

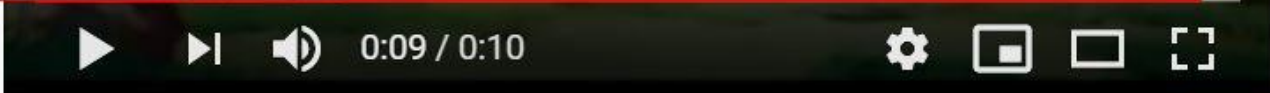


<p>NO ONE WOULD PRESUME TO say that the sunlight belongs to the East, or to the West, or the North or The South. No one would dare say that the sun which shines in Persia is for some reason or other a better kind of sunlight than the sunlight that shines in the United States. Or that the sun in Africa is a different kind of sun from that in SouthEast Asia and so on. The sun is far away from us. It shines on everything equally. It is its own master. Nobody owns it. Nobody controls it. Nobody owns a monopoly on it. The same thing is true of Baha'u'llah. None of us Bahais own Baha'u'llah.</p> <p>Amatu'l-Bahá Ruhiyyih Khanum</p>	 	<p>NONE of us Bahais own Baha'u'llah. Sometimes there seems to be an attitude on the part of individuals or Bahais institutions undoubtedly due to their immaturity that gives one the impression that Baha'u'llah is something that they have an invested right in as if it were a company that they had bought shares in or a secret society that they had been initiated into. And that being these very privileged people who have some kind of control of something exclusive and marvelous they are going to share it with others under certain conditions.</p> <p>Amatu'l-Bahá Ruhiyyih Khanum</p>
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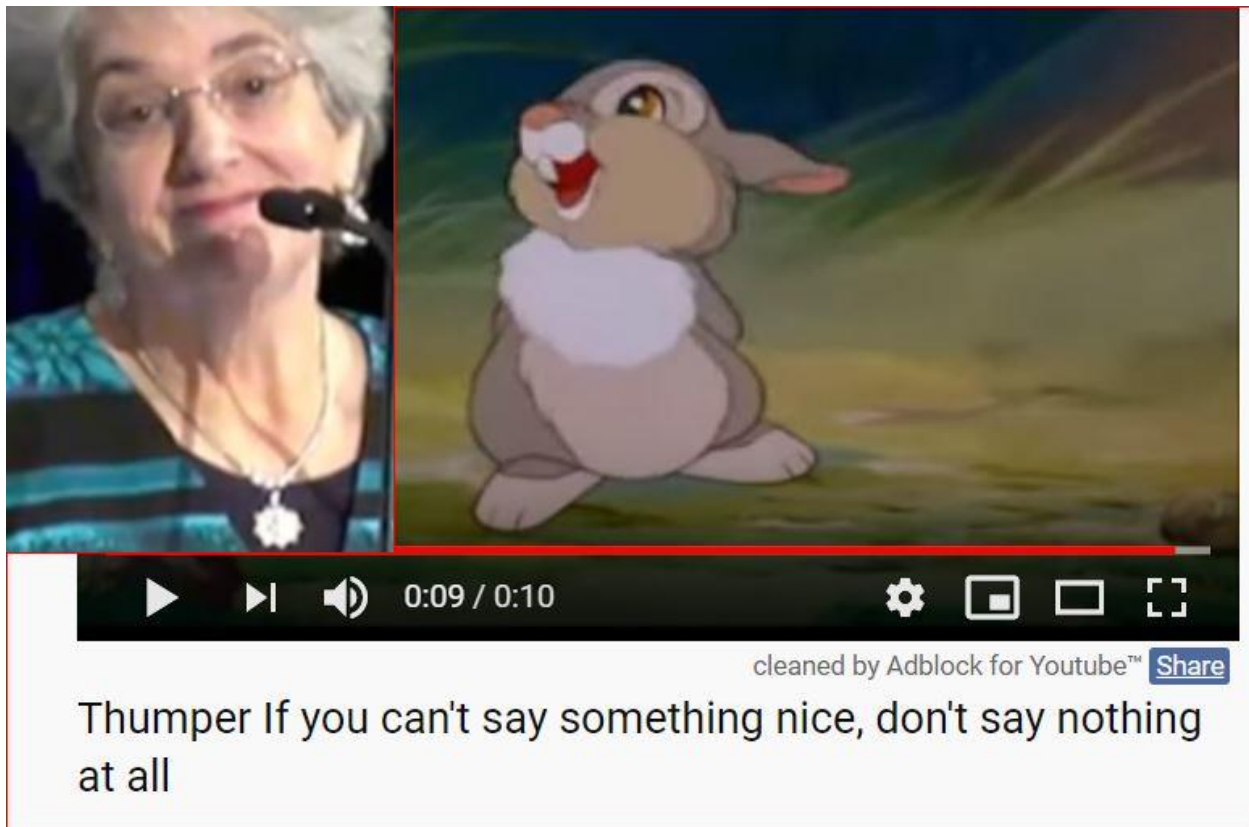
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## *Evil Exists*

*"We must never take one sentence in the Teachings and isolate it from the rest: it does not mean we must not love, but we must reach a spiritual plane where God comes first and great human passions are unable to turn us away from Him. All the time we see people who either through the force of hate or the passionate attachment they have to another person, sacrifice principle or bar themselves from the path of God.*

*"We know absence of light is darkness, but no one would assert darkness was not a fact. It exists even though it is only the absence of something else. So evil exists too, and we cannot close our eyes to it, even though it is a negative existence. We must seek to supplant it by good, and if we see an evil person is not influenceable by us, then we should shun his company for it is unhealthy."*

*(From a letter written on behalf of the Guardian to an individual believer, October 4, 1950: Spiritualism, Psychic Phenomena and Related Subjects p. 4, a compilation from the Universal House of Justice, February 14, 1973 to National Spiritual Assemblies) (Compilations, Lights of Guidance, p. 512)*



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00:00 Allah'u'abha everybody! Now you know when we're at a gathering like this and we say that and we don't explain what it means it's probably a little off putting to the people who are here who are walking along side our efforts at community building and are not yet registered Bahais or haven't yet met that term. So I'll say it slowly and umm. . . and I'll translate it and THEN we'll Go ON.

Allah – 'u' - abha

Allah'u'abha means God is most Glorious  
and it has become a greeting between us to indicate that we  
to understand our relationship with the heavenly creator:  
God is most Glorious.

So this morning I've been asked to cover  
way more concepts than my 30 minutes are allowing  
I'll do my best.

We're gonna look at  
family, relationships and children  
in half an hour  
I'm just giving you a heads up we're not given enough time!  
But I think I might be able to at least make a stab at it.

You know 1 of the things I think that I we've  
all been learning in past 20 years (1997 through 2017)  
if you've been involved in the Bahai community you know this has been a steep learning curve for us.

