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P.S. Yes Pepe was the Guardian, even though there are people who will dispute with this by saying Pepe wasn't even a Baha'i, or he didn't accept this position, etc. Even if all this were true, if he was a son and appointed by the previous Guardian, we're stuck with him. If this were the case, which it wasn't, imagine the kind of test it would be for the people to continue to bear their allegience to such an individual and not go awhoring after other "guardians" because this was the one and only Aghsan appointed to this position. These types of test have occured throughout the history of the line of David. But Pepe acknowledged his Guardianship and the Aghsan lineage as well as believing in Baha'u'llah, yet these are not requirements that need to be fulfilled according to the Covenant. The only two criteria that is given is #1 he is a son (Aghsan) and #2 he was appointed by the previous Guardian.

No other excuse or plan or theology will stand up to this criteria. This criteria has lasted for the last 3,000 years. They have to be a son, and they have to be appointed.

doris

May 24, 2009

#105 |

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Mason was the Aghsan head of the House of Justice and later Mason adopted a son whose name was Pepe and Pepe adopted Neal Chase who is a blood-line descendant of David and collateral descendant of Baha'u'llah.

Complete hogwash. Firstly - Mason Remey adopted Pepe who NEVER became a Baha'i, and who NEVER held any Baha'i office at all, and who was NEVER appointed to any office by Mason Remey, least of all guardian. Pepe was not only NOT guardian he wasn't even a follower of Baha'u'llah!

Secondly - being a son does not automatically carry with it the office of guardianship

Neal Chase is no more the guardian of the Baha'i Faith than donald duck is.

doris

Longueuil, Canada

May 24, 2009

#106 I

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Victor Woods wrote:

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Pepe did not acknowledge anything at all. That is an absolute 100% falsehood.. To the end of his days Pepe steadfastly refused to join the Baha'i Faith let alone take up any office. Letters from Pepe himslef attest to his, including one he sent to the mainstream Baha'is informing them that his name was being used without his permission by Leland Jensen among others despite the fact that he had protested to Jensen about it and asked him to desist.

You either do not know what you are talking about, or you are deliberately lying about Pepe. HE WAS NEVER APPOINTED GUARDIAN BY REMEY AND HE HIMSELF IS ON RECORD AS SAYING HE WAS NOT.

Or are you accusing HIM of lying?

James

Bombay, India

May 24, 2009

#107 |

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Obviously we don't have a copyright over the 'words' of our religion but our religious organization does own certain trademarks

Which trademarks are you referring to? Certainly no religious organization can own words like "Islam", "Christianity", "Baha'i etc as trademarks. The US court's decision over 40 years ago was unjust and needs to be reversed.

Reform Bahai Faith

May 25, 2009

#108 |

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Long suppressed by Bahais of other denominations. Reform Bahais have returned to, and renewed. Abdu'l-Baha's authentic 1912 Covenant.

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Of the several Bahai denominations, the Reform Bahai Faith is the only denomination that follows Abdu'l-Baha'is authentic Covenant, and not what many have believed is the fraudulent will and testament of 1921.

Frederick Glaysher Reform Bahai Faith http://www.reformbahai.org

Wilmette Bahai Shunning

May 25, 2009

#109 I Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

The reporter Manya A. Brachear mentions an appalling fact, entirely glossed over by every Wilmette Baha'i poster to this thread: "Goldberg's wife was encouraged to divorce her husband.'

What Ms. Brachear doesn't report is that Wilmette Baha'is who refuse to "shun" their spouse are themselves in turn shunned from the denomination.

It's difficult to think of a more spiritually sick practice than this one that the fraudulent will and testament has produced, carefully hidden from new Baha'is and the general American public.

For the stories and comments of about dozen people who have experienced or witnessed the effects of Baha'i shunning, see Shunning > Menu http://www.fglaysher.com/bahaicensorship/Shun...

