

The world of humanity is like a garden and the various races are the flowers which constitute its adornment and decoration. In the animal kingdom also we find variety of color. See how the doves differ in beauty yet they live together in perfect peace, and love each other. They do not make difference of color a cause of discord and strife. They view each other as the same species and kind. They know they are one in kind. Often a white dove soars aloft with a black one.

Throughout the animal kingdom we do not find the creatures separated because of color. They recognize unity of species and oneness of kind. If we do not find color distinction drawn in a kingdom of lower intelligence and reason, how can it be justified among human beings, especially when we know that all have come from the same source and belong to the same household?

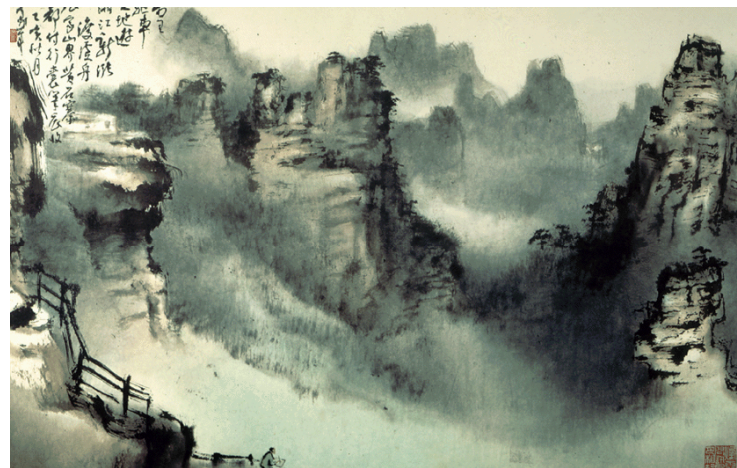
~Abdu'l-Baha



The famous Professor Edward G. Browne of the University of Cambridge visited Bahá'u'lláh in 1890. He wrote of that meeting the following: "The face of him on whom I gazed I can never forget, though I cannot describe it. Those piercing eyes seemed to read one's very soul; power and authority sat on that ample brow. ... No need to ask in whose presence I stood, as I bowed myself before one who is the object of a devotion and love which kings might envy and emperors sigh for in vain!" "The mild dignified voice of Baha'u'llah asked me to be seated, and then continued:

'Thou hast come to see a prisoner and an exile. ... We desire but the good of the world and the happiness of nations. ... That all nations should become one in faith and all men as brothers; that the bonds of affection and unity between the sons of men should be strengthened; that diversity of religion should cease, and differences of race be annulled. ... These strifes and this bloodshed and discord must cease, and all men be as one kindred and one family. ... Let not a man glory in this, that he loves his country; let him rather glory in this, that he loves his kind...'

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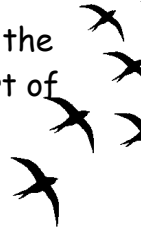


So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.

~Bahá'u'lláh

... regard ye not one another as strangers....Of one tree
are all ye the fruit and of one bough the leaves.
~Bahá'u'lláh

We have learned to fly the air like birds and swim the
sea like fish, but we have not learned the simple art of
living together as brothers.
~Martin Luther King, Jr



*No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the
continent, a part of the main... Any man's death diminishes me
because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know
for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.*
~John Donne



Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable.
~Kenyan Proverb

The solitary goose does not drink or eat,
It flies about and calls, missing the flock.
No-one now remembers this one shadow,
They've lost each other in the myriad
layers of cloud.
It looks into the distance: seems to see,
It's so distressed, it thinks that it can hear.
Unconsciously, the wild ducks start to call,
Cries of birds are everywhere confused.

~Du Fu, *The Solitary Goose*

孤雁
孤雁不飲啄
飛鳴聲念群
誰憐一片影
相失萬重雲
望盡似猶見
哀多如更聞
野鴨無意緒
鳴噪亦紛紛



O SON OF DUST!
Verily I say unto thee:
Of all men the most negligent
is he that disputeth idly
and seeketh to advance
himself over his brother.
Say, O brethren!
Let deeds, not words,
be your adorning.

~Baha'u'llah



おお塵埃^{じんあい}の子よ！
われまことに汝に告ぐ。
あらゆる人間のうち
最も怠慢なるものは、
愚かなる争いを行い
兄弟より自ら優らんことを
望む者である。
言あげよ、おお兄弟達よ！
言葉にあらずして、
行いをもちて汝の飾りとせよ。

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Let not a man glory in that he loves his country; let him
rather glory in this, that he loves his kind.

~Bahá'u'lláh

*The quintessence of Truth is this: We must all become
united and harmonized in order to illumine this gloomy
world,*

~Abdu'l-Baha

The well-being of the world, its peace and security, are
unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established.

~ Bahá'u'lláh

Peace for us is not just the absence of war but a state of
being governed by spiritual principles, particularly
those of unity and justice. The causes of war, therefore,
are to be found in the structures and processes of an
unjust society **that refuses to consider its members
as belonging to one family.**