And one thing that stands out to me is that in this 20 years  
we have learned a lot about coherence  
that everything is related to everything and you can't take anything in isolation

And so I was happy when the committee asked me to speak about this 'cause I see a flow from the  
individual into the family and ahh . . . and then of course the ultimate responsibility of raising children  
which is the next group of individuals who will form families which the Bahai writings say are the  
building blocks of civilization. So I'm going to look at it from the standpoint of building civilization  
and then get down to the granular with the individual and the family. Thee---

**2:15** We know from umm the bahai writings that The purpose of Baha'u'llahs coming is *“to affect a  
fundamental transformation in the whole basis of society”*

*“a fundamental transformation in the whole basis of human society”*

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*“The purpose of the Bahá’í Faith is to effect a fundamental transformation in the whole basis of human society, which will involve the spiritualization of mankind, the achievement of unity in human relationships and the acceptance of such vital principles as that of the equality of men and women; as a result, the stability of marriage will be enhanced, and there will be a drastic decrease in the conditions giving rise to marriage breakdowns. To attain this objective speedily, the Bahá’í community must continue to attract the spiritual powers indispensable for its success; this requires strict adherence to the principles set out in the Bahá’í teachings, with confidence that the wisdom underlying these teachings will gradually become apparent to the generality of mankind.”*

*(From a letter dated 11 January 1988 written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice to an individual believer)*

**03:37** SO its a tall order for anyone who undertakes understanding: marriage, family, and children because in order for us to actually transform society we have to bring transformed individuals into those bonds and then have those transformed individuals interacting with each other and then their children to achieve the Kingdom of God on Earth. Because the family is the building block of civilization ummhhh

**4:10** So let's look at this nation in Miniature which Abdu'l-Baha described . . . . and For me this is another example of the concept of coherence. And he says this:

**4:24**

he says

*Compare the nations of the world to the members of a family. A family is a nation in miniature. Simply enlarge the circle of the household, and you have the nation. Enlarge the circle of nations, and you have all humanity. The conditions surrounding the family surround the nation. The happenings in the family are the happenings in the life of the nation. Would it add to the progress and advancement of a family if dissensions should arise among its members, all fighting, pillaging each other, jealous and revengeful of injury, seeking selfish advantage? Nay, this would be the*

*cause of the effacement of progress and advancement. So it is in the great family of nations, for nations are but an aggregate of families. Therefore, as strife and dissension destroy a family and prevent its progress, so nations are destroyed and advancement hindered.*

**( The Promulgation of Universal Peace: Talks Delivered by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá during His Visit to the United States and Canada in 1912 , page 157)**

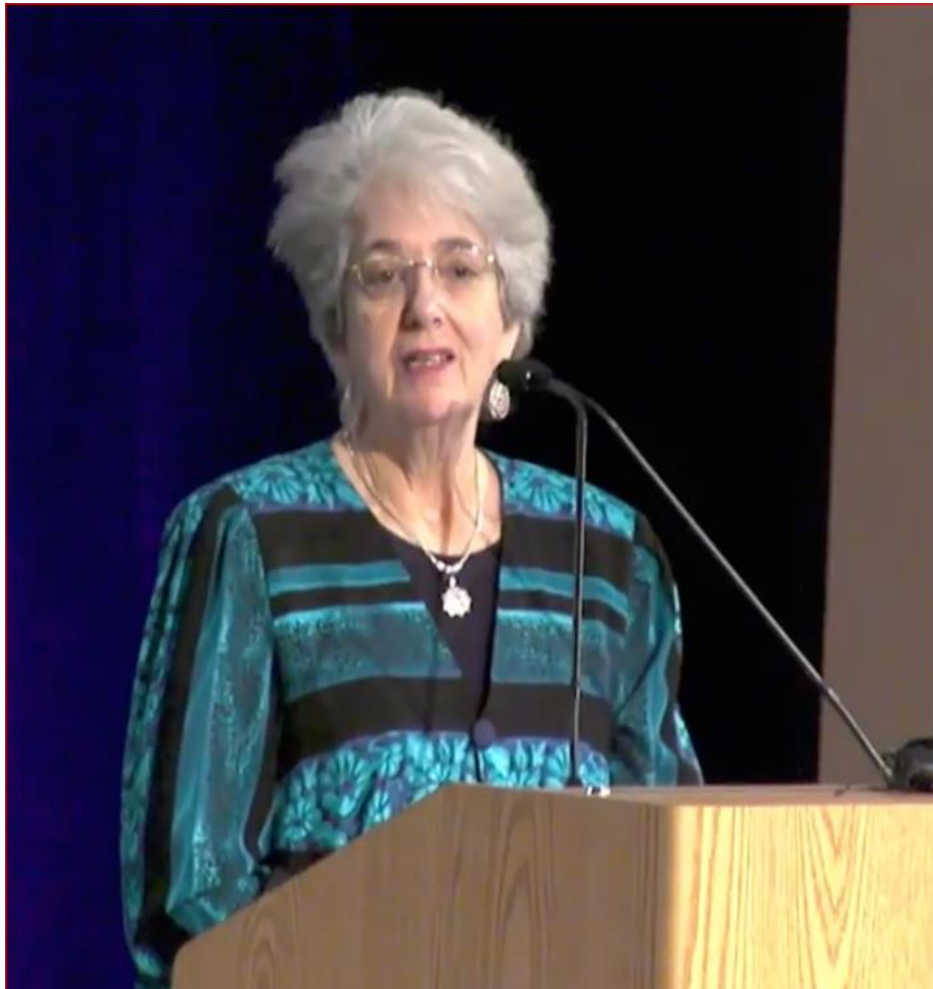
**5:30** SO Really one of the most important things for all of us is that we gain in the knowledge of the application of profound spiritual principles in both building our own spiritual strength engaging in the relationship (**5:55** and I'm going to use couple's relationship as an example ) And then looking at how we empower the next generation through the training that is described in the Bahai Teachings .

**6:07** So let's talk for a moment about the individual : “you and me” We're raised by parents who do their best. I think every parent has always done their best with what they have because you can't do something you don't know.

*Interesting because its difficult for me to look at some of the horrible mistakes my parents made as anything less than a deliberate attack against me that was not “their best”. “IF THAT WAS THEIR BEST, THEIR BEST WON’T DO”*

**6:22** And So no matter where you came from and what your parental background was I am firmly convinced your parents did the best. *So fucking what? I firmly believe you're a biased old j.a.p. Blissbunny psychotic bitch sometimes.*

*I have a memory of Erica calling me on the phone when I was about 12 years old scolding me for being disrespectful to my mother and she was trying to act vicariously on behalf of my mother that I am the bad guy after enduring the legacy of my mother blatantly blind and in absolute denial to Krampus and Matt molesting me.*



6:29 I also know that you who are parents are doing your best.

*Lovely encouragement rhetoric tactic for some, not anymore for what I've experienced at the advocacy of you, your Sister Ann Blair & the conniving deception of Linda Wind and Donald Wind in 1984.*

So that doesn't mean that we shouldn't hold out the lamp to shine the light on the path that is going to lead us to understanding how to really transform ourselves in order to transform society. So let's talk a little bit about the tools for personal transformation.

