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The little steamer "ARTSA" (3,314 tons) sailed from Marseilles for Haifa on Dec. 17th and I went alone this time. The "QUEEN ELIZABETH" on which Florence and I came over was 80/85,000 tons! But the little boat got me there and back and I wasn't so seasick as on the big one. Six days going, six returning, 9 days there and one in Nazareth. We passed the volcano Stromboli, towering out of the Mediterranean and the Island of Elba, where I breathed a prayer in remembrance of Dorothy. It is larger than I supposed. On our return trip we stopped for a day in Naples and I succumbed to the tour and saw the ruins of Pompeii, gazed on Vesuvius and bought a tiny cameo from the famous factory there.

Landing in Marseilles early the morning of Jan. 9th I took a taxi to the home of the friends there as requested by the Guardian. It was a thriller. Many travellers on the way to Haifa have stopped there but this was the first visit from a returning pilgrim. I wish you could have been there that day.

Laura Davis from Toronto arrived par avion a few minutes after I got to Pilgrim House and we shared the same room 9 days. She is due here now any time on her way home. We went to Nazareth together and she returned with me (taxi) to the boat which sailed Jan. 2nd. Then she went on to Jerusalem, a tour of Israel, then to Athens, Rome, Monte Carlo, Germany and England where she will take off for Canada. She took 200 snapshots and has promised to send me a complete set of all that turn out - taken of course during the 9 days. We had dinner six nights with the Guardian; teas with Ruhiiyyih Khanum; spent two nights in Bahji with Persian Pilgrims, by special arrangement of the Guardian; saw the tomb of the Bab and 'Abdu'l-Bahá in the glorious Shrine on Mt. Carmel, the Memorial Gardens, the land (fan-shaped) being prepared for future institutions that will be built there - the first the Archives Building, which drawings the Guardian showed us; and by special direction of the Guardian, Mr. Ioas took us by taxi to the top of Mt. Carmel to show us the newly acquired land for the Temple; we lived at Pilgrim House (Western), visited the Eastern Pilgrim House; saw Masra'a and it's keeper and had tea there; were guided through the House of Abbud (East and West Houses), and lunched there in 'Abdu'l-Bahá's bridal chamber; lunched, breakfasted and dined at Bahji and met Salah, the keeper, and his mother, the hostess. Rode in the new car that belongs to the Guardian, gift of John Allen, prayed in all the Shrines for the long typed lists of friends, communities and our families, and Bahá'is and pioneers throughout the world; heard the chanting of the Tablets of Visitation by the Guardian at the Shrine of the Báb and 'Abdu'l-Bahá on Dec. 30th (which is the Feast of the Declaration of the Báb in the Eastern Calendar); read our prayers in English and heard the Persians chant theirs, when we were together in the Shrines; saw the Major and the minor Archives; the little house near the Eastern Pilgrim House where the ladies were served the Feast Tea the afternoon of the 30th and had the Feast Dinner in the Guardian's House that day with Ruhiiyyih Khanum, and dinner that night with the Guardian and saw the Scroll of Honor; gathered handfuls of flowers to lay on the Shrines so that we might share them; had the loving hospitality of the Guardian, Rhuuyih Khanum, Millie Collins, Leroy Ioas; Jessie and Ethel Revell; were conducted through our tours by the saintly, the wise and wonderful Dr. Lotfullah Hakim; saw the blood-stained shir of the Báb, the ring of Quddus, the sword of Husayn;