Frederick Glaysher

The Baha'i Faith & Religious Freedom of Conscience http://www.fglaysher.com/bahaicensorship/

Janice

May 25, 2009

#110 I Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Doris

I am impressed by your knowledge of many angles to this topic. You must be one of the Baha'is that is allowed to research this. Have you by chance read the Diary of Mason Remey? In it there is a wealth of information regarding how Remey arrived at his conclusions. I don't recall that he had a lot of contact with Marangella at the time. Remey was in Haifa and Marangella was not. I do have a copy if you would be interested.

Victor Woods

May 25, 2009

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Dear Doris, Those are good points, but again, to add any other criteria other than that he must be a son and be appointed is going outside the framework of the Will & Testament. Pepe was very much in support of the BUPC and acknowledged this in numerous letters some of which both my wife and I received. Here is an excerpt from one:

"Mason was confident that in time the masses of Believers would come to the conclusion that they needed and wanted a Guardian. Had they done so during his lifetime, I should not have objected to being his successor. Mason would have delighted in (the) conclusion regarding the Afnan and Aghsan branches and if it is true

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that Mason was, in fact, the adopted Aghsan son of 'Abdu'l-Baha, and if that fact were to be generally accepted, then I should not be able to refuse being his only possible successor.... The fact will always remain that if the Baha'i Faith must have a Guardian to progress, then only Mason Remey could have fulfilled that role, and Mason Remey intended me as his successor..." (Pepe, 25 July 1991, Personal names omitted for privacy)

Sorry for the contgradiction to your statements, but these are letters that we have and we had correspondence with him on and many more until his passing in 1994. I'm sorry you have been misinformed. You can read more of these as well as excerpts from Mason's diaries here

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Susan

May 25, 2009

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doris wrote:

You either do not know what you are talking about, or you are deliberately lying about Pepe. HE WAS NEVER APPOINTED GUARDIAN BY REMEY AND HE HIMSELF IS ON RECORD AS SAYING HE WAS NOT. Or are you accusing HIM of lying?

I've seen one letter where he says that Remey offered to make him Guardian but that Pepe turned Remey down saying he had too many doubts

Susan

May 25, 2009

#113 I Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Wilmette Bahai Shunning wrote: For the stories and comments of about dozen people who have experienced or witnessed the effects of Baha'i shunning.

Uh, of those 'dozen people' quoted on your website only one was actually shunnned. This is really rather rare. If there are only 40 members of the OBF in the entire country most Baha'is are never going to even meet one.

Susan Jackson, MS May 25, 2009

#114 I Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Reform Bahai Faith wrote:

Long suppressed by Bahais of other denominations, Reform Bahais have returned to, and renewed, Abdu'l-Baha's authentic 1912

You got a website, Fred, but where is your membership list?

There is no evidence that the Reform Baha'i Faith *has* any members aside from Freddie himself. Your paranoia doesn't allow them to stick around. You once attracted a disgruntled Baha'i from India, and then chased him away because whoever designed his website had the same Indian surname as I have.

auinn

oucherville, Canada

May 25, 2009

#115 I

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Doris, I am aware of the letter Susan talks about, But you are essentially correct, Pepe never became a Bahaì, much less the Guardian of the Bahaì Faith.

Perhaps Victor is unaware of other letters Pepe sent out bitterly complaining that Leland Jensen was trying to force a station upon him that he did not want.

The idea of Pepe as Guardian came from nowhere but the imaginings of Jensen and, later, Chase.

Joel Bray Marangella at least had a brief claim before Remey withdrew the appointment. Chase has nothing.

Victor Woods

May 25, 2009

#116 I

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How do you explain the above quoted letter?

quinn

Boucherville, Canada

May 25, 2009

#117 I

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Victor Woods wrote: How do you explain the above quoted letter?

Where on earth does that letter show that Pepe was Guardian????

Victor Woods

May 25, 2009

#118 |

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"if it is true that Mason was, in fact, the adopted Aghsan son of 'Abdu'l-Baha, and if that fact were to be generally accepted, then I should not be able to refuse being his only possible successor.... The fact will always remain that if the Baha'i Faith must have a

Guardian to progress, then only Mason Remey could have fulfilled that role, and Mason Remey intended me as his successor..."