*“The tools for personal transformation” ? Studying the Bahai Writings &*

For instance, if we are going to be mindful of our own spiritual growth one of the things that is required of us in the Bahai teachings is that we at the end of each day take ourselves into account. But even this has been changed or broadened in our understanding

**“our understanding”? What do you suppose she means by saying “our understanding” ?  
????? instead of “her understanding” Can she even Understand Normal Thinking?**

## **Advanced Narcissism Understanding - Lecture**

**05- Baby Boomer Logic Destroys Society** from the Narcissist resistance youtube channel (a.k.a. Ollie Matthews who I suspect with his beak nose and what he's shared has got some chips on his shoulders similar to my chips on Erica Toussaint. And so I suspect his Mom is of similar heritage as Erica here)

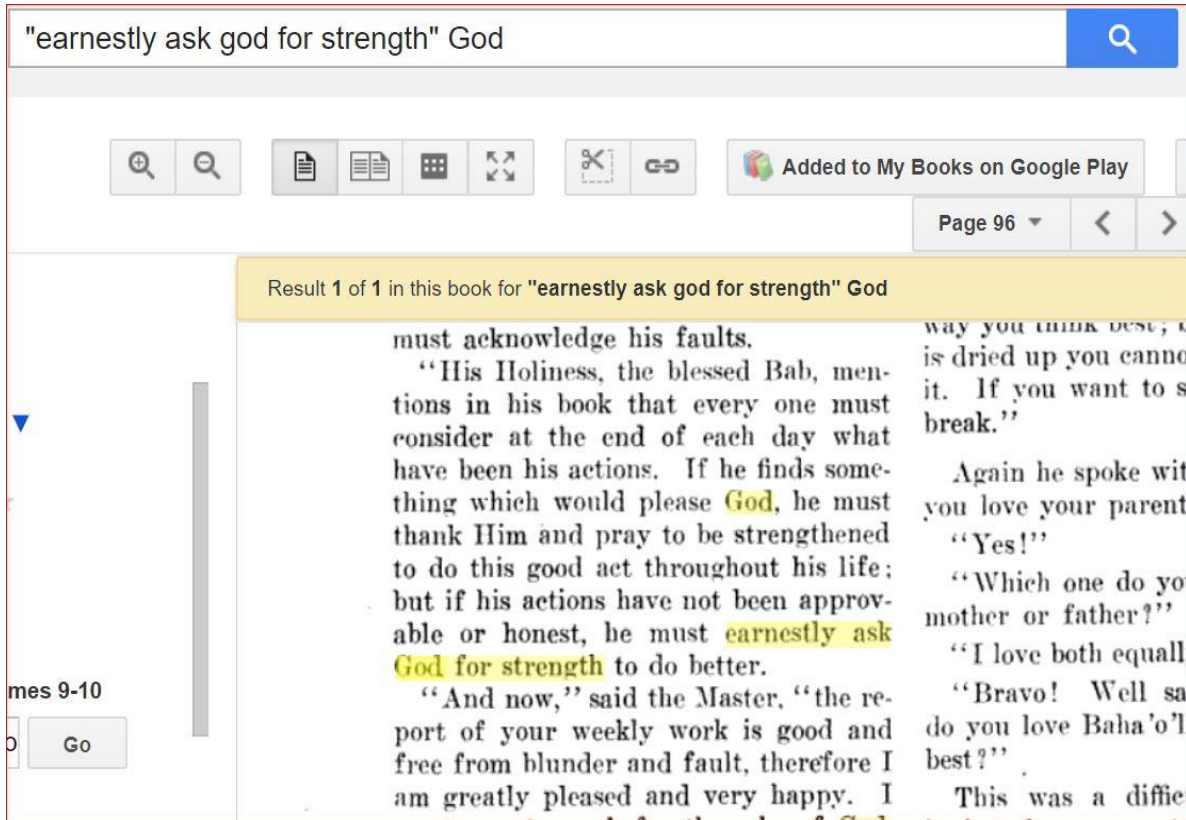
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### ***31. O SON OF BEING!***

***Bring thyself to account each day ere thou art summoned to a reckoning; for death, unheralded, shall come upon thee and thou shalt be called to give account for thy deeds.***

***(Baha'u'llah, The Arabic Hidden Words)***

Because Abdu'l-Baha explains that at the Time of the Bab, HE instructed our friends how to do this And he said:



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*“His Holiness, the blessed Báb, mentions in his book that every one must consider at the end of each day what have been his actions. If he finds something which would please God, he must thank Him and pray to be strengthened to do this good act throughout his life; but if his actions have not been approvable or honest, he must earnestly ask God for strength to do better.*

*(SOW - Star of the West, Star of the West - 5)*

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So even the way in which we take ourselves into account is coherent with the way in which we build civilization. It's the way we build our community advancement. We start with Strength. What have I done that is pleasing to God? We live in a culture that never even allows us to look at what we've done right. Its always about what we've did wrong. But if you start that way with yourself how **8:17** on earth can you be encouraging to others? **8:22** How can you avoid looking for faults? How can you raise your children in an atmosphere of love and encouragement?



**8:30** [HAND SHUFFLE] How do we even learn about training if our go-to with our own taking ourselves into personal account starts with our own faults ? That doesn't mean we don't see them, but “we start” by thanking God and praying to do this good act throughout our lives. And then notice the language that the Bab uses, He says: *“but if his actions have not been approvable or honest, he must earnestly ask God for strength to do better”*

*“consider at the end of each day what have been his actions” infers nothing about “starts with our own faults” or for that matter doesn't “start with our faults” . That is Erica's interpretation and her own words.*

**9:05** So it appears to me that while we're taking ourselves into account this is not a time to beg for forgiveness or to feel like a worm or feel like Baha / God wouldn't even look at us because we're so bad.


Instead if we pray for strength to do better it wakes up the puzzle solver in the brain. Psychologist will tell us that human beings were created to solve puzzles. So if you say “O God I'm so awful, I'm so bad” there's no way out of that except to just feel depressed.

If you say “O God give me strength to do better” Your puzzle waker /Your puzzle maker solver wakes up and it goes “Do Better? hmmm How can I do better”? And you begin to replay and you begin to do a little role-playing in your mind

And you begin to think about another thing you would do the next time you find that's how. And you stick that tool in your pocket and the next time you're encountering a similar circumstance you've done some thinking about it. You've made a decision about what you're going to try next. It's basically a reflection meeting with yourself. You make a plan. You act. Then you have a chance to reflect “How'd it work? “