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relics of the Greatest Holy Leaf; saw the endless beauty in the collections and arrangements of Gardens, the tapestries, pictures, vases, furniture, Tablets, framed and unframed; bookcases full of books, beautifully arranged; the framed incorporation papers of Local and National Assemblies of the World; the models of the Temples in Bahji's Mansion; cannon ball from Fort Babarsi; pictures of 'Abdu'l-Baha, of the Greatest Holy Leaf, the Purest Branch, paintings of 'Abdu'l-Baha; of 'Akka and many things by Marion Jack; personal relics of 'Abdu'l-Baha, Baha'u'llah, Bah, Purest Branch, Greatest Holy Leaf, Navvab and even of the father of Baha'u'llah. The PHOTOGRAPH AND THE PAINTING OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH and the PAINTING OF THE BAB, one-hundredth part of the treasures still to be placed in the Archives to be built; looked down the 9 terraces toward Haifa where the kings and queens will walk up to the Shrine, take off their crowns and their shoes and circumambulate the Shrine; terrace steps in future years to be paved with gold. Were greeted by the 55 year old gardener at Masra'a who does as much work as a youth; ate oranges from Laetree near the Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh and the Garden of Rizwan and gazed at the place where Bahá'u'lláh used to sit and talk with the friends; prayed in the room he occupied there; always in the Shrines it was Tablets of Visitation and Tablet of Ahmad. In the Shrines the vases of fresh flowers, the lights, framed Tablets of Visitation in English and Persian, the gleaming, magnificent chandeliers, the exquisite rugs and tapestries and the fragrance of the flowers and nearness of the Spirit. We visited the prison room and prayed there, too. The nurse (it is a hospital now and this room is reserved as sacred Baha'i property) conducting us through took off her shoes and sat quietly as we prayed and chanted. Everywhere framed pictures of the Guardian and the Temple. All All this and more, the work of our Beloved Guardian who always says "the Baha'is did this."

We wrote many notes but I cannot find mine. It would be a deep grief except that Laura has hers. We brought pebbles from the Shrines, flowers from the Shrines and the Monument Gardens, Pilgrim House, the house of the Guardian with the nameplate on the gate 'ABDU'L-BAHA, ADAS NO. 7.

You may imagine how I felt when the Guardian's cable came. Everyone was wonderfully...

OUR BELOVED GUARDIAN

He is distinctly an entity - different. His effect upon us is indescribable but I try to define it as the effect of absolute PURITY, CHASTITY, INTEGRITY. He was never severe. He wore a black taj, a brown coat and black tie, except on the occasion of the Declaration of the Báb, he wore a black coat and brown tie and he was beautiful beyond description. His hair shows on the temple and is white. His eyes are indescribable - like coals of fire when he speaks, or when he thinks they seem to look into the unknown. His hands are always eloquent. ~~xxxx~~ His voice low and melodious. He was happy and smiled often. He is codifying the ADAS and working very hard. Once he did not have a real meal for 48 hours. The translation will come later - it will be very difficult to translate the ADAS.

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We are planning a scrap-book each with the snapshots and notes...to share with others, for the Guardian said "You have taken it, you have imbibed, now you must share - give out...."

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Arrival at the Pilgrim House

Pilgrimage in 1956/7 Cable arrived Monte Carlo from US NSA, from Guardian on Nov. 26, 1956.

Left on Artza, Jewish boat from Marseille in December; nine day visit.

At the last dinner the Guardian would say to pilgrim "You have imbibed, now you must share. Meaning that the pilgrim must relate to those at home what he/she had learned, seen, heard.

American pilgrims stayed at Western Pilgrim House. Eastern pilgrims stayed at Eastern Pilgrim House. West.Pil.House is now used by the IHJ; East.Pil.House is used for another purpose now and pilgrims go to hotels; at that period in Baha'i history we were guests of the Guardian.

(Pilgrimage was set up by the Guardian 's list of applications; space was limited at the World Center and we were guests)

The Guardian had tea with the Eastern Pilgrims and dinner with the Western pilgrims.

We were instructed to assemble in the room above the dining room and to come down quickly when called, for the Guardian was standing ready to greet us; he had come over from his apartment atop 'Abdu'l-Baha's House at 7 Persian Street, diagonally across from West.Pil. House.

Table: Guests: A long table with white linen tablecloth and napkins. The Guardian and Ruhyyih Khanum sat side by side at the opposite side of the table, facing the entrance. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Giachery; Mr. and Mrs. John Allen from Africa; Mr. Allen had brought a present of a new car for the Guardian. (Mr. Allen was running Mr. Ioas around doing a lot of errands and getting a lot of things accomplished. But the Guardian stopped that for he wanted Mr. Allen to get more spiritual value out of his visit.

The Guardian They said he was taller than Baha'u'llah, but not so tall as 'Abdu'l-Baha; his hands were like Baha'u'llah's. The Persians called him 'Abdu'l-Baha grown young.

He was very much like his photographs. Oval face, ^{dark} olive skin; short, closely clipped black mustache. He wore a long brown ^{wool} tweed-like coat over an Englishman's regular suit, and a small black tie. He wore a black fez.

