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"The shining spark of truth cometh forth only after the clash of differing opinions."
—Abdul-Baha

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

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THE FOUNDATION OF ALL RELIGION IS ONE

"The foundation underlying all the Divine precepts is that One Reality. It must needs be Reality, and Reality is One, not multiple. Therefore the foundation of the Divine Religions is one. But we can see that certain forms have come in, certain imitations of forms and ceremonials have crept in. They are heretical, they are accidental, because they differ; hence they cause differences among religions. But if we set aside these imitations and seek the Reality of the Foundation we shall all agree, because religion is One and not multiple." — Abdul-Baha

http://reformbahai.org/Some_Vital_Bahai_Principles.html



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"To be a Bahai simply means to love all the world; to love humanity and try to serve it; to work for universal peace and universal brotherhood." —Abdul-Baha

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sanmare

Re: THE FOUNDATION OF ALL RELIGION IS ONE

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Sometimes I add a line about that in the short daily obligatory prayer. I don't know if it's allowed, but for me it feels right so also say:

I bear witness, O my God, that Thou hast created me to know Thee and to worship Thee.

*I bear witness about Thy oneness and unity, o my God.
I testify that all true religion originates from the same spiritual source.
I bear witness about the humanity's unity and kinship, and that our future is based on unity, cooperation and solidarity.*

I testify, at this moment, to my powerlessness and to Thy might.....

My native language is Swedish, so my English is maybe not correct here. I am also aware that I should not involve my own lines in Bahá'u'lláhs prayers. But this is to remember what's it all about, for my own spiritual understanding. After a year I maybe drop my three lines.

I am in Indonesia for one year. It's a private travel, no Bahá'í mission. But I can tell you that it's not easy for the Bahá'ís here. Only six religions are allowed - Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Catholicism and Protestantism, and the Indonesian society is based on membership in one of these religions. If a Buddhist and a Catholic fall in love, they will face a lot of problems. I have not found one single Bahá'í in Bali (which is mainly Hindu), but in eastern Java (Which is mainly Muslim) there live some thousands Bahá'ís in a few cities. They are still not allowed to bury their dead in public graveyards. And the Muslim council has pronounced some fatwas against Bahá'í. To top it all, the word "bahaya" means dangerous in Bahasa Indonesia.

Indonesia is truly the epitome of all that is wrong with the religious organization and strangled spirituality in the world. Try to teach the oneness of religion and the allness of humanity, and they will put you in prison. The Bahá'í office in Jakarta seemed closed and vandalized. I passed it at Easter.

Sanmare, Kuta, Bali, May 2014



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Re: THE FOUNDATION OF ALL RELIGION IS ONE

« Reply #2 on: June 19, 2014, 03:44:36 PM »

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Sanmare,

Thank you for posting your thoughts.

I personally believe that there's a tendency to attempt to overmanage, among some, the spiritual life of others, which in at least one Baha'i denomination is very pronounced. If your soul receives sustenance from your own prayer, what possible harm can there be in that? ...thought-police and purists notwithstanding.

You describe well the contradictions that confront religion today around the globe. But is the largest Baha'i denomination any different? I think not. Here in the USA it tried to destroy three other denominations in the US Federal Courts from 2006 to 2010 and repeatedly slandered the Reform Bahai Faith, essentially trying to destroy it. Their harassing of other Bahais is incessant. Jeff Goldberg on one of the websites of the Orthodox Baha'i Faith has recently commented on the reprehensible treatment he has received from a Haifan Baha'i zealot. There are many, many such shameful incidents.

In that regard, you might find it informative to follow the links at
ALERT!! - More Iranian Shiite Baha'i Tactics
<http://reformbahai.org/forum/index.php?topic=55.0>

Abdul-Baha's guidance continues to shine bright, despite its disregard by some:

"This movement is not an organization—it is the realization of a new spirit. The foundation of that spirit is the love of God; and its method, the love and service of mankind."

I believe that universal spirit flows on, with or without the Baha'i denominations and others who have dragged down true religion to the accumulation of power and wealth, for as the Master taught, "Reality is One, not multiple." In prayer and meditation, do we not *experience* that truth?

Safety and peace on your journeys.



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