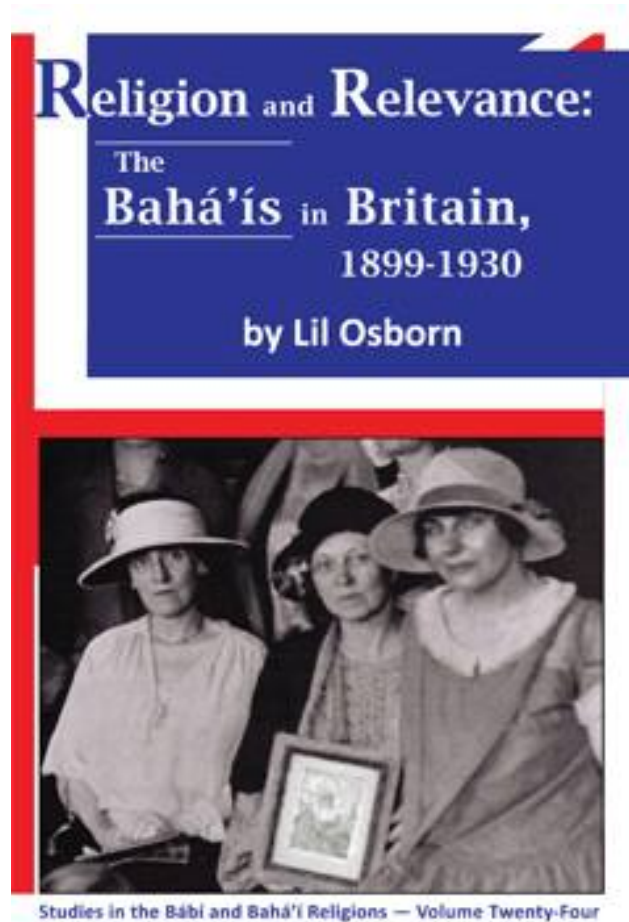


# Men & the Baha'i Faith

# The Theory of Relevance



# 1924 Electors

- Of the 80 names
- 19 are male
- 61 are female
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- 20% are male
- 80% are female
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- 10% are single male
- 10% are coupled male
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- 10% are coupled female
- 70% are single female

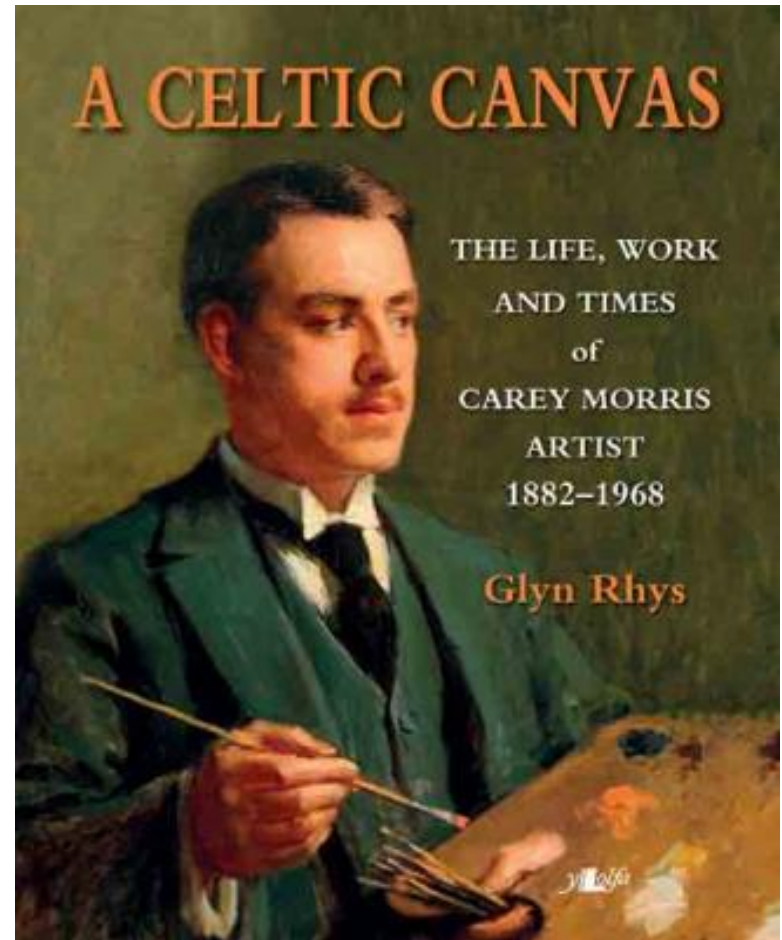
# Non indigenous Baha'i men

- Ruhi Afnan
- Dia'u'llah Asgharzadih
- Prof. Darab Yuhanna Dawad
- Mr. Froughi
- Mr. M. S. Hakim
- Mr. El Nochougati
- Mr Grimwood from Detroit USA? [https://bahai.works/Star\\_of\\_the\\_West/Volume\\_11/Issue\\_11](https://bahai.works/Star_of_the_West/Volume_11/Issue_11)

