

BAHA'I SCHOLARSHIP

"An effort should be made to raise the standard of studies, so as to provide the Bahá'í student with a thorough knowledge of the Cause that would enable him to expound it befittingly to the educated public."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 8 November 1937)

"The Cause needs more Bahá'í scholars, people who not only are devoted to it and believe in it and are anxious to tell others about it, but also who have a deep grasp of the teachings and their significance, and who can correlate its beliefs with the current thoughts and problems of the people of the world."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 21 October 1943)

"Young men and women in the Faith must be deep and thoughtful scholars of its teachings, so that they can teach in a way that will convince people that all the problems facing them "have a remedy."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 12 May 1944)

"...a course of adult education would be excellent if it could be carried out and the friends would participate."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 24 February 1946)

"...the friends need greatly to study the more profound works which would give them spiritual maturity to a greater degree..."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 24 February 1946)

"All aspects of the Faith should be deeply studied..."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 4 May 1946)

"By 'verities of the Faith' he means the great teachings and fundamentals enshrined in our Bahá'í literature; these we can find by reading the books, studying under Bahá'í scholars at summer schools and in classes, and through the aid of study outlines."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 19 April 1947)

"It seems what we need now is a more profound and co-ordinated Bahá'í scholarship in order to attract such men as you are contacting."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 3 July 1949)

"We need Bahá'í scholars, not only people far, far more deeply aware of what our teachings really are, but also well read and well educated people, capable of correlating our teachings to the current thoughts of the leaders of society."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 5 July 1949)

"Bahá'í scholarship is needed really more than worldly scholarship, for one is spiritual and the other more or less transient. There is a real lack in the Cause of people who

know the teachings "thoroughly, especially their deeper truths, and who can consequently teach the souls properly and lay a permanent foundation, one that tests and trials will not shake down."

(Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, 27 August 1951)