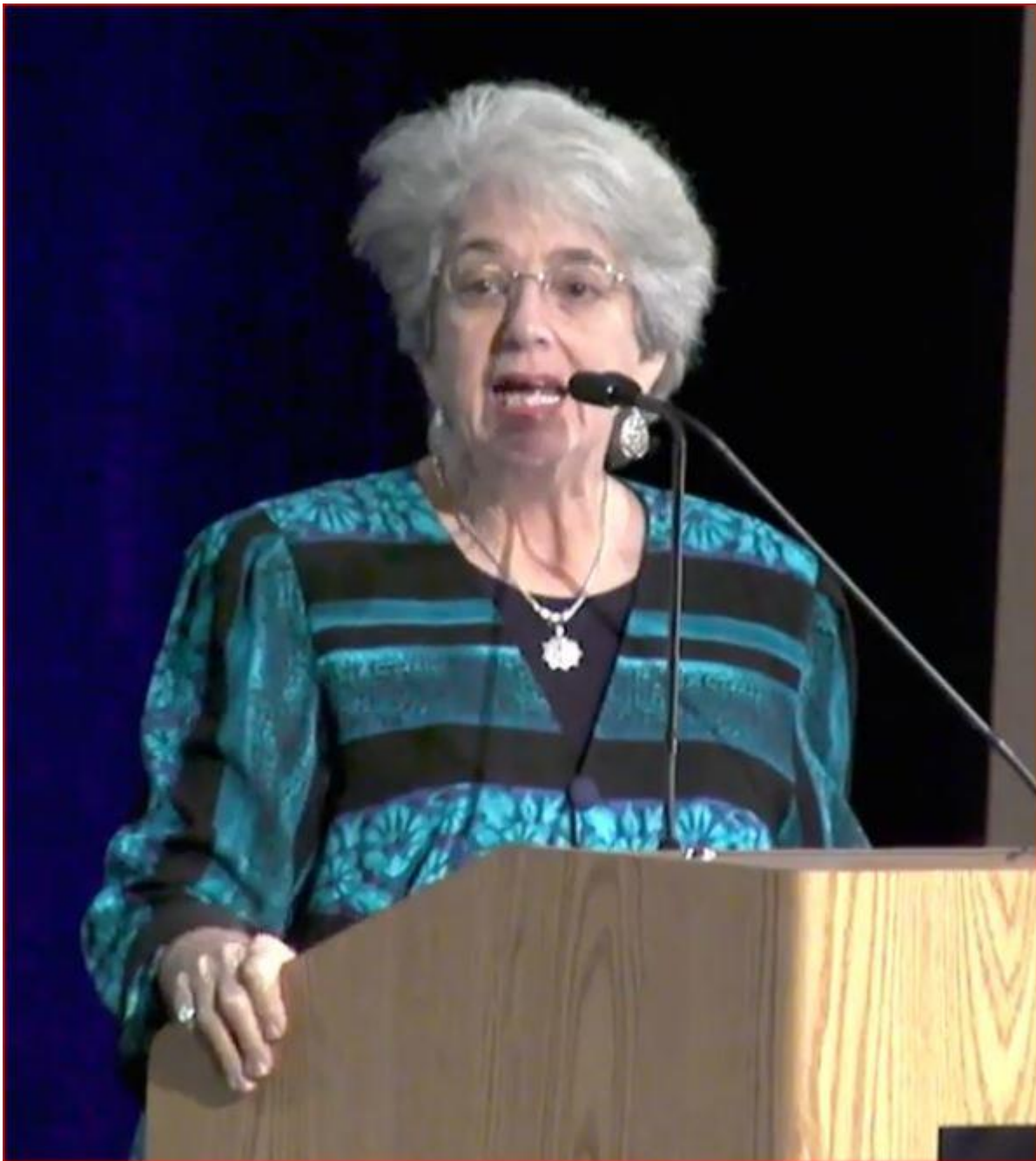
Was this a good plan? Did it work? Well maybe I need to do a little refining?

You see in that atmosphere of taking yourself into account

you are very balanced about where you are, and where you want to go. :) 

This is extraordinarily important I think for us because if we don't start with the person / with the individual learning to have a balanced view of our own growth, How on earth are we going to do this with our children?

**And how are you going to interact with me when you see all my faults sticking out like a little porcupine quills ? **COMPLICIT IN FAILING TO NOTICE DYNAMICS OF PEDOPHILE GROOMING and PEDOPHILE ENABLING is no little fucking “porcupine Quill”****



**And if you're use to looking at your own faults that's what you're going to see with me.**

*Funny little flip of absolving herself from responsibilty of faults of her own being noticed by others implying that it's the effect of others excessively "being use to looking at your own faults". DOUBLE SPEAK condescending & ARROGANT.*

Its very difficult to be encouraging to me if you're not encouraging to yourself. [**BECAUSE in 1985 the Step Parents of mine that Erica Toussaint had a hand in arranging**

adopting me: Donald Wind inflicting violence on his own children (Sundari, Vimal) , and threatening me with violence and ignorant to the abuse that had been done to his own children in 1985 WAS such a brilliant class act of me failing to be “encouraging to myself”

[Dear Erica Toussaint, if you have a History of some kind of dangerous condescending attitude and tone towards the children afflicted by abusive and criminally negligent parents. WHAT kind of “encouraging to you do” do you think you deserve from such children when they’re well into Adulthood? What do you expect others to have towards ?

Nay rather perhaps you're better off being discouraged with the most ruthless racist fucking slurs to villify the the living shit of you as a Goddamn old perky polyanna arrogant fucking yuppie overprivileged spoiled baby boomer J.A.P. I've ever met? And maybe you should really hear the rhetoric like someone of My Swiss German heritage defending The Fatherland during the Nazi era against the likes of your father ERICH REIC?, for the Glory of a segregated ultra right White European homeland, wishing your butt ugly fatass Hooknosed Dad with face shaped like Henry Kissinger's would've either never heard of the Bahai Faith, and left Austria for Israel as a practicing religious full blooded wealthy Jew of Jewish heritage? or even got captured and exterminated way back in Austria from whence he came before he escaped his way out, so both you, your sister Ann Blair (BOTH complicit in the Milwaukie Bahai Spiritual Assembly's failure to consider the integrity of Donald and Linda Wind [a.k.a. Canuckistanian Fat Bitch] (my step parents who adopted me in 1984) , were never ever even born and your mom the Granddaughter of The great American Bahai “Howard Colby Ives”, wouldn't ever had his DNA defiled with whatever possesses you with YOUR conniving sanctimonious tone towards failing

Baha'u'llah's own words and fucking warning to BEWARE OF PEDOPHILE ENABLING PSYCHOPATHY:

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**We**

***shrink, for very shame, from treating of the subject of boys.***

***(Baha'u'llah, The Kitab-i-Aqdas, p. 58)”***

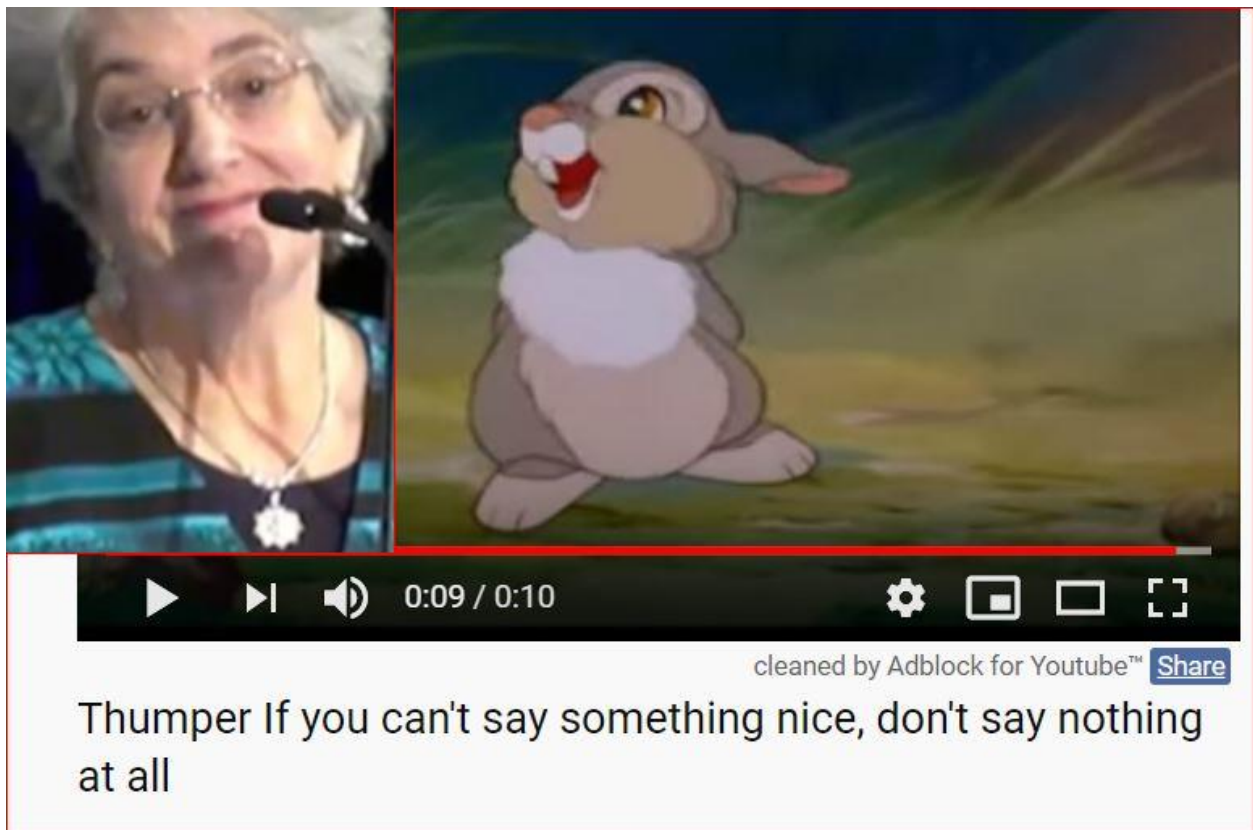
Because you see Erica, (your brother in-law Stephen Blair and your sister Ann Blair probably still lives at and owns the home of what was once the residence of Dean Moore, Alice Moore, and Krampus (between 1976 and 1982) where I was coerced and sexually abused and raped by a teenager who was gay pedophile sick fuck. ) Whatever fucked up alliance your Dad and you had with DEAN MOORE husband to Alice Moore who spawned the now 53 year old perverted Duper's Delight Smile of Krampus (posing with all sorts of children) born 4<sup>th</sup> of January 1967. You HAD some HAND in either denying or ignoring a recipe for a disaster.

Erica made it perfectly clear to me that there was a time when my mother confided to her that my mother was a victim of extreme child abuse. Erica was one of my mother's 2 surrogate friendly crutch mommie Sisters, the other crutch of my mother was Marilyn Alexander a.k.a. formerly Marilyn Field for the time Marilyn was married to George Edwin Field (the one who set up his son Matt G. Field to molest me).

There you have the splitting dissociative identity personality of my mother:



the 2 extreme crutch friends from a schizoid shattered batshit insane MK ultra level programmed shattered woman seeking surrogate crutch Mommies: Erica Toussaint “the Saint”, the great P.R. lifetime Cheer Leader actor talking head for the Bahais formerly even a National Spiritual Assembly member for the Bahais of the United States, and Marilyn Field Alexander of Daphne Court the 1<sup>st</sup> generation old Trust Fund brat basket case chronically obese gossiping buddy of my mother, her own house and group of gossiping crutch buddy friends where sometimes for some odd reason the Late Barbara Waldron sometimes visited, where Marilyn Ignored her own daughters getting molested by their brother Matthew Gordon Field, from another mother . . . . etc.



**And so in a sense Erica's brood and the brood of Great refugee Bahais from Iran matters more than us Goyem (given she's half of the old chosen people's religion by heritage) way more than the refugee 1<sup>st</sup> generation born into America Babyboomer Goyem desperate gullible, naïve, debilitated white generation X Bahai children's who aren't the great ethnic group of your chosen people? Aren't we?**

**I'll never forget when I was barely 10 years old the kind of fury Erica had to some little African American boy at the playground in North Portland, when the black child said the F-word around her child little Amy & Colby and actually grabbing him and demanding the black kid stop! ] OH NO, NO, NO no Sweet Erica wouldn't inflict anything resembling corporal punishment ever as a knee jerk impulsive protective mother response. (but that doesn't really bother me as a much as the poor black kid quite plausibly having an overworked underpaid demoralized single mother like mine).**

**10:50 Okay so that's 1. *BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!* The other is:**

**A really profound concept and that is that every individual I think has to grapple with is Baha'u'llah's statement where he says:**

***"I swear by My life! Nothing save that which profiteth them can befall My loved ones. "***  
**(Shoghi Effendi Quoting Baha'u'llah The Advent of Divine Justice, p. 82)**

And I know some of you may be saying, yeah but I'm not one of the loved ones. It doesn't say chosen ones. It doesn't say saints. It doesn't say ,. . . It says "*My loved ones.* " And he defines my loved ones in this way :

*" I loved thy creation, hence I created thee. Wherefore, do thou love Me, that I may name thy name and fill thy soul with the spirit of life."*

**(Baha'u'llah, The Arabic Hidden Words)**

**11:30** "*thee*" means you so if you're reading it you know you're one of thy loved ones by definition. So "*I loved thy creation, hence I created thee*" is the description of the act of creation. It's an act of love about love.

*And so "I swear by my life". Baha'u'llah says "Nothing save that which profiteth them may befall my loved ones."*

is the solid foundations on which every human being can stand. Once we know that and once that we know that no matter whatever happens to us in the material world in the exterior our souls are not damaged.

Our psyches can be damaged

people can actually literally drive us crazy

but the soul is not affected by any of that

**12:18** it can't be damaged by anything comin' from outside

and if so

if we stand on that, that I think to me is the solid basis of faith

if you are not there I would say this is kind of a raise-it-up to a little higher level of priority because its hard to believe in God or have Faith in God if you think that this kind father has Created you and then set you down in a dangerous place.

