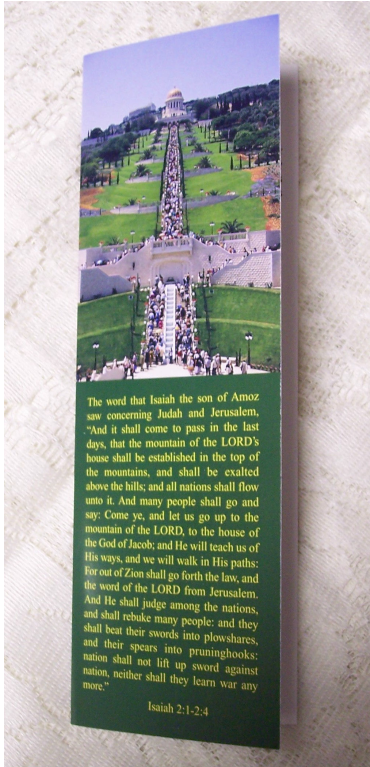


GIFT AND INVITATION CARD



Bahá'ís and Clusters that are ready and are at the point of wanting to reach out beyond the circle of Bahá'ís to the general public in a systematic and organized way, can use this simple tool.

The gift and invitation card can be used as a “golden key” to open the door and to reach the masses, when it is taken personally by the friends to the people in their neighborhoods, or given to their friends, co-workers etc., as a gift of prayers and prophecy of Isaiah, and invitation to the core activities. It should not be mailed or indiscriminately given out to anybody. **This card should be used as a key to find the waiting souls, to open the door to interested people, to invite them to the core activities, or to have home visits with them.**

This should only be given to those who would like to have them, and it needs to be mentioned to them to keep it on their desk, fireplace, or special place, or share it with the people of similar interest. It can also be used as a book marker.

This is printed on a 6 X 9 card, folded in the middle; one side is the Shrine of the Báb and the words of Isaiah and the three prayers, and the other side has information about devotions, study circles, children and junior youth classes, and the invitation information.



NOTES ON ISAIAH'S PROPHECY



It took us over 147 years, so many martyrs and so much untold sacrifices and efforts, before we Bahá'ís are able to build and bring into reality what Bahá'u'lláh has brought us. The throne of God mentioned in the Tablet of Carmel (“God hath in this Day established upon thee His throne” and “He, verily, loveth the spot which hath been made the seat of His throne”) is what Isaiah has prophesied, that is, the “LORD'S house, shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many peoples shall go and say: 'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of

the God of Jacob”, which is seen in the picture so clearly.

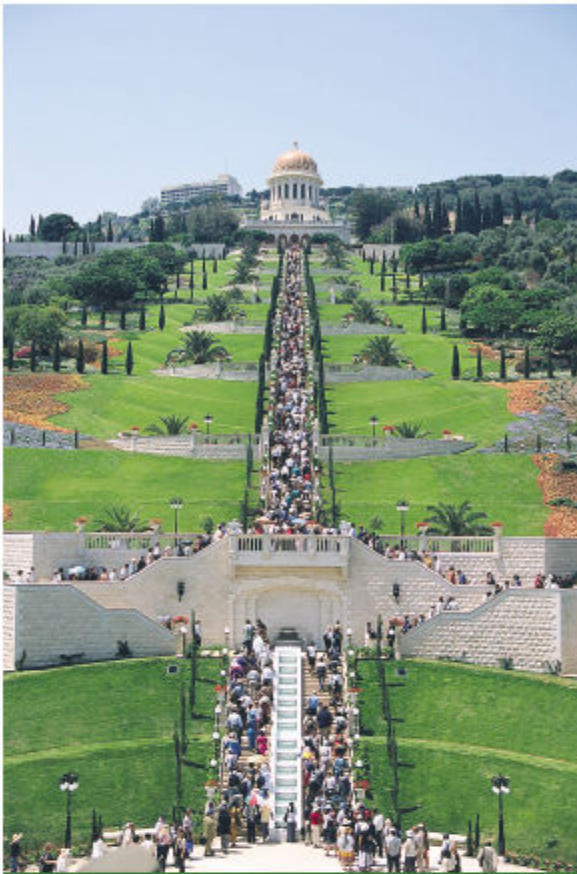
The next part of the prophecy, on which we are presently working and are trying to share with the people by this invitation, is “He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths”. This is what we Bahá'ís all over the world are so patiently building, with our institute process and core activities, and Bahá'u'lláh through His infallible Universal House of Justice is guiding us to accomplish. That is what we can tell people; that is why they need to come to those study circles to find “His Way”, the Way of God, and to walk in His paths, as Isaiah prophesied. For if we do that, we will come to see the next part of the prophecy which will be “they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more”. Then we emphasize to the prospective Bahá'ís to see as how important it is for every one to come to those core activities. And it helps us Bahá'ís to press on, undeterred. **The choice is ours.**

