it

The root causes of war will not be removed by banning nuclear weapons, prohibiting the use of poison gases or outlawing germ warfare. However important such practical measures are as elements of the peace process, they are in themselves too superficial to exert enduring influence. Peoples are ingenious enough to invent yet other forms of warfare, and to use food, raw materials, finance, industrial power and terrorism to subvert one another in an endless quest for supremacy and dominion. A world consciousness and a genuine universal framework must be adopted.

The increasing attention being focused on some of the most deep-rooted problems of the planet is a hopeful sign. Measures taken by the U.N. concerned with eliminated all forms of discrimination based on race, sex, or religious belief; upholding the rights of the child; eradicating hunger and malnutrition; all such measures, if courageously enforced and expanded, will advance the day when the spectre of war will have lost its power to dominate international relations.

A few issues which may be categorised as barriers to world peace are:

1. **RACISM**, one of the most baneful and persistent evils. Its practice perpetrates too outrageous a violation of

the dignity of human beings to be countenanced under any pretext. Recognition of the oneness of mankind must be universally upheld if this problem is to be overcome.

2. The inordinate **DISPARITY BETWEEN RICH AND POOR**, a source of acute suffering, keeps the world in a state of instability, virtually on the brink of war. The solution calls for the combined application of spiritual, moral and practical approaches. A fresh look at the problem is necessary, entailing consultation with experts from a wide spectrum of disciplines, and involving the people directly affected in the decisions that must urgently be made.

3. **RELIGIOUS STRIFE**, throughout history, has been the cause of innumerable wars and conflicts, and is increasingly abhorrent to the people of all faiths and no faith. Followers of all religions must be willing to face the basic questions which this strife raises, and to arrive at clear answers.

Now we shall examine some important prerequisites for world peace:

1. **THE EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN**, the achievement of full equality between the sexes, is one of the most important, though less acknowledged, prerequisites for peace. The denial of such equality perpetuates an injustice against one half of the

world's population. Only as women are welcome into full partnership in all fields of human endeavour will

human endeavour will the moral and psychological climate be created in which world peace can emerge.

2. The cause of **UNIVERSAL EDUCATION**, which has already enlisted in its service an army of dedicated people from every faith and nation, deserves the utmost support, for ignorance is indisputably the principal reason for the decline of peoples and the perpetuation of prejudice.

3. A fundamental lack of communication between

peoples seriously undermines efforts towards world peace. Adopting an international auxiliary language would go far in resolving this problem.

The above thoughts have been taken from the booklet "THE PROMISE OF WORLD PEACE", a statement on peace by the Baha'i world community. Those interested in reading the complete statement please leave a message at the Barn and we will get in touch with them. We offer this as a food for thought and would like to hear from you. Feel free to call me between 6-10 pm at 892-1880 or leave a message at the Barn.

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by Hans Beckers