What kind of a parent would do that? [**MINE !** *It grieves our hearts to realize that in so many parts of the world children are employed as soldiers, exploited as labourers, sold into virtual slavery, forced into prostitution, made the objects of pornography, abandoned by parents centered on their own desires, and subjected to other forms of victimization too numerous to mention. Many such horrors are inflicted by the parents themselves upon their own children. The spiritual and psychological damage defies estimation. Universal House of Justice 2000 Ridvan Message ]*

**SO Clearly that's not the case.**

**“outwardly it is fire and vengeance, but inwardly it is light and mercy.”**

***(Baha'u'llah, The Arabic Hidden Words)***

so that's another thing that we have to learn that purpose tests are not signs of failure. They're not from some sort of lightning bolt god who is just seeing if he can make us miserable. Actually we know that the purpose of tests is for the development of areas where we don't have yet strength. And the reason I know that is because Abdu'l-Baha talks about the purpose of tests and He says: “God of course knows the weakness of Man and their unpreparedness. But Man with an ego would not find himself unfit unless proof were given him. Consequently he falls into the tests and the tests come again. And gradually remorse and regret tend to root out the Weakness **13:50 [raising her arms in the air and smiling]** And then the tests come in greater degree. . . . until it is shown **[pointing her perky smirk finger in the air]** that what was once a former weakness becomes a strength . And the power to overcome evil (and remember Baha'u'llah defines evil as the absence of Good: its not something, its nothing)

The power to overcome “the nothing” “the weakness” has been proved. So in this case then when we look at tests. If we look at tests you will see that every statement about tests is that they're gifts from God. They are the things that hone and strengthen us. They are the hardships that we go through life. We live in a culture that avoids hardships at all costs. And we also live in the embrace of Bahai teachings that require us even with our children to teach them to work and to strive and accustom them to hardship. We redefine hardship. Hardship maybe hard, but its definitely not bad. Its actually good. BUT This also is a reframing of our whole view of ourselves and others in our relationship to them. As we see people going through hardship unfortunately many cultures view that as a sign of failure. Its a moral failure its some sort of a spiritual deficiency. And so we unfortunately we often fall into the judgemental attitude because we're judging ourselves. And we're also judging others. I think in the future the Bahai community and the world community as we learn to embrace these principles and can actually apply them we will see that when someone is going through a hardship they're going through a growth spurt. And we maybe even **envious**

## ***6. O SON OF EARTH!***

***Know, verily, the heart wherein the least remnant of envy yet lingers, shall never attain My everlasting dominion, nor inhale the sweet savors of holiness breathing from My kingdom of sanctity.***

***(Baha'u'llah, The Persian Hidden Words)***

of what they will attain at the end of this growth spurt. There's a wonderful statement by Abdu'l-Baha Where he says “The more difficulties one sees the more perfect one becomes.”

*You are encouraged to continue to keep in mind the spiritual dimension of your struggles. We are assured by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in the following words:*

*The more difficulties one sees in the world the more perfect one becomes. The more you plough and dig the ground the more fertile it becomes. The more you cut the branches of a tree the higher and stronger it grows. The more you put the gold in the fire, the purer it becomes. The more you sharpen the steel by grinding the better it cuts. Therefore, the more sorrows one sees the more perfect one becomes. That is why, in all times, the Prophets of God have had*

*tribulations and difficulties to withstand. The more often the captain of a ship is in the tempest and difficult sailing the more greater his knowledge becomes. Therefore I am happy that you have had great tribulations and difficulties . . . Strange it is that I love you and still I am happy that you have sorrows. [re: DULY REMEMBERING AND NOTING her soft cuddly coddling belittling tone as though she's talking to children : Oh how cute Abdu'l-Baha our OWN LITTLE MIDDLE EASTERN Santa Claus man LOVES YOU and supports you getting stronger with tests !] ('Abdu'l-Bahá, Star of the West, vol. XIV, no. 2, p. 41)*

*Tests are benefits from God, for which we should thank Him. Grief and sorrow do not come to us by chance, they are sent to us by the Divine Mercy for our own perfecting. (Paris Talks: Addresses given by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Paris in 1911-1912 (London: Bahá'í Publishing Trust, 1979) p. 50)*

*(The Universal House of Justice, 1985 Dec 02, Child Abuse, Psychology and Knowledge of Self)*

**16:40** So we have to redefine our lives and see our difficulties as growth spurts. SO that even an individual does all of this and then marries someone And brings those attitude into that marriage They've learned to overlook faults. They've learned to work in harmony together. Then they're in a better position to be able to raise those children.

**17:02 [how dare you stunt my growth!]**

I want to say one more thing about that individual because that we're raising up here and that is

The Bahai Writings are very clear that Unity is not just some high minded aspiration, some sort of castle in the air **[WAVING HER RIGHT HAND IN THE AIR]**. Some um' SOME vague and pious hope. Unity is actually hard work, but it has rules. So among the rules are:

it is not allowable for us to focus on faults.

**[INSERT THAT THUMPER DISNEY RABBIT “If you can't say anything nice about someone don't say anything at all” MEME”**

In fact Abdu'l-Baha said *“the most hateful characteristic of man is fault finding” “the most hateful characteristic of man is fault finding” [notice how she pushes her head forward]*

*“I hope that the believers of God will shun completely backbiting, each one praising the other cordially and believe that backbiting is the cause of Divine wrath, to such an extent that if a person backbites to the extent of one word, he may become dishonoured among all the people, because the most hateful characteristic of man is fault-finding. One must expose the praiseworthy qualities of the souls and not their evil attributes. The friends must overlook their shortcomings and faults and speak only of their virtues and not their defects.*

*(SOW - Star of the West, Star of the West - 3) - Abdu'l-Bahá”*



*We  
shrink, for very shame, from treating of the subject of  
boys. Fear ye the Merciful, O peoples of the world!*

*(Baha'u'llah, The Kitab-i-Aqdas, p. 58)*

so [ raised right hand crab pinching down hand gesture ] we live in a society which right now which makes fault finding takes it to a high art

everything is about fault finding

we feel absolutely free to criticize left, right, and center feeling like that is the way we're going to solve the problems of the world [double arm raise] **18:07** And “*the most hateful characteristic of man is fault-finding*”

*The third Taraz concerneth good character. A good character is, verily, the best mantle for men from God. With it He adorneth the temples of His loved ones. By My life! The light of a good character surpasseth the light of the sun and the radiance thereof. Whoso attaineth unto it is accounted as a jewel among men. The glory and the upliftment of the world must needs depend upon it. A goodly character is a means whereby men are guided to the Straight Path and are led to the Great Announcement. Well is it with him who is adorned with the saintly attributes and character of the Concurrence on High.*

*It beseemeth you to fix your gaze under all conditions upon **justice and fairness**. In The Hidden Words this exalted utterance hath been revealed from Our Most August Pen:*

*'O Son of Spirit! The best beloved of all things in My 37 sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom if thou desirest Me, and neglect it not that I may confide in thee. By its aid thou shalt see with thine own eyes and not through the eyes of others, and shalt know of thine own knowledge and not through the knowledge of thy neighbor. Ponder this in thy heart; how it behoveth thee to be. Verily justice is My gift to thee and the sign of My loving-kindness. Set it then before thine eyes.'*

*They that are just and fair-minded in their judgement occupy a sublime station and hold an exalted rank. The light of piety and uprightness shineth resplendent from these souls. We earnestly hope that the peoples and countries of the world may not be deprived of the splendours of these two luminaries.*



**18:25** And of course backbiting is just its evil twin because its just about who you tell. Fault finding you tell me to my face, backbiting you tell him about me. [Same thing].