Bahá'u'lláh “decreed and imposed upon every one the obligation to teach this Cause...” He urged, “Go thou straight on and persevere in His service. Say: O people! The Day, promised unto you in all the Scriptures, is now come.” (Gleanings, p. 314)

Beloved Guardian wrote, “Undaunted by the perils and the uncertainties of the present hour, the American believers must press on and prosecute in its entirety the task which now confronts them. I pray for their success from the depths of my heart.” (July 28, 1936)

The Universal House of Justice, in their Ridván 2002 message, concluded, “Unhampered by any doubts, unhindered by any obstacles, press on, then, with the Plan in hand.”

See next two pages for the contents of the card



The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say: Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Isaiah 2:1-2:4

O God! Educate these children. These children are the plants of Thine orchard, the flowers of Thy meadow, the roses of Thy garden. Let Thy rain fall upon them; let the Sun of Reality shine upon them with Thy love. Let Thy breeze refresh them in order that they may be trained, grow and develop, and appear in the utmost beauty. Thou art the Giver. Thou art the Compassionate.

- 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahá'í Prayers

O Lord! Make this youth radiant, and confer Thy bounty upon this poor creature. Bestow upon him knowledge, grant him added strength at the break of every morn and guard him within the shelter of Thy protection so that he may be freed from error, may devote himself to the service of Thy Cause, may guide the wayward, lead the hapless, free the captives and awaken the heedless, that all may be blessed with Thy remembrance and praise. Thou art the Mighty and the Powerful.

- 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahá'í Prayers

O God! Refresh and gladden my spirit. Purify my heart. Illumine my powers. I lay all my affairs in Thy hand. Thou art my Guide and my Refuge. I will no longer be sorrowful and grieved; I will be a happy and joyful being. O God! I will no longer be full of anxiety, nor will I let trouble harass me. I will not dwell on the unpleasant things of life.

O God! Thou art more friend to me than I am to myself. I dedicate myself to Thee, O Lord.

- 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahá'í Prayers

This is a gift of love to you and your family from the Bahá'ís.

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No donations please, your love and fellowship are a bounty for us.

You and your family are also invited to join us in any of our study circles, devotions, children's virtues classes, and junior youth classes.

In the interactive study circles, participants seek to enrich their spiritual life through study of the Word of God, prayer, understanding the purpose of life, and the journey of the soul. We study, read, and discuss these subjects, using the Word of God from the Bahá'í Writings in its pure form.

Devotional services include readings and music from Scriptures of the world's religions.

We hope to educate our children and empower our junior youth to be productive and kind, free from religious, national, and racial prejudices. The classes utilize stories, games, and service projects geared to the unique needs of each age group. This is a fun means for children and junior youth to learn about their place in this world! They understand the importance of developing virtues such as respectfulness, consideration, responsibility, humility, obedience, and peacefulness.

AN INVITATION

This is an invitation for you and your family to join us in any of our study circles, devotions, children's virtues classes, and junior youth classes. This is free from any cost or obligation:

Devotions:

Every first Sunday at 2:00 P.M. at:
1411 Roanoake Drive, Graham

Children and Youth Classes:

Every first Sunday at 3:00 P.M. at:
1411 Roanoake Drive, Graham

Study Circle:

Every first Sunday at 3:00 P.M. at:
1411 Roanoake Drive, Graham

If the above time and place are not suitable for you, let us know.

For more information call:

549-6769 or 549-5452

or

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