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# unite THE hearts



'Unite the hearts' is a way of expressing the principle of the oneness of humanity, and the need to establish unity among the peoples of the earth.

The oneness of humanity cherishes the natural diversity of temperament and talents among individuals as well as humanity's varied races, creeds, classes, cultures and viewpoints.

All contribute to the human family's progress and well being.

Accepting the concept of unity implies the development in the individual of a global consciousness, a sense of world citizenship and a love for humanity as a whole.

Each member of the human race is born into the world as a trust of the entire planet.

It is the responsibility of all of us to promote the advantage of the whole of mankind.

It is towards this goal of unity that the Bahá'í Community has been working for over 157 years.



**'The diversity in the human family should be the cause of love and harmony, as it is in music where many notes blend together in the making of a perfect chord.'**

Today in virtually every country in the world, Bahá'ís who come from every religious and cultural background; Christian, Islamic, Jewish, Zoroastrian, Hinduism, Buddhism and all others as well as no faith, gather together to practice a belief which teaches:

- The oneness of all religions and the oneness of the entire human race
- Independent investigation of truth
- Equality of men and women
- The importance of education for all
- That work performed in the spirit of service is elevated to the rank of worship
- Establishment of a universal auxiliary language
- Elimination of extremes of wealth and poverty
- Establishment and safeguarding of a permanent and universal peace as the supreme goal of mankind.
- Service to humanity.

Bahá'u'lláh's assertion, that 'The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens' is today realised by the emergence of the Bahá'í world community which is evidence that the human race in all its diversity - can learn to live and work together in harmony.



ye are  
all the  
flowers of  
one garden  
and the  
leaves of  
one tree

'O Children of Men!  
Know ye not why We  
created you all from the  
same dust? That none should  
exalt himself over the other.  
Ponder at all times in your  
hearts how ye were created.  
Since we have created you  
all from one same substance  
it is incumbent on you to be  
even as one soul, to walk  
with the same feet, eat with  
the same mouth and dwell in  
the same land, that from  
your inmost being, by your  
deeds and actions, the signs  
of oneness and the essence  
of detachment may be made  
manifest.'

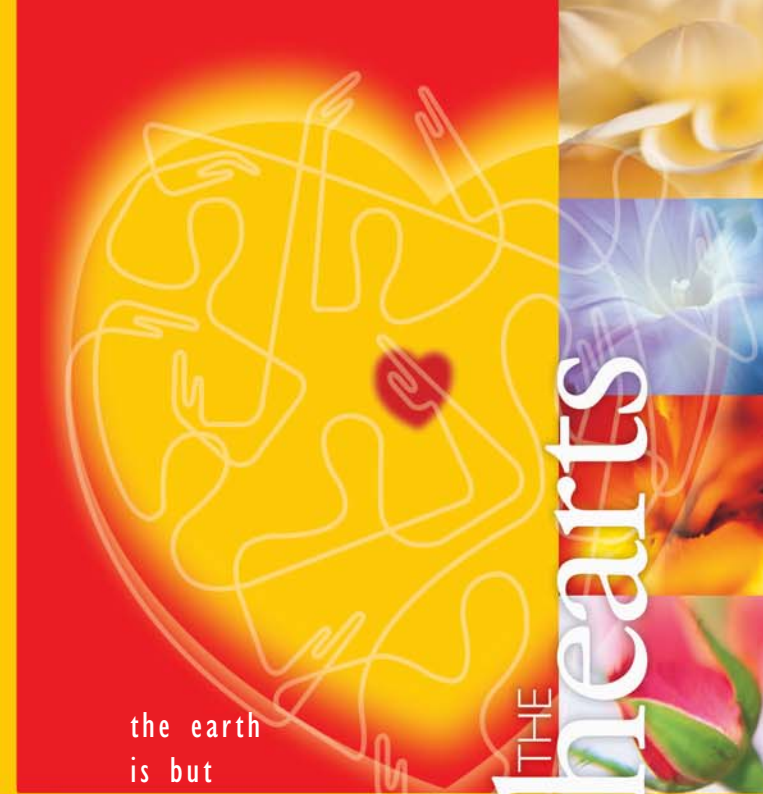


a community  
**without**  
PREJUDICE

These are the words written in  
the middle of the nineteenth  
century by Bahá'u'lláh, who  
declared that He was the long-  
expected educator and teacher  
of all peoples. The One awaited  
by all the worlds religions. For  
more than fifty years, in over  
one hundred volumes, He  
wrote to the religious leaders,  
kings, queens, presidents, prime  
ministers and peoples of the  
world that the way to religious  
and political unity was the  
oneness of humanity and the  
oneness of religion.

To Edward Granville Browne,  
the British orientalist who  
visited Bahá'u'lláh in 1890, He  
stated 'That all nations should  
become one in faith and all  
men as brothers, that the bonds  
of affection and unity between  
the sons of men should be

strengthened; that diversity of  
religion should cease and  
differences of race be annulled  
and all men be as one kindred  
and one family, what harm is  
there in this?'



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