He greeted us all warmly. At table he served us pilau, saying it was a Persian dish, and asking if we had ever had it, something like that. He was very loving and warm.

His voice - I had looked forward to hearing his voice; so I glued my ears on him when he spoke; I noticed it began to interfere or something; so I stopped. I had heard that his accent was English. It was rather more American, but in reality, neither English or American. His voice was gentle and melodious.

His eyes were extraordinary. R.K. described them in Priceless Pearl; exactly as I would. They were dark, it seemed; but in reality they were ^{hazel} ~~hazel~~. When something profound came up his eyes grew large, protruded, (that's the best word I can think of to describe the effect) and like rubies - red. Not like blood, or a color, ruby. Full of fire; or light, ^{resplendent} ~~resplendent~~.

I forgot to finish those at table: Mr. Ioas, Jessie Revell, Laura Davis from Toronto, Canada, who arrived a few minutes after my arrival and we shared the same room. I can't remember if Millie Collins was there but there wasn't room for one more, so Ethel Revell ate elsewhere.

Mrs. Collins told us there were two angels in Haifa: Ethel Revell and Dr. Hakim. "They want nothing" she said.

*Iranian
with a beard
or a mustache*

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Fahim

- 1 - *to the Holy Land and met him + his 20 disciples*

In the days of the Beloved Guardian when we made the pilgrimage and that last evening at dinner with him ~~came~~ - you see the pilgrims from the West had dinner with the Beloved Guardian at the Western Pilgrim House and the pilgrims from the east had afternoon tea with him at the Eastern Pilgrim house. He would ~~over~~ *over* the the Shrine of the Bab to chant for two hours in the afternoon ~~and so pass~~ *and so pass* by and have tea with the pilgrims. We asked ~~our~~ questions and he taught us many things around the world. ~~was~~, *so* on that last night he would say: You have imbibed; now you must share. He meant that all that we had learned, heard, seen and experienced during those precious days, we were to take back and share with the Baha'is of our Community.

He spoke of the flow of ~~energy~~ from the communities to the world center and the outpouring of the spiritual forces of those consecrated places back into the Communities. *through the lives of the individuals*

That last night of his life on earth, there in that third-class hotel in London, as he worked on the progress chart of the Ten Year World Crusade - so ill, so weary - he spoke of many things he had to do and he said he was not going to do them when he went back. But one thing he would do - he said he would receive the pilgrims. *Revealed*

There is a Tablet, unpublished at that time, *the Baha'ullah Tablet* that how to receive the pilgrims.

U.S.
Now lets go back a moment to the beginning of the Ten Year Plan. I know how ~~they~~ were affected - and so it must have been all around the world - they were stunned, amazed, electrified. I knew right then that I would go - besides I had been saving for ~~that~~ pioneering for some time and was ready.

London
On Monday I received a ~~wire~~ *message* from Edna Tapp, Co. of a *European* *Travel* *Agency*. She said Nellie Franch had passed away in Monte Carlo and the Guardian had cabled that her post should be filled immediately - taking precedence over everything else. He said he did not want the momentum she had built up there, lost. I was asked to go. I must think it over. All right - write me tomorrow. And so I went

to the Beloved Guardian
Now I had written ~~for~~ *for* the pilgrimage, as it meant your name was on a list waiting for a year. But his letter came grantin the pilgrimage immediately. It was impossible for me to get my passport and and be there in the time stipulated, as I was in the midst of packing and working out details to go to Monaco. So I wrote him and he replied "Go, get settled and write me from there. So that is why I sailed from Europe instead of America. I went to Marseille to get the little boat Artza, of the Govt. of Israel. Six days it took and we saw land all the way to Cyprus. Then we struck out and ~~went~~ away from all sight of land. No storms but a terrible windy night. We were told to be ready to disembark next morning.

That morning I looked out of my window (tourist) and there stood the Shrine of the Bab in the center of Mount Carmel. Ruy.Khanum describes it as one of the most beautiful pieces of architecture on the Mediterranean Sea.

I hurried up stairs; the deck was crowded; and there in the center was the minister from Australia (many groups were were going - to spend the Christian Holidays there. He pointed to the Shrine and said: to his followers, perhaps a dozen : Now that is Baha'i. I don t know much about it. But they're for peace.

