

## National Bahá'í Council of the United States of the Orthodox Bahá'í Faith

Dear Mr. Shahram Olia,

Your letter of Jan 29, 2015 and its commendable attached document, was recently forwarded to me. The writer (Sahba Vejdani) has exposed the wrongdoing of the so called Universal House of Justice (UHJ) regarding the demanding and collecting the Right of God (Huququ'llah), without having any authority to do so and in contradiction to the provisions of the sacred Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

Sahba has justifiably requested Bahá'is to: ***“investigate the authorized persons and institutions for receipt of the Right of God (Huququ'llah)”***

The Will and Testament of Master, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, undeniably establishes the fact that the Guardian of the Cause of God is the Center of the Cause and regarding the Right of God (Huququ'llah), clearly reveals that:

***“It is to be offered through the Guardian of the Cause of God”***

Shoghi Effendi, the first Guardian of the Cause of God, has emphasized that:

***“According to the Master's Will, which complements the Aqdas, the Huquq goes only to the Guardian.”*** - (To Mr. George O. Latimer, Portland, Oregon, dated Haifa, June 17, 1933. Extracts from the USBN)

Nosrat'u'llah Bahremand is the Guardian of the Cause of God, the Center of the Cause, and as did the Guardian before him, considers that presently it is not obligatory for the Bahá'is to pay Huququ'llah.

To the contrary:

The illegitimate UHJ, which has no such authority to demand Huququ'llah, is doing just that. In fact, even a legitimate Universal House of Justice, which in the future and in due time, will be established in accordance to the provisions of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, cannot claim such authority.

It is important to note that the so called UHJ was spuriously created by the former Hands of the Cause, without authority and in total contradiction to the provisions of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, in which it is clearly ordained that the Guardian of the Cause of God is *“its sacred head and the distinguished member for life of that body. Should he not attend in person its deliberations, he must appoint one to represent him. Should any of the members commit a sin, injurious to the common weal, the Guardian of the Cause of God hath at his own discretion the right to expel him, whereupon the people must elect another one in his stead.”* - (The Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá)

The Tablet of Lisan-e-Huzur, revealed by 'Abdu'l-Bahá, in response to the questions of a person (Wahid Lisan-e-Huzur), can be found in the Ma'idih-yi-Asmani, V2 p75. This Tablet contains a total of 646 words, in response to different questions asked by Wahid Lisan-e-Huzur, of which only 13 words are included in the specific answer by 'Abdu'l-Bahá relating to one unknown question. It is this answer, which was selectively picked up by the bogus UHJ in 1972, that was used as justification for their actions regarding Huquq, which states:

***“Disposition of the Huquq, wholly or partly, is permissible, but this should be done by permission of the authority in the Cause”***

Then in their translation from the original text to English, the illegitimate UHJ, in their own words, added: *“to whom all must turn”* and then claimed that: *“In another Tablet 'Abdu'l-Bahá referred to the Universal House of Justice as 'the authority to whom all must turn'”*

Subsequent to this notice and their bogus claim of authority to demand Huququ'llah in 1972, the illegitimate UHJ has yet to this day been able to reveal the claimed tablet of 'Abdu'l-Bahá to the Bahá'í World or provide any substantiating reference as to its origin. This is obviously because no such table exist, as it would be in contradiction to what 'Abdul'-Bahá had made very clear in his Will and Testament, that:

*“the authority to whom all must turn”* is none other than Guardian of the Cause of God.

*“The mighty stronghold shall remain impregnable and safe through obedience to him who is the Guardian of the Cause of God. It is incumbent upon the members of the House of Justice, upon all the Aghsán, the Afnán, the Hands of the Cause of God to show their obedience, submissiveness and subordination unto the Guardian of the Cause of God, to turn unto him and be lowly before him. He that opposeth him hath opposed the True One, will make a breach in the Cause of God, will subvert His Word and will become a manifestation of the Center of Sedition.”* - (The Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá)

Coincidentally, in the same Tablet of Lisan-e-Huzur, 'Abdu'l-Bahá explains that:

*“Aghsan (Branches) are not limited and restricted to certain people, they have perpetual motion, whoever will be steadfast will be accepted and whoever be wavering will fall”*

I hope that this response provides you with some clarity as to the question regarding the authority of the illegitimate UHJ in demanding and collecting the Right of God (Huququ'llah). I would also encourage you to visit the website of the Guardian of the Cause of God, Nosrat'u'llah Bahreman @ <http://www.Bahai-Guardian.com>, where you will find many in-depth and scholarly writings that address the question of the twin institutions of the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice and their sacred relationship, as established by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in His Will and Testament.

As the Secretary of the National Bahá'í Council of the Orthodox Bahá'í Faith of the United States, I warmly welcome any future communication from you and again commend Ms. Sahba Vejdani for her insightful challenge of the illegitimate demands of an absolutely bogus UHJ.

Faithfully in the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh Under the Guardianship of the Bahá'í Faith,

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