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Letters to the Editor



Dear Bahá'í Friends,

PASSING OF FUAD RIZAI

My family and I wish to thank everyone who attended my beloved Fuad's funeral and memorial service. It was a very special and spiritual day and my family and I were extremely comforted by those who attended. He was a wonderful person and is so much missed. Thank you for the donations sent to the National Spiritual Assembly and the hospice in the Weald where Fuad was looked after so well in November.

Warmest Bahá'í love,

Jill, Lesley, Riza, Zia and Farhad

Dear Friends,

PROTECTION FROM FINANCIAL DISASTER

Recently we were on holiday in Spain and spent a day viewing the magnificent Alhambra in Granada. Our Spanish guide, Oscar, explained that much of the building was done during the 14th century when the Black Death or plague was raging in the rest of Europe, killing about one third of the population. But the Moors, Oscar continued, kept on building the wonderful Alhambra, as they were protected from the Black Death because they followed the Islamic law of washing before their regular daily prayers.

I later reflected that if one of the dangers of the 14th century was the Black Death, one of the dangers of the 21st century was a worldwide financial disaster. How will Bahá'ís be protected from such a disaster? How do we keep our finances clean and pure from the many corruptions in the financial markets?

Compilations on the law of Huqúqu'lláh seem to make it quite clear:

Payment of the Right of God is conducive to prosperity, to blessing, and to honour and divine protection ... (1)

It purifies ones possessions, averts loss and disaster, conduces to prosperity and honour and imparts divine increase and blessing... (2)

Warmest love, Michael and Maureen Melville

1) Universal House of Justice Compilation on Huqúqu'lláh 1985. Verse 6

2) Ibid. Verse 100

Dear Editor

EVENTS REPORTAGE

I would like to make a plea for a change in emphasis in the way events such as Bahá'í Schools and Conferences are reported in the Journal. Can we not "take as read" the "great spirit", "inspiring speakers", "moving presentations" and "beautiful surroundings/delicious meals" – and be told instead in greater detail about what were the "magic moments" and "significant sayings" to the reporters.

Such specifics, I feel, will be much more interesting and informative to people who didn't have the bounty of being there – and also to future history students who will comb the Journal for glimpses into second century Bahá'í life and thought.

Your faithfully, Chris Johnson

Dear Friends

INFUSE YOUTH EVENTS, 2003

Below is a snapshot of the youth events for 2003, all of which will be held at Burnlaw Centre in Northumbria. Please monitor the INFUSE Internet Site (www.infuse.org.uk) for more information and booking details.

The INFUSE Internet Site will be updated soon. We are hoping to include a new section for sharing encouraging and inspiring articles and short stories. Anyone wishing to be involved should contact info@infuse.org.uk.

“The Journey” May 30–June 1

If you have ever wondered if there is something more than day-to-day living, surviving or coping, then this event may answer your questions. This youth programme looks at life as a journey and focuses upon the Bahá'í concept of the soul and its development in this world and the next.

“Dare To Be Different” July 20–25 (To be confirmed)

Do you feel in control of your life? Or do you feel too influenced by your friends, TV and others? This youth event explores how you can further develop your leadership skills in both your personal and spiritual life.

“Keyz to True Freedom” October 23–26

The Kitáb-i-Aqdas, the Most Holy Book, is the most important work of Bahá'u'lláh and contains His love, His laws and His hopes for all of us. This event supports young people in their exploration of these important Teachings.

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