And yes, it was true. Mason was the only Aghsan who qualified to be the Guardian and this was in the Plan from the beginning. None of the other claimants to the Guardianship after Mason ever claimed to be Aghsan, and thus they are immediately eliminated from consideration. Only one person fulfilled this position. This was Pepe. He asserts this in his letter that Mason had intended for him to be his successor. Pepe was Mason's only son. Pepe acknowledged his Guardianship in other letters and referred to himself as a "do-nothing" Guardian in occultation. There are only two criteria. he must be an Aghsan (son) and be appointed. Anything added to this is outside the criteria the W&T deliniates. This is the "Straight Path" that is tread by the faithful. The "faithful" are those who do not rebell against the deignated lineage and try to establish added or false criteria. When Pepe passed on in 1994 the mantle of Guardianship passed from Pepe to Pepe's adopted son, Neal Chase ben Joseph Aghsan bringing the natural line of David and Baha'u'llah grafted back into the tree. It doesn't make any difference what anyone says. The fact that Pepe was the only son of Mason makes him the only one who can be Mason's successor. To go with any other plan or design or path or theology is going against the designated Aghsan lineage which is the Lineage of David that is promised in the Book of Psalms to last for as long as their is life on this planet. There have always been those who have continually attacked and denied the Throne of David, but the Throne continues to this day despite them. If the peopel do not want the Promised Everlasting Covenant then that is no skin off my nose. I believe everyone can believe whatever they want. But what I ususally end up believing is that which is true. That which is in conformity to the revealed writings and the fact that the Guardianship of the House of Justice is confined to the Aghsan lineage of Baha'u'llah in the Will & Testament. If the Guardianship continued after the death of Shoghi Effendi, who else could have fulfilled this role? Mason was the only one for the fact that he was Aghsan. Mason might have appointed others, but Mason had only one son, Pepe. Its really easy if you think about it. If people could accept the Straight Path this would be a very powerful point of unity. But people are silly. They are suspicious, jealous, envious, and so the attacks and rejection of the Aghsan lineage and the Throne of David continue. C'est la vie

doris Longueuil, Canada May 25, 2009

#119 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Pepe was NEVER the Guardian.

You clearly you do not understand the meaning of Aghsan; you do not understand that the Guardianship does not automatically pass to a son even if he is the only son; and you do not understand that 9 Hands of the Cause must approve the appointment.

Neal Chase is not Aghsan, he was not appointed by a living guardian, he was not ratified by the Hands, and he is NOT, NEVER HAS BEEN, AND NEVER WILL BE GUARDIAN of anything but his own swollen ego.

That is the truth.

Ross Campbell

May 25, 2009

#120 l

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Dear Doris,

The Master's sacred Will and Testament uses the word "assent" not approve, a very different meaning, and a very different purpose, which requires interpretation and interpretative application, which power of interpretation sans-Guardian Baha'is and their leaders do not possess. Nine Hands of the Cause did not assent to Shoghi Effendi's appointment because it arrived directly from the Master. The appointment of Shoghi Effendi's successor did not need assent because there could not possibly be any confusion over the irrefutable fact that the Master's Will and Testament identifies the "sacred head" of a Universal House of Justice to be none other than a Guardian of the **Baha'i** Faith.

It is interesting that you refer to the fact that the Hands "must" give their assent to the Guardian's choice of his successor as if you recognize that that is a living, active, vigorous Instruction of Abdu'l-Baha', currently in force, which it in fact is, and yet sans-Guardian Baha'is believe that His command concerning that "assent' is dead, lifeless, and obsolete. In the Heterodox **Baha'i** organization that sacred Instruction of the Center of the **Baha'i** Covenant has never been in force, has never been obeyed and never will be obeyed or put into practice.

Cordially.

