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BAHA'I ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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THE DISPENSATION OF RAHA U'LLAH Synopsis-Pages 5-6-7

The Apostolic Age of the Dispensation of Baha'u'llah	Baha'u'llah	(Transcendental in Majesty Serene Awe Inspiring Unapproachably Glorious
	To Bab	Infinite in Tenderness Irrisistable in charm Unsurpassed in Heroism Matchless in dramatic and eventful life
	'Abdu'l-Baha	(Vibrant and Majestic in personality Reflecting station unattainable by m Reflecting glory and power of Manifestation of God
	Greatest Holy Leaf	(Illustrious Deeply Spiritual Exalted Station Sublime Life Unfailing sympathy

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BOOK OF ADMINISTRATION

		'Authority-Book of Aqdas 'Will & Testament of 'Abdu'.' 'Head-Guardian of the Cause Formation-Elected by National Houses of Justice	se onal
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Universal House of Justice	Enacts all ordinates all ordinates all cordinates all Activities Legistate on the cordinate to the cordinate all the cordinates all the cordina	icit text 1 Baha'i World ordinances
		'AuthorityWill & Testamen' 'Abdu'l-Baha	t of
, ,		' Formation-Elected indirect Local Communities	
	National Houses of Justice		se of Justice
Administration	i 9	' Responsible ' to (Universal House	se of Justice
of the World Order of Baha'u'llah		Unquestioned : Selfless Devo Unquestioned : Selfless Devo Undifi- Ucll-trained : Cations Recognized ab: Mature experie	tion nind ility
1		' Authority-Book of Aqdas ' Will & Testament of 'Abdu'l	∸Bah a
,		' Formation Elected directl' Local Communities	y by
, , ,	Local Houses of Justice	Execution of National Hous Administratio	es of Justice
. ,		Responsible (National Hous	es of Justice
		Unquestioned Selfless devo Qualifi- Well-trained cations Recognized ab Mature experi	tion mind ility
•	Baha'i Fund	'Cardinal 'Principle (Voluntary Con	tributions

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	Demonstrated by (Spirit diffused (Work achieved	
	(Fellowship	
	(Channels-for Baha'u'llah's promise blessings Functions as (Instruments-not a substitute for the Faith (Means-not an end in themselves	d .
Animating Purpose of Divincly Established Baha'i Institutions	Duration of Preserve identity Instruments Protect interests Governed by Co-ordinate activities capacity to Apply principles Embody ideals Execute purpose	
	Creation of ((Voluntary (No coercion National and (Cardinal (contribut - (No solicitat Local funds (Principle (ions (General appe only	al
	Duty of Prayerfully Adherents (watch lest of Faith (Partiality (Becloud rad Ambition (Stain purit Worldliness Impair effe	y ctive-

WORLD ORDER OF BAHA'U'LLAH-further considerations Synopsis-Pages 6-10

• • •	Spirit breathed by Baha'u'llah in a Divinely appointed Visible Order	Bearing His Name Indontified with His Principles Functioning according to His Law Upon which inviolable Authority rest
	System of Divine (Economy containing ((Patterns for future society Laws (Instrument for estab-Regulations(lishment of Most Principles(Great Peace Institut- (Agency for Unificiations (tion of the world)
Distinguishing Features of the Baha'i Faith	Safeguarded by Divinely appointed (Succession	Guardian- (Apply principles ship and (Promulgate Laws Universal (Protect Institutions House of (Adapt Faith to Justice (progressive society
	Elimination of Unwarranted Disturbing elements	Baptism Communion Confession Asceticism Pricitly dominion Elaborate ceremonials Holy war Polygamy Rigidity and rigor of fasting etc.
	Immutability of (Revealed Word (Preserves Identity of Faith Guards Integrity of Faith

Expansion Adaptation

' Elasticity of ' Functions gives

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Divine in origin Identical in aims • Fundamental Complementary in Functions Principles of all religions Continuous in purpose Indispensible in value to mankind one Abide in the tabernacle Soar in the same Heaven Oneness of Seated upon the same throne Utter the same speeth Prophets Proclaim the same Faith Shed the same Light Prophets differ (Intensity of their Revelation only in (Comparative potency of their Light Claims of the ' Reason for the Immaturity and unpreparedness of age apparent differ-(Revelation Spiritual capacity of mankind ence of Prophets(of Baha'u'llah Abrogates no past Religion Distorts no feature of previous Religion Belittles no values of previous Religion Dwarfs no Prophets of the past The Revelation of Baha'u'llah Whittles down no eternal verities Conflicts with no animating spirit Undermines no basis of allegience Presentation of its Truth not electic Affirmation of claims not arrogant Religious truth relative, Revolves around (Fundamental not absolute Divine Revolation progressive, Principle not final Restate Divine purpose Reaffirm exalted standards Need of a new Revive Spiritual forces Revelation to Sound universal appeal for concerted efforts