*Pilgrimage permitted
December*

he could

Revealed

Well, there we all were gathered around the table; it was the dinner hour
we were awaiting Ethel's call. Suddenly there it was: Come, come, he's ~~com~~
coming. We hurried down as fast as we could; Ethel led the way to the dining
room and to the Beloved Guardian.

First, a word about the dining room; it was a long room, not square
and there was a long table set with white linen table cloth, exquisite china

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Zain
Ethel led the way. ~~Ruhiyyih Khanum, Mr. Ioas and Jessie Revell were standing in their places, side by side;~~ the Guardian stood a few paces *away* ~~back from the table.~~ Ethel shook hands with him, taking his hand in both of hers. All in turn shook hands with the Beloved Guardian as he greeted us with the words "Welcome, welcome." Ruhiyyih Khanum told us to find our places, ~~they were marked,~~ but she helped us. Mrs. Giachery was seated at the head of the table; ~~to her right sat the Guardian, then Ruhiyyih Khanum, Mr. Ioas and then Jessie;~~ *that* ~~at the other end of the table sat Mrs. John Allen;~~ *21/14* ~~then to her right Mr. Allen, I sat next to him, Laura sat next to me and finally Dr. Giachery. Milly did not come, she was not feeling well, and Ethel ate elsewhere, as there was not room for another person.~~

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The Guardian served each guest; Persian Pilau, showering on us his hospitality and love. How describe him? A friend said to me: if you could make him a little plainer to us. That is not possible. Dr. Katherine True told in her pilgrim notes, about the man who met him 14 times. When he came out the first ~~time~~ he said "He is short." When he came out the last time he said "He is a giant."

In stature, the Guardian resembled Baha'u'llah; 'Abdu'l-Baha was taller than they were. *black* His face was oval, olive skin, a closely clipped black mustache; he wore a fez; a ~~white~~ soft white collar (~~I thin it was~~) and black tie. He wore a long tan robe; loosely woven with a bright figure in it. ~~I have imagined that it was the same one he wore when Mr. Sears was there, according to his description.~~ *account*

rather
His voice was melodious and his speech not English, as I had been told, but ~~the nearest I can come is to say it was Harvard accent.~~ Just pure English. I have a phobia about voices and instantly glued my ears on his voice. It must have interfered, ~~or something, for I fell~~ ~~for I noticed an imperceptible something and stopped that right there.~~ ~~His eyes; Ruhiyyih Khanum has described them. She said they were hazel. To me they looked dark.~~ An extraordinary thing happened one evening. She spoke of this; I do not remember what subject ~~we~~ were on; suddenly his eyes became two immense orbs; protruding; they seemed to me to be ruby red with shafts of fire or light. It lasted - I can't say - perhaps 30 seconds. There was silence - no one moved. Then he ~~wax~~ continued as usual. ~~What happened?~~ It seemed to me he was witnessing something. But I don't know. Perhaps he was listening to a ~~message.~~

One evening Mrs. Giachery asked him if 'Abdu'l-Baha had left him any instructions. He ~~said~~ "I had none. I had to find my way alone."
answered

Part I

That first evening at dinner with the Beloved Guardian the conversation turned on the atomic bomb. For thirty years the Guardian had been reading the London Times and that morning the scientists had something to say about "chain reaction" and the bomb. "The scientists are catching up with Baha'u'llah" he said.

There are three stages with the bomb: 1- destruction right there and then; 2. radiation - devastating; 3 chain reaction; that we haven't had yet.

Baha'u'llah said that "some day man would draw out of the earth a colossal force which would render mankind happy if it knew how to use it. So, if the bomb - the energy thereof would be used to serve humanity, that would be good. But it would be necessary to create a world counsel of wise men elected by the people, to control it. (Trans. from French notes)

Shoghi Effendi ~~commented~~ on to what Baha'u'llah wrote about material civilization. "The civilization so often vaunted by the learned exponents of arts and sciences, will, if allowed to overleap the bounds of moderation, bring great evil upon men.... If carried to excess civilization will prove as prolific a source of evil as it had been of goodness when kept within the restraints of moderation. The day is approaching when its flames will devour the cities..."

