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*"The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens."—Bahá'u'lláh.*

## THE SOVEREIGN REMEDY

"O ye the elected representatives of the people in every land! Take ye counsel together, and let your concern be only for that which profiteth mankind, and bettereth the condition thereof, if ye be of them that scan heedfully. Regard the world as the human body which, though at its creation whole and perfect, hath been afflicted, through various causes, with grave disorders and maladies. Not for one day did it gain ease, nay its sickness waxed more severe, as it fell under the treatment of ignorant physicians, who gave full rein to their personal desires, and have erred grievously. And if, at one time, through the care of an able physician, a member of that body was healed, the rest remained afflicted as before. Thus informeth you the All-Knowing, the All-Wise."

"We behold it, in this day, at the mercy of rulers so drunk with pride that they cannot discern clearly their own best advantage, much less recognise a Revelation so bewildering and challenging as this. And whenever any one of them hath striven to improve its condition, his motive hath been his own gain, whether confessedly so or not; and the unworthiness of this motive hath limited his power to heal or cure."

"That which the Lord hath ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its peoples in one universal Cause, one common Faith. This can in no wise be achieved except through the power of a skilled, an all-powerful and inspired Physician. This, verily, is the truth, and all else naught but error." *Bahá'u'lláh.*

"Some form of a world Super-State must needs be evolved, in whose favour all the nations of the world will have willingly ceded every claim to make war, certain rights to impose taxation and all rights to maintain armaments, except for the purposes of maintaining internal order within their respective dominions. Such a state will have to include within its orbit an International Executive adequate to enforce supreme and unchallengeable authority on every recalcitrant member of the commonwealth; a World Parliament whose members shall be elected by the people in their respective countries, and whose election shall be confirmed by their respective governments; and a Supreme Tribunal whose judgment will have a binding effect even in such cases where the parties concerned did not voluntarily agree to submit their case to its consideration. A world community in which all economic barriers will have been demolished and the interdependence of Capital and Labour definitely recognised; in which the clamour of religious fanaticism and strife will have been forever stilled; in which the flame of racial animosity will have been finally extinguished; in which a single code of international law—the product of the considered judgment of the world's federated representatives—shall have as its sanction the instant and coercive intervention of the combined forces of the federated units; and finally a world community in which the fury of a capricious and militant nationalism will have been transmuted into an abiding consciousness of world citizenship—such indeed, appears, in its broadest outline, the Order anticipated by Bahá'u'lláh, an Order that shall come to be regarded as the fairest fruit of a slowly maturing age." *Shoghi Effendi.*



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All our readers must have welcomed the remarkable evidences of the spread of those ideals to which we are devoted. In our November editorial we said, "World Order is becoming as well known a term as Empire." Even before the publication of Mr. Wells' book "New World Order," the term was becoming a commonplace to regular radio listeners as well as to those who read the speeches of statesmen and churchmen. The idea of a world order is becoming less and less startling, and more and more desirable, to the majority of people. Many and diverse are the plans and movements coming to birth from this central theme of modern life. We shall continue, while upholding the plan of Bahá'u'lláh, to stress the spiritual principles which must form the foundation of such an Order, and to discuss the obstacles within man himself which obstruct the path into the future. The oneness of mankind, and the spiritual attitude to life, form the basis of our outlook. And let no-one think that by "spiritual" we mean some vague and misty theories. "Spiritual," in our view, has to do with the human spirit, and all those qualities of mind and character that differentiate man from the animal and whose cultivation brings him nearer to the image in which he was made. Morals are in the realm of "spiritual" and all those values by which social relationships are controlled. The source of these values, of these morals, and of these qualities, is, we declare, the Manifestation of God, that Eternal Christ Who, from age to age, reveals to men, according to their capacity to receive, the Divine Will and the hidden Truth. Mankind today, is crying for this knowledge and this guidance. They may be found in the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh.

## Volume Two

This number completes our first year of life. The war made it necessary to reduce the number of pages, but as we promised in November, we shall continue with Volume II. We have decided to maintain the present size and shape of the paper, but to alter the price. In future you may purchase NEW WORLD ORDER for one penny, a price which we hope will encourage you to buy extra copies for presentation to friends. Annual subscriptions will be accepted at one shilling, post free one and sixpence.

It has been highly gratifying to receive subscriptions from other parts of the world. Tasmania, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, India, France, Denmark and the United States of America, are all in our mailing list. It is hoped, during the coming year, to publish articles of interest about some of these countries.