**[there's quite a difference when you are a helpless child at the mercy and under the extreme pressure of you fucking psychopaths of extreme criminal negligence]**

the other tool that I think is important for Bahais **is the art of**

*Letting not your heart be offended with anyone. - (Abdu'l-Baha, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 453)*

**So gradually I'm hearing fewer and fewer Bahais say “that offended me” and the reason I think is because Abdu'l-Baha says this:**

*Act in such a way that your heart may be freed from hatred. Let not your heart be offended with anyone. If some one commits an error and wrong toward you, you must instantly forgive him. “you must instantly forgive him.”*

*(Abdu'l-Baha, The Promulgation of Universal Peace, p. 453)*

*“you must instantly forgive him.”*

**19:14** I think its helpful to think about what forgiveness is. Forgiveness doesn't mean to absolve someone of their crime. [Karate chop. Right hand down up above! Spinning pointing finger] You know we have our the language in English is a little bit backward because if I say “O please forgive me”, you say “that's all right” **19:23** What you really mean is “I'm okay” “My heart's good with you” but even the language “that's all right” implies that what you did wasn't wrong

**19:36**

its not my job to judge whether what you did was wrong or not. Forgiveness actually means “to cease to feel resentful” It has nothing to do with what you & what you did (**pointing her waving finger in the air**)

that's between you and God

I have to have a good heart

my heart has to be in a good place

and if I walk around with resentment its not there

and its cutting me off from my connection with the source of loving-kindness

**20:01** So we bring these tools into our marriages. Can you already see how those 2 individuals (**notice the hand motions how she's pinching & pulling down a pair of testicles**) if they've transformed themselves with these just few tools I'VE just sketched are going to have relationship that is characterized by encouragement and love overlooking faults not taking offense and OH by the way: consultation which I haven't spoken **20:20** about in this limited period of time

**20:26** but we have a tool for problem solving that requires the individuals to bring themselves into that arena with radiance of spirit, purity of motive, detachment from all save God. That's just the first 3 of 7 requirements for those who take counsel together, but even we just all had 3 you can imagine that the consultations between a husband and wife would not be a fight.

**20:54** The spouses wouldn't be fighting with one another. So now let's just talk a little bit about the children we bring into that household. We have a married couple through an act of love they bring forth a soul who gestates and then is born. **21:36** And those that loving couple has profound responsibilities for the upbringing of that Child. So I want to spend the rest of this time talking about our responsibilities to children. I think the responsibilities of parents is a good indication for the responsibilities of the rest of society that parents have a unique position. And I'm going to read you a passage from the Ridvan 2000 message of the Universal House of Justice **21:44** And its a little bit long and I apologize for the length of it I can't/ I couldn't excerpt it. So This is towards

**21:54** the end of a rather long message and they say:

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*Our children need to be nurtured spiritually and to be integrated into the life of the Cause. They should not be left to drift in a world so laden with moral dangers. In the current state of society, children face a cruel fate. Millions and millions in country after country are dislocated socially. Children find themselves alienated by parents and other adults whether they live in conditions of wealth or poverty. **This alienation has its roots in a selfishness that is born of materialism that is at the core of the godlessness seizing the hearts of people everywhere. The social dislocation of children in our time is a sure mark of a society in decline; this condition is not, however, confined to any race, class, nation or economic condition--it cuts across them all.** It grieves our hearts to realize that in so many parts of the world children are employed as soldiers, exploited as labourers, sold into virtual slavery, forced into prostitution, made the objects of pornography, abandoned by parents centered on their own desires, and subjected to other forms of victimization too numerous to mention. Many such horrors are inflicted by the parents themselves upon their own children. The spiritual and psychological damage defies estimation. **Our worldwide community cannot escape the consequences of these conditions. This realization should spur us all to urgent and sustained effort in the interests of the children and the future.***

**24:10**

**ERICA TOTALLY GLOSSED OVER AND DID NOT READ THIS PARAGRAPH:**

*Even though children's activities have been a part of past Plans, these have fallen short of the need. Spiritual education of children and junior youth is of paramount importance to the further progress of the community. It is therefore imperative that this deficiency be remedied. Institutes must be certain to include in their programs the training of teachers of children's classes, who can make their services available to local communities. But although providing spiritual and academic education for children is essential, this represents only a part of what must go into developing their characters and shaping their personalities. The necessity exists, too, for individuals and the institutions at all levels, which is to say the community as a whole, to show a proper attitude towards children and to take a general interest in their welfare. Such an attitude should be far removed from that of a rapidly declining order.*

*To the Bahá'ís of the World*

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*Universal House of Justice Ridvan 2000*

**24:10** *Children are the most precious treasure a community can possess, for in them are the promise and guarantee of the future. They bear the seeds of the character of future society which is largely shaped by what the adults constituting the community do or fail to do with respect to children. They are a trust no community can neglect with impunity. An all-embracing love of children, the manner of treating them, the quality of the attention shown them, the spirit of adult behavior toward them--these are all among the vital aspects of the requisite attitude. Love demands discipline, the courage to accustom children to hardship, not to indulge their whims or leave them entirely to their own devices. An atmosphere needs to be maintained in which children feel that they belong to the community and share in its purpose. They must lovingly but insistently be guided to live up to Bahá'í standards, to study and teach the Cause in ways that are suited to their circumstances.*

***ERICA TOTALLY GLOSSED OVER THIS PARAGRAPH:***

*Among the young ones in the community are those known as junior youth, who fall between the ages of, say, 12 and 15. They represent a special group with special needs as they are somewhat in between childhood and youth when many changes are occurring within them. Creative attention must be devoted to involving them in programs of activity that will engage their interests, mold their capacities for teaching and service, and involve them in social interaction with older youth. The employment of the arts in various forms can be of great value in such activity.* [http://bahai-library.com/uhj\\_ridvan\\_2000](http://bahai-library.com/uhj_ridvan_2000)

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SO ABOUT THIS “SPECIAL TIME” **They represent a special group with special needs** IN MY LIFE:

Words cannot describe the inability to admit when I was 12 years old, that I had been groomed to be sexually abused as a child (between the ages of 6 through about 10 when the molestations happened). I can remember the last molestation done on me by Keith Ronald Moore were done sometime in and around the Summer of 1981 because that was the same summer as Robert Richard Tweet (a peer of mine in gradeschool WHO had drowned in the Clackamas River 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1981). There were many sleepovers with Keith while Keith's parents were away on travel with his brother at the Moore's House.

Words can't describe how Linda Wind (the sweet Step Mother propositioning to adopt me in her home. ) had this twisted sympathy towards me in 1984 in Badasht Summer School at Howard Prairie Lake.

Etc. . . . .

