

Abdu'l-Bahá's Travels to the West

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Lack of love and altruism

Talks in New York City

Talk by 'Abdu'l-Bahá at 309 West Seventy-eighth Street, New York, 8 June 1912, on the lack of love and altruism



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Lack of Love and Altruism

The body politic today is greatly in need of a physician. It is similar to a human body afflicted with severe ailments. A doctor diagnoses the case and prescribes treatment. He does not prescribe, however, until he has made the diagnosis. The disease which afflicts the body politic is lack of love and absence of altruism.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 61)

Lack of Love and Altruism

In the hearts of men no real love is found, and the condition is such that, unless their susceptibilities are quickened by some power so that unity, love and accord may develop within them, there can be no healing, no agreement among mankind.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 61)

Lack of Love and Altruism

Love and unity are the needs of the body politic today. Without these there can be no progress or prosperity attained. Therefore, the friends of God must adhere to the power which will create this love and unity in the hearts of the sons of men. Science cannot cure the illness of the body politic. Science cannot create amity and fellowship in human hearts.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 61)

Lack of Love and Altruism

It must be accomplished solely through the divine bounties and spiritual bestowals which have descended from God in this day for that purpose.... The spiritual teachings of the religion of God can alone create this love, unity and accord in human hearts.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 61)



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On 18 June 1912 a movie film was made of 'Abdu'l-Bahá at Howard MacNutt's home, and a recording made of his voice on a record.



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