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## The Great Promise

In the scriptures of all religions, references are to be found to a great "day" to be established by a Promised One. In fact this promise runs like a golden thread through the holy books of the world; it tells not only of the coming of a Great One, but in most instances indicates the prevailing conditions when He will appear. Here are some examples.

### Egyptian.

"Ye future generations of men; my springing forth again is the springing forth of Osiris."

The Zend-Avesta, the Book of Zoroaster, Whose followers are now called Parsees.

"... the victorious Saoshyant (Saviour) and His helpers, when He shall restore the world, which will thenceforth never grow old and never die, never decaying and never rotting, ever living and ever increasing, and master of its wish, when the dead will rise, when life and immortality will come and the world will be restored at its wish."

### Hebrew.

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the



moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. For behold, in those days, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them into the valley of Jehosaphat (Jehovah judgeth) and will plead with them there . . . multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the Day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."

**Hindu, the Bhagavad Gita.**

"When there is decay of righteousness and there is exaltation of unrighteousness, then I myself come forth for the protection of the good, for the destruction of the evil doer. I am born from age to age. The foolish regard me not when clad in human semblance, being ignorant of my true nature, the Great Lord of Beings."

**Buddhist.**

"There will arise an Exalted One. The truth, lovely in its progress, lovely its consummation, will be proclaimed both in the spirit and the letter; the higher life will be known in all its fulness and in all its purity, even as I do now."

**Christian.**

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

**Muhammadan.**

"Knowledge is twenty and seven letters. All that the Prophets have revealed are two letters thereof. No man hath thus far known more than these two letters. But when the Qá'im shall arise, He will cause the remaining twenty and five letters to be made manifest."

"When the sun shall be shrouded, and when the stars shall fall, and when the mountains are made to pass away, and when the leaves of the Book shall be unrolled, and when the heaven shall be uncovered, and when hell shall be made to blaze."

These few quotations will serve to show the universality of the theme. It is dealt with continually in some books, notably in the Old Testament and the Book of Revelations, while all four Gospels record that Jesus spoke of it. In fact He related His Own work to the coming of "the Father," "the Prince of this world," the "Spirit of Truth" Who would guide us into all truth. The allusions are all symbolical, for it is obvious that if even a single star were to fall on the earth, or if

the sun were to be darkened, there would be no earth left.

Bahá'u'lláh deals at length with such prophecies in His book *Kitáb-i-Iqán* (Book of Certitude), and shows how they all point to a further Revelation of the Divine Will which will accomplish the unification of the human race and so bring about the golden age. The following is a typical passage:—

"By the term 'clouds' is meant those things that are contrary to the ways and desires of men. Even as He hath revealed in the verse already quoted: 'As oft as an Apostle cometh unto you with that which your souls desire not, ye swell with pride, accusing some of being impostors and slaying others.' These 'clouds' signify, in one sense, the annulment of laws, the abrogation of former Dispensations, the repeal of rituals and customs current amongst men, the exalting of the illiterate faithful above the learned opposers of the Faith. In another sense they mean the appearance of that immortal Beauty in the image of mortal man, with such human limitations as eating and drinking, poverty and riches, glory and abasement, sleeping and waking, and such other things as cast doubt in the minds of men, and cause them to turn away. All such veils are symbolically referred to as 'clouds'."

Bahá'u'lláh declares that the object of all these prophecies is none other than the present age, whose moving spirit is His Own Revelation. "The Revelation which, from time immemorial, hath been acclaimed as the Purpose and Promise of all the Prophets of God, and the most cherished Desire of His Messengers, hath now, by virtue of the pervasive Will of the Almighty, been revealed unto men. The advent of such a Revelation hath been heralded in all the sacred Scriptures. Behold how, notwithstanding such an announcement, mankind hath strayed from its path and shut out itself from its glory."

"Soon will the present-day order be rolled up, and a new one spread out in its stead. Verily, thy Lord speaketh the truth, and is the Knower of things unseen."

## Books Received

Bahá'u'lláh and The New Era. J. E. Esslemont. A new edition of the standard work on the Bahá'í Faith, with certain revisions. A work that has already been translated into thirty-one languages. Allen & Unwin, 2/6.

The Promise of All Ages. George Townshend, M.A. Review next month. Lindsay Drummond, 5/.



