



‘Abdu’l-Bahá, Centre of the Covenant

Bahá’u’lláh made an agreement with the Bahá’ís: He said if we turn to ‘Abdu’l-Bahá the Bahá’í Faith will never be divided and we will always know the right thing to do. This is because, just as the Light of God shines in Bahá’u’lláh, so the light of Bahá’u’lláh shines in ‘Abdu’l-Bahá.

Bahá’u’lláh called ‘Abdu’l-Bahá “The apple of Mine eye”, which means that He loved Him very, very much.

Some titles of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

When Bahá’u’lláh’s Soul left this world to return to God in the Abhá Kingdom, He left a Will saying that all the Bahá’ís must turn to ‘Abdu’l-Bahá for guidance. Bahá’u’lláh gave ‘Abdu’l-Bahá some very special names:

“The Centre of the Covenant”,
because He understood all the Teachings of Bahá’u’lláh, and to obey ‘Abdu’l-Bahá is the same as obeying Bahá’u’lláh;

“The Mystery of God”,
because there has never been anyone quite like ‘Abdu’l-Bahá before and no-one can understand completely how wonderful He is;

“The Most Great Branch”,
because He was the most important member of the Family of Bahá’u’lláh, and like a strong and mighty branch growing from the Tree of the Religion of God;

“The Master”,
because He taught us how to be true Bahá’ís.

‘Abdu’l-Bahá called Himself:
“‘Abdu’l-Bahá”, which means “Servant of Bahá’u’lláh”.

Bahá'u'lláh said:

“Render thanks unto God,
O people, for His appearance;
for verily He is the most
great Favour unto you,
the most perfect bounty upon you....
Whoso turneth towards Him
hath turned towards God.....”

All the pure hearted people who met 'Abdu'l-Bahá loved Him and respected Him and when He died everyone was very, very sad.

But the world had not really lost 'Abdu'l-Bahá because He told the Bahá'ís that His spirit would always be with them, even when His body was not. And when He left this world He gave us a beautiful gift.