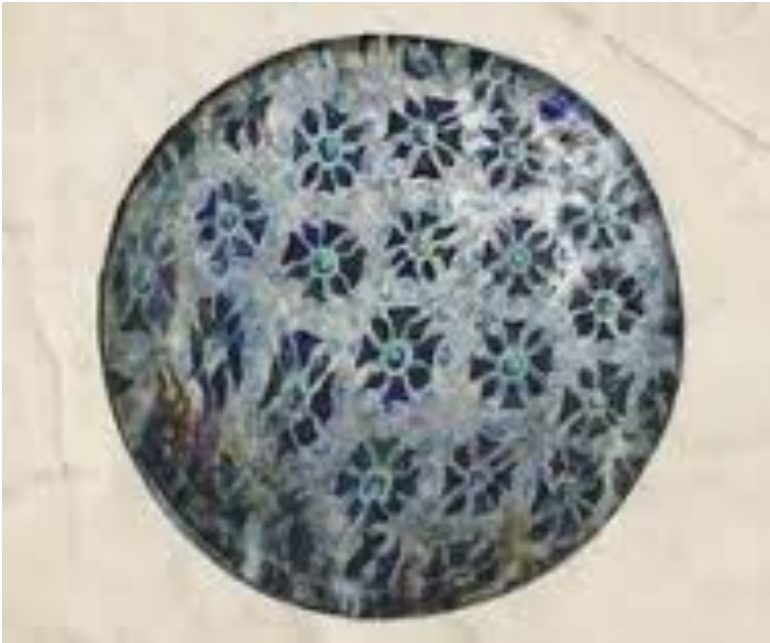
# Indigenous Baha'i men

- Mr. E. Beddingfield - married
- Mr. Brodsky
- Mr. S. Bull
- Mr. Scott Lane
- Mr. Wellard - married
- Mr. C. S. Cole – Hounslow
- Comd. T. R. fforde – married, Ireland
- Mr. Eric Hammond – Wimbledon
- Mr. John Ludlow Marshall – married, Birmingham
- Mr. Carey Morris married Cheyne Walk Chelsea?
- Mr. George Palgrave Simpson

# Carey Morris – Baha'i?



# The Blue Bowl



**Socialism/Communism/Labour  
Party**

Reginald Campbell  
Edward T Hall  
Arthur Sugar  
John Esslemont  
Cmdr Fforde

**Freemasons and occult  
orders**

Basil Wilberforce  
Wellesly Tudor Pole  
Thomas Pole  
Neville Meakin  
Robert Felkin  
Andrew Petrie Cattanach  
George Palgrave Simpson  
Charles S D Cole



# Baha'is who were Freemasons

- Charles S D Cole: initiated on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 1915 into the Willesden Lodge (2489)
- George Palgrave Simpson: initiated on 28<sup>th</sup> February 1871 into the Lodge of Sincerity, Norwich: 1904 into the Lodge of Virtue, Manchester: 26<sup>th</sup> May 1894 the Electric Lodge, Hampton Court



# Baha'is who were Freemasons

- Andrew Petri Cattanach: When I met him first he was secretary of the Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, A.F. and A.M. His regard for Masonry grew with his studies of Theosophy and he found in Masonry confirmation of all the Occultism he had learned from Theosophy.
- He continued to speak highly of Masonry and in 1932 he wrote: "Were I not one, knowing what I do, I'd join".



# More Freemasons

- Robert Felkin: initiated January 1907 into an Edinburgh lodge
- Basil Wilberforce: 1861 initiated into the Apollo Lodge, Oxford University, 13<sup>th</sup> June 1872 initiated into the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton
- Thomas Pole (father of WTP)  
13 Feb 1871 Royal Clarence Lodge  
Bristol





# Order of the Table Round

Robert Felkin

Neville Meakin

Wellesley Tudor Pole



## **The Mother Lodge by Rudyard Kipling**

*Outside - " Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!  
Inside - 'Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.  
We met upon the Level an' we parted on  
the Square,  
An' I was junior Deacon in my Mother-  
Lodge out there!*

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,  
An' Saul the Aden Jew,  
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman  
Of the Survey Office too;  
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,  
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,  
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,  
The Roman Catholick!