What is material civilization? Arts, sciences, government, progress, education, enlightenment. Nothing wrong with that. But unless combined with Divine Civilization, "Abdu'l-Baha said" there will be no results." What is Divine Civilization? When 'Abdu'l-Baha was in Paris they asked Him: What is the purpose of our lives? He said: To acquire virtues. That's divine civilization.

About the bomb, Baha'u'llah said: "A strange and wonderful instrument exists in the earth but it is concealed from the minds and souls. It is an instrument which has the power to change the atmosphere of the whole earth and its infection causes destruction."

The Guardian said the word "instrument" was not a true translation and he set us to work to find the word. We found nothing right: force, substance, element; I suggested: radiation; No, he said its not radiation. Ruhyyih Khanum finally said "There is a thing." and we left it at that.

He said "All the nations have suffered from the bomb, now it would be America's time. He said America is like a child that has gone astray. It has to be punished.

He said Americans are too attached to their possessions. No harm in material civilization. But attachment to it is wrong. That is materialism and that is evil. It has come to such a pass that even the materialists are saying that materialism is bad. It began in Europe, he said, but was perfected in America.

In case of war the big cities will be the first to be bombed. New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, The Bab was the first to say that His followers must forsake their homes in order to "aid My Cause."

The large cities have had great bounties bestowed upon them. They were visited by 'Abdu'l-Baha Himself.

Americans are too used to luxury and comfort. Persia has learned this materialism from America through Europe. Persians are leaving the villages because they cannot get rich fast enough there. I remember Mr. Baghdadi returning from a trip to Tehran when I was in Montpellier France, and he said they were "everyone is made making more money."

1. We had 6 dinners with Guardians in Haifa.
2. Nights - we were in Bahji, akka
3. One night he did not come to dinner!
He sat up all night working on the
codification of the Agdas.

Memorial

One evening at dinner the Guardian spoke of the buildings to be erected on Mt. Carmel. He took his pen and drew a semi-circle, marked in the corner to the ~~right~~, I think, where the archives building would be; it was just beginning; ~~the foundation was not even started.~~ Often he would refer to the drawing on an easel in a corner of the dining room; one could see his joy and pride in it. Then there would be the Universal House of Justice and a building resembling the Pentagon - offices and assembly rooms. There would be offices for the Hands, for NSA branch offices; every National Assembly will have a branch office at the World Center; (at that time there were seven, I think)

Different types of architecture, but harmonizing..

Mr. Ioas interposed a question - ~~it was not a question~~, between a statement and a question: There will be a home for the Guardian? There was a silence. He did not reply. Afterwards, when he passed away, I recalled that strange silence ~~and it explained it~~; He knew then that he would not live in that house.

A house will be built for the Guardian - a symbol of the Guardianship. One evening ~~at table~~ he told us that the future of the Guardianship is very great. We did not understand that he meant that when he was gone, his writings, interpretations, the administrative order he had reared would be ~~the~~ our eternal guidelines and the Guardianship did not suffer any decline when he left us.

He explained the administrative centre in the Monument of the Greatest Holy Leaf: Base - LSA's Pelous - NSAs; above - U.H.J.; and f

Now a few things that came up at table:

He said : Kings and dictators will again come into power, because of the chaos as civilization breaks apart.

Baha'is must expect all sorts of difficulties and troubles, but should be strong of heart and have great faith. We should be filled with the spirit of consecration and dedication, such as animated Martha Root and Hyde Dunn and Clara Dunn. America is in great danger because of materialism. Too much emphasis is placed on material well-being. Through it we become soft and attached to things. Even the American negro has become almost as materialistic as white. Africans will come and teach negroes in America. We must use moderation in all things. Godlessness created a vacuum and materialism fills it.

Steadfastness, enthusiasm in our efforts, purposefulness - these are essential.

A proof of the greatness of the Faith - that it was spread from prisons. This never happened, from the beginning of history. 'Abdu'l-Baha told this to a British Admiral who asked for a miracle that had happened in the Cause.

Committees: Must encourage individuals; must be a partnership between official bodies and individuals, but we must remember that we are serving the Cause of Baha'u'llah and not the committees or bodies. We must be internationally-minded about the Faith. The Bab emphasized the spiritual unity of mankind and Baha'u'llah said it would be a definite reality. There are prophecies concerning this. It will come during the Formative Age of the Faith. A super-state will be established and the Lesser Peace will first be realized. The first Super-state will be non-Baha'i. But the second will be the Baha'i World State. That is, under the auspices of the Baha'is.