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Evidences of Uniquences of Baha'u'llah's Revelation	Station of the BAB	Fore-runner Inspired annunciator Independent Manifestation of God Endowed with great potency Affirmed by Baha'u'llah Attested by Vill & Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha
	Greatness of the Bab's preliminary Manifestation	(Knowledge is 27 Letters (Former prophets revealed 2 letters (The Bab revealed remaining (25 Letters
	Greatness of Baha'u'llah's Revelation attest- ed to by the Bab	(Potentiality superior to combined forces of all who followed the Bab No word of the Bab adequately describes Him No reference in Bayan does justice to His Cause Would have disswred Babis who denied Him Would have embraced those of other Faiths who believed in Him
1	Greatness of Baha'u'llah's Revelation attest- ed to by Shoghi Effendi	(Closeness of (Towering grandeur Revelation (infinite possibil- Prevents (ities (Estimate of (Transcendent Beauty
	Shoghi Effendi's Appeal to Believers	(Strive to abstain from (Thoughts dimming brilliance or Words injuring growth by deeds

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, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Non-controversial	(Assigns no blame (Takes no sides (Furthers no designs (Joins no prejudicial systems
Divine Polity ' of World Order' of Baha'u'llah'	Stands above	(Particularism (Partisanship (Vain disputes (Petty calculations (Worldly ambition (Selfish competition
1 1 1	Implies	(No indifference (No insubordination
† † † †	Establishes through Administrative Channels	Capacity Integrity High-mindedness Sane patriotism
* 1	Duty of adherents of the Faith of Baha'u'llah	Uphold the integrity of the Laws of Baha'u'llah Unqualified loyalty and obedience to respective governments.

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	Enviroment of its birthplace (Persia)	Unstrained fanaticism Crass ignorance Unbridled cruelty, con hatreds, prejudices Enmity of government Church and people	
	Station of (Persian (Persian (Persian (Persian (Persian (Persian))))	(Sealing with lift (triumphs of Fait ross (Paving way for a victory of Faith Planting seed of appointed admini	th approaching a of Divinely
• • •	Station of American believe	(Spiritual descers (Champion builde organic Structu	ers of the
Ninety years Progress of the World Order of Baha'u'llah	Proofs of America's Faith	Moral support to Ley fell Services of pioneer t	is in believers is of enemies and By-Laws alf of tian believers ptian tow-desciples seachers
	Potentialities tested or worth determined by	(Building of the Templ (Purity of its Precept Sublimity of its state Integrity of its law Reasonableness of it Comprehensiveness of Universality of its Flexibility of its Elives of its founder Heroism of its marty Transforming power of	ots indards vs is claims its scope program institutions
	Present International Status	(testimonies (of the world. na'i literature languages elty ernmental institutions
, , , , ,		Eccl Erection of (A Nashriqu'l-Adhkar (F	rnational tribunals Lesiastical dignitaries America Russia Persia
• • •		(Source of power (S)	Fed by hiaden prings of Colestial Power Propagates itself by ways mysterious

AMERICA AND THE MOST GREAT PEACE Synopsis Page 12

' Further internal development and

Completion of superstructure of

Mashriqu'l-Adhkar, giving vision unobscured by internal disorder or international commotion.

' expansion of international activities.

' Slow steady growth culminating First Decade' in pilgrimages to the Shrine of 1893-1903 ' Baha'u'llah, firing souls with ' love and zeal. Pioneers of Faith, cleansed and Second Decade' energized by tests and trials, 1903-1913 unweakened by opposition culminating in the visit of 'abdu'l-Baha ' to america. Periods of America's progress ' Quiet uninterrupted consolidation Third Decade ' resulting in birth of Divinely 1913-1923 appointed Administration. giving poise and stability.

Fourth Decade' 1923-1933

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Vitality exhibited by organic institutions

	Obstacles surmounted by administrators Enthusiasm of itinerant teachers Self-sacrifice of champion-builders
Evidences of power of organic Baha [†] i Institutions	Breadth of vision Confident hope Creative joy Inward peace Uncompromising integrity Exemplary discipline Unyielding unity and solidarity
	Spirit capable 'cleansed from of fusing into 'aiversified elements 'all forms of own structure 'prejudice

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Bedrock--God's immutable Purpose for mankind

in this day Source of inspiration -- Baha'u'llah Shield and defender -- Embattled hosts of Abha Kingdom Seed -- Blood of no less than twenty thousand martyrs Axis -- Authentic provisions of Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha Guiding principles -- Truths interpreted by 'Abdu'l-Baha Book of laws--Kitab-i-Agdas Summary of Seat of activities -- Mashriqu'l-Adhkar and Baha'i its Dependencies Administrative Pillars of authority--Guardianship and Universal Order House of Justice Central aim -- Establishment of World Order of Baha'u'llah ' East nor West Methods and standards incline ' Jew nor Gentile neither to ' Rich nor poor ' White nor colored Watchword--Unification of human race Standard -- The "Most Great Peace" Consummation-Golden ' Kingdoms of world become millennium ' kingdom of God Himself ' Kingdom of Baha'u'llah

TEACHING OUTLINE Synopsis-Baha'i News-#64

N.S.A.'s GENERAL POLICY OF TEACHING	Mutual Responsibility of N.S.A.,L.S.A. and Community Gease being passive and silent. Knowledge identical with active effort.
	Sharing responsibility for triumphs of the Cause Differing only in capacity and experience Having no special privileges nor Confirmed Believer Servants with same voting rank in Baha'i Community Every type of believer needed Same Holy Spirit confirms efforts of all.
	Local Spiritual (Loyalty supervision and recog- Assembly the Unification (nition of L.S.A. Essential Admin-(Energy istrative Unity (Efficiency Knowledge (Nowledge (No
	! Inter-Assembly Conferences (Believers Attracted friends Children
	(Active service) Baha'i life
	Development of one new Baha'i Center each year.