

Shoghi Effendi

Historian and Visionary
of the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh

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Shoghi Effendi

Loved
books and
history

Loved
nature



THE YOUNG SCHOLAR AT HIS EASE

Shoghi Effendi

Student
in
England



THE FIRST FLIGHT?

Shoghi Effendi was a great believer in travel by air, even as early as 1920-1921

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Nature in Switzerland



ON TOP OF THE WORLD

His bicycle – the poor man's car – became a favourite of Shoghi Effendi. He sometimes climbed the highest passes in Switzerland, pushing it up and riding down

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Nature in Switzerland



THE YOUNG GUARDIAN IN SWITZERLAND

Shoghi Effendi enjoying the famous springtime fields of wild narcissus flowers
above Lac Léman

Shoghi Effendi, historian

THE DAWN-BREAKERS

NABÍL'S NARRATIVE OF THE EARLY
DAYS OF THE BAHÁ'Í REVELATION



*"I stand, life in hand, ready; that perchance, through
God's loving-kindness and grace, this revealed and
manifest Letter may lay down his life as a sacrifice
in the path of the Primal Point, the Most Exalted
Word."—BAHÁ'U'LLÁH.*



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God Passes by SHOGHI EFFENDI

INTRODUCTION

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- The Goal of a New World Order
- A War-Weary World
- The Signs of Impending Chaos
- The Impotence of Statesmanship
- The Guiding Principles of World Order
- *Seven Lights of Unity*
- A World Super-State
- Unity in Diversity
- The Principle of Oneness
- The Federation of Mankind
- The Fire of Ordeal

World Unity

- Unification of the whole of mankind is... the stage which human society is now approaching.
- Unity of family, of tribe, of city-state, and nation have been successively attempted and fully established.
- Nation-building has come to an end.
- The anarchy inherent in state sovereignty is moving towards a climax.
- A world, growing to maturity, must.. establish once for all the machinery that can best incarnate this fundamental principle of its life.

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World Order of Bahá'u'lláh

- The Unfoldment of World Civilization
- Humanity's Coming of Age
- The Process of Integration
- Pangs of Death and Birth
- This Age of Transition
- Collapse of Islám
- Deterioration of Christian Institutions
- Signs of Moral Downfall
- Breakdown of Political and Economic Structure
- Bahá'u'lláh's Principle of Collective Security
- A World Religion
- Divine Retribution
- *World Unity the Goal*

Signs of Impending Chaos

“How long will humanity persist in its waywardness? How long will injustice continue? How long is chaos and confusion to reign amongst men? How long will discord agitate the face of society? The winds of despair are, alas, blowing from every direction, and the strife that divides and afflicts the human race is daily increasing. The signs of impending convulsions and chaos can now be discerned, inasmuch as the prevailing order appears to be lamentably defective.”

Shoghi Effendi's Vision of World Civilization

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World Civilization

The unity of the human race, as envisaged by Bahá'u'lláh, implies the establishment of a world commonwealth in which all nations, races, creeds and classes are closely and permanently united, and in which the autonomy of its state members and the personal freedom and initiative of the individuals that compose them are definitely and completely safeguarded.

World Civilization

This commonwealth must, as far as we can visualize it, consist of a world legislature, whose members will, as the trustees of the whole of mankind, ultimately control the entire resources of all the component nations, and will enact such laws as shall be required to regulate the life, satisfy the needs and adjust the relationships of all races and peoples.

World Civilization

A world executive, backed by an international Force, will carry out the decisions arrived at, and apply the laws enacted by, this world legislature, and will safeguard the organic unity of the whole commonwealth.

A world tribunal will adjudicate and deliver its compulsory and final verdict in all and any disputes that may arise between the various elements constituting this universal system.

World Civilization

A mechanism of world inter-communication will be devised, embracing the whole planet, freed from national hindrances and restrictions, and functioning with marvellous swiftness and perfect regularity.

A world metropolis will act as the nerve center of a world civilization, the focus towards which the unifying forces of life will converge and from which its energizing influences will radiate.

World Civilization

A world language will either be invented or chosen from among the existing languages and will be taught in the schools of all the federated nations as an auxiliary to their mother tongue. A world script, a world literature, a uniform and universal system of currency, of weights and measures, will simplify and facilitate intercourse and understanding among the nations and races of mankind.

World Civilization

In such a world society, science and religion, the two most potent forces in human life, will be reconciled, will cooperate, and will harmoniously develop. The press will, under such a system, while giving full scope to the expression of the diversified views and convictions of mankind, cease to be mischievously manipulated by vested interests, whether private or public, and will be liberated from the influence of contending governments and peoples.

World Civilization

The economic resources of the world will be organized, its sources of raw materials will be tapped and fully utilized, its markets will be coordinated and developed, and the distribution of its products will be equitably regulated.

World Civilization

National rivalries, hatreds, and intrigues will cease, and racial animosity and prejudice will be replaced by racial amity, understanding and cöoperation. The causes of religious strife will be permanently removed, economic barriers and restrictions will be completely abolished, and the inordinate distinction between classes will be obliterated. Destitution on the one hand, and gross accumulation of ownership on the other, will disappear.

World Civilization

The enormous energy dissipated and wasted on war, whether economic or political, will be consecrated to such ends as will extend the range of human inventions and technical development, to the increase of the productivity of mankind, to the extermination of disease, to the extension of scientific research, to the raising of the standard of physical health, to the sharpening and refinement of the human brain, to the exploitation of the unused and unsuspected resources of the planet, to the prolongation of human life, and to the furtherance of any other agency that can stimulate the intellectual, the moral, and spiritual life of the entire human race.

World Civilization

A world federal system, ruling the whole earth and exercising unchallengeable authority over its unimaginably vast resources, blending and embodying the ideals of both the East and the West, liberated from the curse of war and its miseries, and bent on the exploitation of all the available sources of energy on the surface of the planet, a system in which Force is made the servant of Justice, whose life is sustained by its universal recognition of one God and by its allegiance to one common Revelation—such is the goal towards which humanity, impelled by the unifying forces of life, is moving.