The Most Great Peace marks the birth of world civilization. and will continue to develop throughout the ages and cycles, for 500,000 years and will embrace the whole planet. We are now in the Administrative phase of this Formative age which will culminate in World Order.

NSA is given full authority as a body; but members are not infallible.

7 Baha'is

THE GUARDIAN

Quote from Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Baha Vol. II, p.484: to an American believer.

O Maid servant of God, verily, that infant is born and exists, and there will appear from His Cause a wonder which thou wilt hear in the future. Thou shalt see Him with the most perfect form, most great gift, most complete perfection, most great power and strongest might! His face glisteneth with a glistening whereby the horizons are illumined. Therefore, forget not this account as long as thou art living, inasmuch as there are signs for it in the passing centuries and ages. ~~Upon thee be greetings and praise!~~

Shoghi Effendi was the Sign of God on earth. He was descended from the Twin Lote Trees - Bab and Baha'u'llah - from Abraham; (the Bab, Hagar, Ishmael and Muhammad and the Bab; Baha'u'llah, through Keturah, Zoroaster, and the Lord of Hosts, Baha'u'llah.

He was appointed in the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha as Center of the Covenant and Interpreter of the Baha'i Teachings and ~~Scriptures~~ ^{Writings} after Him.

Baha'u'llah revealed the Administrative System, the New World Order; 'Abdu'l-Baha elaborated on it and delineated its functions and powers, and the Guardian erected the visible structure - which is the New World Civilization - throughout the world. For thirty-six years he was World Leader of the Baha'i Faith. When he began his mission the Faith had reached 35 countries; when he passed away it was established in ~~25~~ ²⁵⁴ there were 12 National Assemblies, only one could be said to function, the one in the United States; when he passed away there ~~48~~ ⁴⁸ well developed NSA and many regionals which would soon become Nationals in their own right, and ere long we would read cables from the World Center saying there were 81 National Assemblies and ~~hundreds of~~ translations into ~~languages~~ ^{hundreds of languages}.

His mother was the eldest daughter of Abdu'l-Baha and his father a descendant of the Bab, the ~~Iranian~~ ^{His name} Mirza Hadi Shirazi; his mother Diya'iyih (BW Vol 13, p.59)

Shoghi Effendi Rabbani was born in the prison city of Akka, Mar.1, 1897. (In Feb. 1975 ~~it~~ ^{the property} was purchased by the Universal House of Justice. 7000 sq. metre ^{the room})

He passed away in a third-class hotel in London, Nov.4, 1957. And I believe that ~~this place~~ has been reserved in his memory. I know that Baha'is from many lands go there when they pass through London.

One night he told the pilgrims that the date 1957 mentioned in the New Era was not referring to a world event but to a major crisis in the Cause. All life, he said, is made up of crisis and victory. And then with a smile he added Without the crisis you do not have the victory.

One evening at dinner Mrs. Giachery asked if he had ^{had} any instructions from 'Abdu' -Baha and he answered "I had none - I had to find my way alone."

It was the Greatest Holy Leaf to whom he turned for help, support, consolation. Dr. Katherine True said that his mother used to stand at the foot of the stairs all day long just to catch a glimpse of him. You see, she was told to send for him by 'Abdu'l-Baha, when at Oxford and she didn't.

The austerity of the Guardian thrills me to the core. I swell with pride. He was real. "Your true brother" he would sign his letters; "Your true and grateful brother, Shoghi."

~~If they could be proud of us!~~

*Shoghi Effendi
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Part II The Guardian

He travelled second, third-class; stayed in second/third class hotels, ate in the cheapest restaurants, the cheapest meals.

We had dinner with him six evenings; two nights we spent in Bahji; one night he didn't come to dinner, he worked all night ~~codifying~~ ^{on codification of} the Aqdas.

But with one exception he wore the same robe (mentioned, too, by Mr. Sears). Only once did he change; it was a holy day and he chanted in the Shrine.

