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—Abdul-Baha

"The conscience of man is sacred and to be respected."
—Abdul-Baha

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"No man should follow blindly his ancestors and forefathers. Nay, each must see with his own eyes, hear with his own ears, and investigate Truth in order that he may find the Truth; whereas the religion of forefathers and ancestors is based upon blind imitation—man should investigate the Truth." —Abdul-Baha

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« Reply #1 on: March 29, 2013, 01:02:34 PM »

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What gets me is when 15 year olds are expected to sign their card. I even seen family members sign their child's card for them. What kind of independent search is that?



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Hello, and welcome to the Reform Bahai Faith Forum!

Yes, that does sound rather contradictory, doesn't it? ...sort of nudging along, at best. Let's hope well intended, but I can agree it would run counter to the principle of the individual soul to find and make their own way.

It's probably very human, though. I can well imagine parents of most faiths doing something similar at times, which is NOT to speak poorly of other traditions, but misguided human nature.

Ideally, parents should set the example and hope and trust in the young person being drawn by it and the love of the community.

What do you think?



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As an afterthought, I'd say too that it's very difficult for many parents to restrain that impulse to nudge.

I think it's best, though, for parents to accept and trust the child's own spiritual journey. It's not the end of the world if a child chooses another religion or says he or she is an atheist. Sometimes that's a test that the parent needs!



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