# ORDO STELLA MATUTINA



**Morning Star**  
The people's newspaper  
Wednesday 1 January 2020

Well past time to end nuke nonsense  
**PAUL FLYNN**: P12

**WARS AT HOME AND ABROAD**  
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**STEVE MCGIFFEN** reports: page 9

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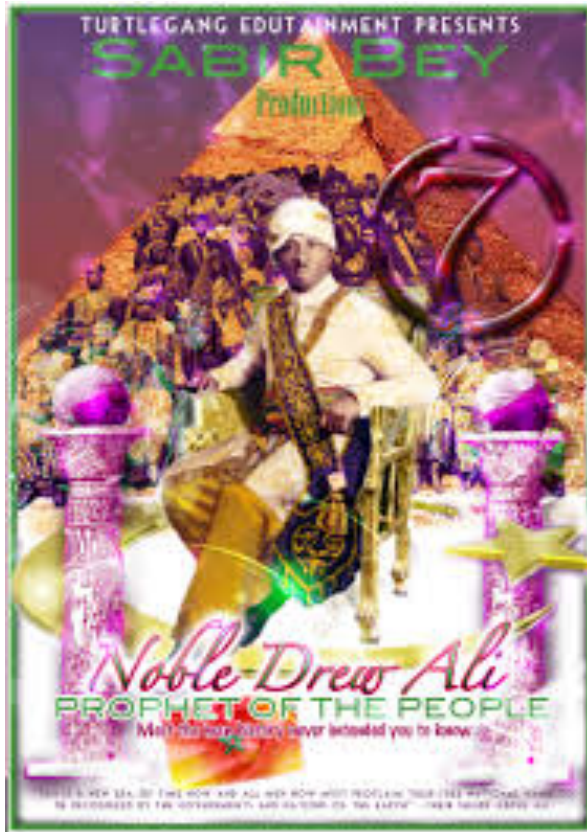
Propaganda in disguise  
**JOHN PILGER** on the BBC P8

**GIVE US WORK**  
Millions forced...

# Freemasonry was not exclusively a white middle class preserve

Nation of Islam owes more to  
offshoots of Masonic  
organisations

- Such as The Moorish  
Science Temple than Sunni  
Islam!





# Brotherhood

Other male Baha'is came from a background of socialism and trade unionism:

ET Hall & Alfred Sugar in Manchester

J E Esslemont in Bournemouth

TR Fford in Ireland

# From the poems of ET Hall

- **The City of Salford**

Her thoughts arise, her heart esteem

Her children's dreams of **brotherhood**

- **Agecroft's Sacred Dust**

Her soul a gem of heavenly living light

Her radiant hope the **Brotherhood of Man**

- **Unto the Kingdom**

In one **fraternity** the Race of **Man**

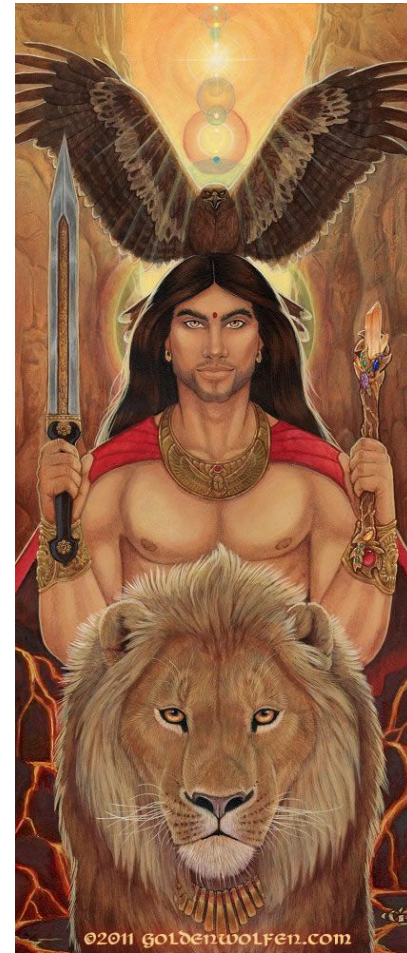
- **Meditations of a Baha'i Christian**

They see nothing again in all they scan

But Oneness and the **Brotherhood of Man**

# Masculine Spirituality

- Brotherhood
- Structure – the invitatory degrees of the Masonic and esoteric orders or the workplace discipline of trade unionism
- Bonds of secrecy and oaths



# The Bahá'í Movement

- No oaths
  - No secrets
  - No rituals
  - No regalia
- Brotherhood



# Baha'i Teaching - Equality

- The woman is indeed of the greater importance to the race. She has the greater burden and the greater work. Look at the vegetable and the animal worlds. The palm which carries the fruit is the tree most prized by the date grower. The Arab knows that for a long journey the mare has the longest wind. For her greater strength and fierceness, the lioness is more feared by the hunter than the lion.

- The woman has greater moral courage than the man; she has also special gifts which enable her to govern in moments of danger and crisis.



- His Holiness Bahá'u'lláh has greatly strengthened the cause of women, and the rights and privileges of women is one of the greatest principles of 'Abdu'l-Bahá. Rest ye assured! Erelong the days shall come when the men addressing the women, shall say:  
*“Blessed are ye! Blessed are ye! Verily ye are worthy of every gift. Verily ye deserve to adorn your heads with the crown of everlasting glory, because in sciences and arts, in virtues and perfections ye shall become equal to man, and as regards tenderness of heart and the abundance of mercy and sympathy ye are superior.”*