## The City of Certitude

"Only when the lamp of search, of earnest striving, of longing desire, of passionate devotion, of fervid love, of rapture, and ecstasy, is kindled within the seeker's heart, and the breeze of His loving-kindness is wafted upon his soul, will the darkness of error be dispelled, the mists of doubts and misgivings be dissipated, and the lights of knowledge and certitude envelop his being. At that hour will the mystic Herald, bearing the joyful tidings of the Spirit, shine forth from the City of God resplendent as the morn, and, through the trumpet-blast of knowledge, will awaken the heart, the soul, and the spirit from the slumber of negligence. Then will the manifold favours and outpouring grace of the holy and everlasting Spirit confer such new life upon the seeker that he will find himself endowed with a new eye, a new ear, a new heart, and a new mind. He will contemplate the manifest signs of the universe, and will penetrate the hidden mysteries of the soul. Gazing with the eye of God, he will perceive within every atom a door that leadeth him to the stations of absolute certitude. He will discover in all things the mysteries of divine Revelation and the evidences of an everlasting manifestation."

"I swear by God! Were he that treadeth the path of guidance and seeketh to scale the heights of righteousness to attain unto this glorious and supreme station, he would inhale at a distance of a thousand leagues the fragrance of God, and would perceive the resplendent morn of a divine Guidance rising above the dayspring of all things. Each and every thing, however small, would be to him a revelation, leading him to his Beloved, the Object of his quest. So great shall be the discernment of this seeker that he will discriminate between truth and falsehood even as he doth distinguish the sun from shadow. If in the uttermost corners of the East the sweet savours of God be wafted, he will assuredly recognise and inhale their fragrance, even though he be dwelling in the uttermost ends of the West. He will likewise clearly distinguish all the signs of God—His wondrous utterances, His great works, and mighty deeds—from the doings, words and ways of men, even as the jeweller who knoweth the gem from the stone, or the man who distinguisheth the spring from autumn and heat from cold. When the channel of the human soul is cleansed of all worldly and impeding attachments, it will unfailingly perceive the breath of the Beloved across immeasurable distances, and will, led by its perfume, attain and enter the City of Certitude. Therein he will dis-

cern the wonders of His ancient wisdom, and will perceive all the hidden teachings from the rustling leaves of the Tree—which flourisheth in that city. With both his inner and his outer ear he will hear from its dust the hymns of glory and praise ascending unto the Lord of Lords, and with his inner eye will he discover the mysteries of 'return' and 'revival.' How unspeakably glorious are the signs, the tokens, the revelations, and splendours which He Who is the King of names and attributes hath destined for that City! The attainment of this City quencheth thirst without water, and kindleth the love of God without fire. Within every blade of grass are enshrined the mysteries of an inscrutable wisdom, and upon every rosebush a myriad nightingales pour out, in blissful rapture, their melody. Its wondrous tulips unfold the mystery of the Burning Bush, and its sweet savours of holiness breathe the perfume of the Messianic Spirit. It bestoweth wealth without gold, and conferreth immortality without death. In every leaf ineffable delights are treasured, and within every chamber unnumbered mysteries lie hidden."

"They that valiantly labour in quest of God's will, when once they have renounced all else but Him, will be so attached and wedded to that City that a moment's separation from it would to them be unthinkable. They will hearken unto infallible proofs from the Hyacinth of that assembly, and receive the surest testimonies from the beauty of its Rose and the melody of its Nightingale. Once in about a thousand years shall this City be renewed and re-adorned."

"That city is none other than the Word of God revealed in every age and dispensation. In the days of Moses it was the Pentateuch; in the days of Jesus the Gospel; in the days of Muhammad the Messenger of God the Qur'án; in this day the Bayán;<sup>1</sup> and in the dispensation of Him Whom God will make manifest<sup>2</sup> His own Book . . . In these cities spiritual sustenance is bountifully provided, and incorruptible delights have been ordained. The food they bestow is the bread of heaven, and the Spirit they impart is God's imperishable blessing. Upon detached souls they bestow the gift of Unity, enrich the destitute, and offer the cup of knowledge unto them who wander in the wilderness of ignorance. All the guidance, the blessings, the learning, the understanding, the faith, and certitude, conferred upon all that is in heaven and on earth, are hidden and treasured within these Cities."

From the Kitáb-i-Iqán—The Book of Certitude—of Bahá'u'lláh.

<sup>1</sup> The Book of the Báb.

<sup>2</sup> Bahá'u'lláh.