Janice

May 26, 2009

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Another question for Victor,

How do you determine that a "son" is adopted? Did Abdu'l-Baha formally adopt Mason or did he simply just call him son or "Aghsan". Couldn't that just be an affectionate way of telling him he was part of the spiritual family? Also, did Pepe formally or legally "adopt" Neil Chase?

I need more details to figure out your argument.

Victor Woods

May 26, 2009

#122 | Judge it! | Report Abuse | Reply »

Dear Doris.

It is funny that people always misunderstand this passage in the Will, even though Shoghi was clear in his explanation of this:

"The statement in the Will of 'Abdu'l-Bahá does not imply that the Hands of the Cause of God have been given the authority to overrule the Guardian.'Abdu'l-Bahá could not have provided for a conflict of authority in the Faith. This is obvious, in view of His own words, which you will find on page 13 (p. 11 of 1944 U.S. edition) of the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá. "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 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...etc."

Baha'i News, February 1955

So, as far as my not "understanding" what the Aghsan is, if I am failing in this...maybe you could enlighten me seeing you seem to have a firm grasp on the meaning of the Covenant as you have thus far shown....

As far as the first born son, this is implicit in the Will and I don't understand how people are able to read the W&T and not read these words:

"Thus, should the first-born of the Guardian of the Cause of God not manifest in himself the truth of the words:-- "The child is the secret essence of its sire," that is, should he not inherit of the spiritual within him (the Guardian of the Cause of God) and his glorious lineage not be matched with a goodly character, then must he,(the Guardian of the Cause of God) choose another branch to succeed him."

(Abdu'l-Baha, The Will and Testament, p. 12)

This is the law of "primogeniture", the inheritence goes to the first born son. In the case of Shoghi Effendi, he did not have any children so he is instructed in the W&T to "choose another branch". "Branch" is translated as "Aghsan" which are the male heirs to Baha'u'llah. Mason Remey was Abdu'l-Baha's Adopted son, everyone knew this including Shoghi Effendi so he chose Mason "another branch" whom he placed at the head of the IBC, which was the UHJ in its first stage of development. The reason people do not want to accept this "round about" way of Mason being appointed is not that they deny Mason, its that they don't want God's Plan as God's Plan has always been contrary to the whims and wantings of people's expectations.

Neal Chase Ben Joseph Aghsan is the Guardian, has been in the Plan since the beginning to be the Guardian and it will be people who have gone against this plan who will go down in history as having been on record, attacking, denying, rejecting, openly disputing with, and contending with the Guardian and the Divine Plan of God. I am not particular as to what I believe. I don't care what other people think. I just want to know the truth and I don't care what that means. If it means giving up family and friends or old ideas and concepts or belief systems than that's what I'll do. Sounds like some are just stuck in denial. If anything comes against their forms of belief, they deny it, giving false, unresearched and uneducated statements betraying their lack of understanding themselves. The Aghsan lineage of the male heirs of Baha'u'llah continues to this day and will continue for the next five hundred thousand years.

Victor Woods

May 26, 2009

#123 |

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Dear Janice

The laws of adoption in the East are as follows:

According to the laws of the Ottoman Empire of the Middle East that ruled over Palestine before it became the state of Israel, a legal adoption occurred when a man called another his son. Then the British Mandate of the West which succeeded the Ottoman Empire retained the adoption laws of the Ottoman Empire as legal and binding under their rule. Then, for the Israeli government, the law for adoption remained the same. If a man calls another his son and leaves him a token to show inheritance (whether it be a stick or a stone or something), then the adoption is legal and binding. When 'Abdu'l-Baha proclaimed that Mason was his son (privately, publicly and in letters published in Star of the West Magazine), these were not "vague terms of affection but expressed the precise legal relationship which had been created between them." Here is cited the law of adoption in the Middle East (from Ottoman times to the present) upheld by the British Mandate of the West and the Israeli Supreme Court on June 22, 1960, long after 'Abdu'l-Baha adopted Mason to be his son and heir.

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