That night he came to dinner in ~~the same black, gleaming robe, a different~~ ^{color that} ~~one~~, and he radiated, such radiance. When Laura and I retired to our room we stood thoughtfully; then he turned, ~~he stretched out our hands and in~~ ^{his} voice we said "Isn't he beautiful!"

(That day we rode in the new car Mr. Allen had presented to the Guardian; the driver picked us up at Western Pilgrim House; and then stopped in front of Abdu'l-Baha's house for Ruhiyiyih Khanum. After a few minutes of waiting she came rushing and got into the car. "The Guardian and I can never enjoy these things she said, we are always rushing from one thing to another.")

*he wore a secret side chair
very perturbed
me et claimed*

Important!

They told us that the Guardian would suddenly go away - be gone a day, two days, a week; nothing was said - he just went. And when he returned the same - nothing was said. They understood from this that there ~~was~~ ^{is} a crisis in the Faith somewhere and he had gone to take care of it ~~as Guardian of the Faith.~~

One night he told us: I dissolved the Assembly in Damascus; the money ~~was~~ for ~~being~~ the Hazira was being used for personal interests.

Some one said to me "You didn't give your impression of the Guardian!" How could I? I asked the same of Sara Kenny and she said "He is a higher order of being."

Katherine True, in notes I have, said a man had 17 interviews with him. After the first, he said: He is short. After the 17th he said: "He is a giant."

When Abdu'l-Baha was on earth the believers were in Paradise. When the Guardian began his Mission he put us to work. But there was still wonder in the world; wonder; magic, romance. We could write to him and his answers were always prompt and thrilling. Signed: Your true brother; or Your true and grateful brother, Shoghi. ~~Radical. Infallible.~~

When Mrs. Maxwell returned to the United States after the marriage of her daughter ~~Mary Maxwell~~ and the Guardian, she told us about him. "That Holy Man" she would say. "The world is a mat at his feet. He knows what will happen ~~and...~~" The burden he carried, alone. Until Ruhiyiyih Khanum came to help and work beside him.

Letter from Jessie Revell, Oct. 8, 1954 - at table with the Beloved Guardian. "Shoghi Effendi has said that the story of Noah is reacted now with Godlessness and materialism. Baha'is must be different from others not only in big things but in small things. This is what attracts more than anything else - to find this demonstrated on the actions of the believers. Coupled with God's plan and with our efforts, Baha'is must distinguish themselves, because Baha'is have no ulterior motives. Sincerity and devotion will eliminate suspicion, distrust and sensitivity.The sacrifice the Guardian speaks of is that we will serve the Faith at any cost.

(Once, (another occasion) he said "devotion is not enough. We must have character.")

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His functions:

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- To maintain the integrity of the Teachings
- the unity of the believers
- to interpret the Writings
- to give infallible guidance

The Guardian set himself to accomplish two major tasks:

1. To steer the believers all over the world into working through purely organized administrative channels, as indicated by Baha'u'llah and defined by 'Abdu'l-Baha. (~~What is the source of the authority for Adm. Order? Sources.~~)
2. To see that year by year they became more emancipated from the bonds of the past, whether identification with former religious doctrines and organizations or the following of the outworn and corrupt patterns of conduct, current in the society of their various nations and alien to the new standards. (Twenty-five years of the Guardianship. p.28)

Shoghi Effendi concerned himself with three divinely revealed Charters, which have set in motion three distinct processes in the unfoldment of the World Order of Baha'u'llah:

1. The Tablet of Carmel, revealed by Baha'u'llah, ~~which is the Charter of the development of the Institutions of the Faith at its World Centre, including the establishment of the Supreme edifice of the Universal House of Justice.~~ ^{for}
2. The Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha, the Charter for the establishment of the Administrative Order throughout the world, including the establishment of the supreme edifice of the Universal House of Justice.
3. The Charter of the Divine Plan, constituting the Charter for the propagation of the Faith and the spiritual conquest of the planet.

Another function of the Guardian, especially at the World Centre was to win recognition of the Cause as a World Religion entitled to the same status and prerogatives that other religions, such as Christianity, Islam, Judaism, enjoy. (pp 250)

The first great/achievement of his life was the development of the World Centre and can only be compared in importance to the spread of the Cause itself, throughout the entire globe, *under his leadership*

The second greatest concern of the Guardian was the construction of the Shrine of the Bab.

// He was nine years old.

The Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Baha is in three parts. The Guardian was appointed when he was a little boy // (Notes of Miss Rosenberg, London LSA; describing the reading of the Will; She said: There were old grey-haired men present who had been in the movement for many years and if there had been the slightest doubt of the authenticity of the Will they would have known it.)

The Guardian was aware of 'Abdu'l-Baha's great love for him. It was veiled to protect him. 'Abdu'l-Baha told him never to drink coffee in the homes of Baha'is.

Though abounding with spirits the Guardian was not strong as a child. He grew up to have an iron constitution which, coupled with his phenomenal force of nature and will power enabled him in later years to overcome every obstacle.

inspired, unique in its features, world-embracing in its scope, and fundamentally spiritual in its character - a civilization destined as it unfolds to derive its initial impulse from the spirit animating the very institutions which, in their embryonic state, are now stirring in the womb of the present Formative Age of the Faith.

Advise share this message with the Hands of the Cause and the members of the National Spiritual Assemblies throughout the Bahá'í world. " Shoghi

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We were told - on our return from two nights at Bahji, when we missed discussion at table with the Guardian - that one evening he enlarged on the future greatness of the Guardianship.

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The Arc is the whole body of the believers in the world.

The Ark is the International House of Justice and the members are those who ride in it.

The question was asked: What is the Red Epistle; it is the same as Crimson Ark and means the Covenant. The words Crimson and Red are used because they represent the spilled blood of the Báb; the word Ruby is used (Ruby Tablet) because His blood is the most precious that has been spilled, as the Ruby is the most precious of gems.

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The seat of other bodies such as the ~~Guardianship~~, the Hands of the Cause, the International House of Justice will all be in this Arc; in somewhat the same way that the American Government has its seat in Washington, the White House, the Capitol, the Pentagon ...but whereas it is administration of one country those on Mount Carmel will represent the administration of the whole world.

When the Guardian speaks of the former of the latter

After 30 years efforts to get the land from Mrs. Sprague (sister of Fareed) the Government took it over for about half what she asked and it was bought from the Government. Immediately the Guardian had engineers lay out the fanlike road, blasting rock, levelling and preparing the way for the Archives Edifice. The Guardian knows every rock and tree in those gardens. We saw freshly planted flowers where the rock had just been blasted.

International Bahá'í Archives
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One night at dinner the Guardian dwelt at length upon the erection of the Archives Edifice, first of the Institutions to be built in the fan-shaped section of land above the Shrines of the Greatest Holy Leaf, Navvab and the Purest Branch. He designated the Shrines as the point from which the fan would spread. "The raising of this Edifice will in turn herald the construction, in the course of successive epochs of the Formative Age of the Faith, of several other structures, which will serve as the administrative seats of such divinely appointed institutions as the Guardianship, and the Universal House of Justice.....The ultimate completion of this stupendous undertaking will mark the culmination of the development of a worldwide divinely-appointed Administrative Order whose beginnings may be traced as far back as the concluding years of the Heroic Age of the Faith. This vast and irristible process, unexampled in the spiritual history of mankind, and which will synchronize with two no less significant developments - the establishment of the Lesser Peace and the evolution of Bahá'í national and local institutions - the one outside and the other within the Bahá'í world - will attain its final consummation, in the Golden Age of the Faith, through the raising of the standard of the

Most Great Peace, and the emergence, in the plentitude of its power and glory, of the focal Center of the agencies constituting the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh. The final establishment of this seat of the future Bahá'í World Commonwealth will signalize at once the proclamation of the sovereignty of the Founder of our Faith and the advent of the Kingdom of the Father repeatedly lauded and promised by Jesus Christ.

This World Order will, in turn, in the course of successive Dispensations of the Bahá'í Cycle, yield its fairest fruit through the birth and flowering of a civilization, divinely inspired, unique in its features, world-embracing in its scope, and fundamentally spiritual in its character - a civilization destined as it unfolds to derive its initial impulse from the spirit animating the very institutions which, in their embryonic state, are now stirring in the womb of the present Formative Age of the Faith."

The acquisition of this property was delayed more than thirty ✓ years by the sister of Fareed, notorious enemy of the Center of Bahá'u'lláh's Covenant - a 1300 meter plot. (Guardian's cable November 27, 1954)