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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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I recommend a talk given by Abdul-Baha on June 19, 1912, in New York City, long suppressed and swept from the pages of Haifan Baha'i history, his "Address Upon the Covenant," what all early American Bahais recognized as his Covenant, until the fraudulent will of 1921:

Abdu'l-Baha's 1912 Authentic Covenant
<http://www.reformbahai.org/Covenant.html>

There are several Bahai denominations. The vast majority of well-meaning American Baha'is don't realize they have accepted, in their isolated communities, a narrow Iranian Shiite interpretation of what Abdul-Baha actually taught.

Central to the Haifan "truth," is Islamic "Takfir," which has been defined by the scholar Bernard Lewis as "recognizing and denouncing apostasy," stigmatizing people as infidels, hidden behind the more Western term of "shunning." The vast majority of Haifan American Baha'is are well meaning people, but uninformed about the real history and teachings of the early Bahai Movement. Professor Juan Cole of the University of Michigan has explained Haifan Baha'i "Takfir" in more detail:
http://www.fglaysher.com/bahaicensorship/Juan_Cole_On_Bahai_Takfir.html

Without the author of this article even realizing it, he is unfortunately repeating the script, which the Huffington Post should not encourage by allowing only one Bahai voice to be heard. See <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/shastri->

purushotma/connecting-the-worlds-rel_b_1925828.html

It's the Iranian Shiite "takfir," which unfortunately most Baha'is have never heard of or even understand, concealed, really, behind the "shunning" terminology, into which people are deceived and brainwashed into accepting. Baha'u'llah had specifically said he had removed all that kind of thing from "The Book," and Abdul-Baha had affirmed it, as in this passage:

"In the religion of God, there is no practice of declaring believers to be morally corrupt (tasfiq) or of declaring them not believers (takfir), nor is debasing or showing contempt for others permitted." Majmu`ih-i Makatib, INBA Private Printing Volume 59 (Tehran: National Baha'i Archives, 1978; digitally reprinted, East Lansing, Mi.: H-Bahai, 2000), pp. 340. Tr. Juan Cole.

Shoghi Effendi took the Haifan Baha'is back to all that fanaticism by basically putting it back into "The Book."

Part of Shiite takfir is the denial of the existence of people of other conscience, an assertion of fundamentalist and fanatical possession of the sole truth, as exhibited in this thread, and in the Haifan interpretation, demonstrated on and off line.

One such incident was the Haifan Wilmette Baha'is attempting, essentially, to destroy in US federal courts, from 2006 to 2010, three other Baha'i denominations. Fortunately, the Federal courts understood what they were up to. If unfamiliar with what took place, you might find the various Court documents interesting. Available through links at

The Baha'i Faith & Religious Freedom of Conscience
<http://www.fglaysher.com/bahaicensorship>

Actually, members of all the Bahai denominations had that right, like all American citizens, prior to the lawsuit. The Federal Courts, ruling three times against the Haifan Baha'is of Wilmette, Illinois, merely reaffirmed the First Amendment and religious freedom.

Thanks for mentioning the Ahmadiyya Muslims and the lawsuit in Pakistan. Quite interesting and suggestive. I think you're quite right drawing a parallel, between that type of Muslim conception of law and that of the Haifan Baha'is. Most Americans just don't realize that. They've either drunk the Kool-aid or don't realize Haifan history is unreliable.

For anyone interested, here's a direct link to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. The Reform Bahai Faith is mentioned in the Oral Argument recorded before the court:

<http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/fdocs/docs.fwx?caseno=08-2306&submit=showdkt&yr=08&num=2306>

All the supposed issues of the 1966 lawsuit were rejected by the US Federal Courts in the decisions in 2008 and 2010.

There were actually even earlier lawsuits, one in the early 1940s. The Supreme Court of New York then ruled against the Wilmette Haifan Baha'is too. Basically, the issues were the same. The forgerers of the bogus will and testament of Abdul-Baha claimed to have the sole right to the word Bahai and slandered and harassed some of the early Reform Bahais. The Haifans tried to destroy in court the New History Society.

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Through all this history, it's the Iranian Shiite fanaticism at the core of Shoghi Effendi's distortion of the Bahai teachings that continually reveals itself.



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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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