

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

10 May 2023

Transmitted by email: _____

Dr. _____
Australia

Dear Bahá'í Friend,

The Universal House of Justice has received your emails of 22 March and 1 April 2023, in which you raise questions related to Quddús in connection with a book you are writing about his life. Your emails have been referred to our Department for response.

In relation to the location of the remains of Quddús, beyond the publicly available information nothing further is currently known about this matter. In this regard, your attention is drawn to three articles that can be found at the addresses set out below.

With respect to the question in your second email, the Research Department at the Bahá'í World Centre has previously reported, in response to a similar query, that, to date, it has not found any statement in the Bahá'í Writings to the effect that if the Báb had hesitated in announcing His mission, Quddús would have declared himself as a Messenger of God or been the chosen one for such a position. That Department has also noted that, in the period of turmoil and instability that prevailed in the Bábí community following the Martyrdom of the Báb, a number of people either announced themselves as the Promised One anticipated by the Báb or, in some instances, the community coalesced around one or more prominent believers. For example, in *The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh*, rev. ed. (Oxford: George Ronald, 1988), volume 1, page 68, Adib Taherzadeh indicates that in Qazvín, the believers created “four sects, each bearing a name” and that “some followed Mírzá Yahyá, others identified their faith with Quddús or Táhiriḥ, and some considered themselves the followers of the *Bayán*, the Mother Book of the Bábí Revelation.”

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Department of the Secretariat

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