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**And then the House of Justice gives a word to the parents: 25:24** *And now we wish to address a few words to parents, who bear the primary responsibility for the upbringing of their children. We appeal to them to give constant attention to the spiritual education of their children. Some parents appear to think that this is the exclusive responsibility of the community; others believe that in order to preserve the independence of children to investigate truth, the Faith should not be taught to them. Still others feel inadequate to take on such a task. None of this is correct. The beloved Master has said that "it is enjoined upon the father and mother, as a duty, to strive with all effort to train the daughter and the son," adding that, "should they neglect this matter, they shall be held responsible and worthy of reproach in the presence of the stern Lord." Independent of the level of their education, parents are in a critical position to shape the spiritual development of their children. They should not ever underestimate their capacity to mold their children's moral character. For they exercise indispensable influence through the home environment they consciously create by their love of God, their striving to adhere to His laws, their spirit of service to His Cause, their lack of fanaticism, and their freedom from the corrosive effects of backbiting. Every parent who is a believer in the Blessed Beauty has the responsibility to conduct herself or himself in such a way as to elicit the spontaneous obedience to parents to which the Teachings attach so high a value.*

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27:12 So I just wanted to make a couple of comments about some of the concepts in here. The first one here is that OF COURSE The House of Justice says the Children need to be disciplined and they need to be trained. And I think its very helpful for us to understand a little bit about that And umm. Abdu'l-Baha speaking about the responsibility of of mothers . . . . says mmhummm

*Whensoever a mother seeth that her child hath done well* [notice where we start? Same as with our selves!] *Whensoever a mother seeth that her child hath done well , let her praise and applaud him and cheer his heart; and if the slightest undesirable trait* [note the word “trait” not “action”, “trait” “trait” is like “a trend” You seeing it manifesting itself multiple times in multiple ways ] 28:07 *and if the slightest undesirable trait should manifest itself, let her counsel the child and punish him, and use means based on reason, even a slight verbal chastisement [should this be necessary. ]*

So for Bahai parents, the big stick of parenting is a slight verbal chastisement *[should this be necessary. ]*. And then Abdu'l-Baha goes onto say:

*It is not, however, permissible to strike a child, or vilify him, for the child's character will be totally perverted if he be subjected to blows or verbal abuse.*

*(Abdu'l-Baha, Selections from the Writings of Abdu'l-Baha, p. 125)*

And I wanted to talk a little bit what that looks. And there's really good advice from the Universal House of Justice to the National Assembly in a letter written in 1994 to them. Its about this / the way the spiritual assemblies interact with the believers

29:00

but I've often found that advice to assemblies is the same as advice to parents & vice versa

29:06

they play similar roles just with larger groups. And so I want to read this quote: 29:13

*The temperament of authority in the administration of justice varies according to the degree of the gravity of each case.*

*(Compilations, NSA USA - Developing Distinctive Baha'i Communities)*

29:17 So “*the temperament of authority in the administration*” of training of children in this case “*varies according to the degree of the gravity of each case. Some cases require that the Assembly*

*take action” which “is firm or drastic.”*

*(Compilations, NSA USA - Developing Distinctive Baha'i Communities)*

29:30 So think about parents taking actions sometimes which is *”is firm or drastic.”* pulling out the slight verbal chastisement big stick.

*29:37 Even so, Assembly members have always to be mindful that the authority they wield must in general be expressed with love, humility and a genuine respect for others. Thus exercised, authority strikes a natural note and accords with that which is acceptable to spiritually attuned and fair minded souls. (Compilations, NSA USA - Developing Distinctive Baha'i Communities)*

30:05 So I think, you know, like everything else we're having to re-think all that we know about the work that we do. Let's just take for a moment the way in which children are often disciplined: 30:13 If a child does something that they know is wrong you'll hear them say “my mom's gonna kill me” . And the child in many cases (maybe not by any parent in this room) but certainly commonly in our culture: a child will know the severity of their crimes so to speak by how loud and how angry their parent is. 30:40 Even if the parent doesn't subject them to blows. That anger, even if there's no name calling in it, is a form of villifying, its a form of verbal abuse, its tyrannical, and its oppressive. So a child knows they have been bad and how bad they are by how angry their parent is. This description of discipline of discipline that we're talking about is uhh . . . Quite different. So I often think of how the way God set up the Discipline in the world. You know when each Manifestation comes he doesn't say “How often have I told you to do this?” “Why didn't you do that?” “What part of this thing Do you not understand?”

31:21 You know He created a system. The Manifestations come. They lovingly offer their teachings. You can embrace it or Not but you don't get away without consequences. **[CHURCH LADY]**

So gravity is a good example. Think of Gravity. You and I learn how to walk. We learn how to put our feet firmly on the path. 31:40 And when we don't watch where we're going we trip and fall but gravity never gives you a talking to. It never says “How many times do I have to tell you? Watch where you're going” . You just get the consequence. You trip and you fall. And You learn or you don't learn. Every child learns differently about what they're going to do with their relationship with gravity.

31:58 In my own parenting I tried very hard to keep that as my goal. When a child tripped and fell they, they got the consequence which was hopefully expressed in a neutral tone and very matter-of-factly because I feel like a child then doesn't have to fight with themselves because they think that How their parent is disciplining them is so unjust. When we can do that and when we can usually use praise and encouragement with each other we are going to see a much different kind of person raised up in the world.

To me this a very profound thing because if we subject children to some form of abuse through our language, through our tone, through our attitude, (and right now we may not even think of those things as being abusive), but if we act like a tyrant they are being taught to act like tyrants. If we feel that we can be in conflict with our children they are learning that the way to solve problems is to engage in conflict. So you see the Nation in miniature then 33:13 is affected by the way in which we create the atmosphere in which children live, But I've run out of time 33:23 **but I beg your indulgence for just a couple more minutes while I finish up this thought : I know there are many of you sitting**



out here in the audience who are parents right now or maybe are grandparents thinking “O my God!” “What have I done?” And I beg you **[SMILING ALL ELATED, CHEERFUL, PERKY AND POLYANNA AS HELL AS I ALWAYS REMEMBERED HER]** to Earnestly ask God for strength to do better and to understand that htat Loving creator who brought us into this world Knows we are taking baby steps in building the Kingdom on Earth. **[SMILING ALL ELATED, CHEERFUL, PERKY AND POLYANNA AS HELL AS I ALWAYS REMEMBERED HER]**

34:06 JUST AS you **[her tone gets all soft and sweet]** don't criticize an 18 month or an 11 month old when they fall down when they're trying to learn to walk, rather you celebrate that step and ignore the fall in the same way don't you think that that loving creator views our mistakes just as a learning tool, its 1 more thing to step forward and to feel that **[notice that hand wiggle]** the success of refining and refining and refining. So if we use the reflection meaning mode which is not focusing on the faults and the absences but rather focusing on the strengths we can see that this statement made from the House of Justice umm applies also in the role of parenting: And they say this:

*In parenthood, as in so many fields of endeavour,  
we can but do our best,  
(From a letter dated 29 March 1982 written on behalf of the Universal House  
of Justice to an individual believer)*

So parents do your best. Inform yourself. Study the guidance about parenting: I've been rading This handbook : [http://nakladatelstvi.bahai.cz/e\\_knihy/Family\\_Life\\_e\\_kniha.pdf](http://nakladatelstvi.bahai.cz/e_knihy/Family_Life_e_kniha.pdf)

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called “Family Life”. I think it should be the handbook for every family. Read the guidance. Try and apply it. Set a goal. Act. Reflect. Go back to the Guidance. And in the light of that and in the light of reflection change your mode of operation with your children. They will see then your reliance on the spiritual guidance of how to be a parent. Its a tremendously good example for them. So the House of Justice says:

*In parenthood, as in so many fields of endeavour,  
we can but do our best, aware that we shall inevitably fall short of the perfect standards  
towards  
which we strive, but confident that God will support those who labour in the path of His  
Faith, will  
answer our prayers and will make good our deficiencies.  
(From a letter dated 29 March 1982 written on behalf of the Universal House  
of Justice to an individual believer)*

So you see the coherence friends? The individual earnestly mindfully transforming themselves then

enters into a relationship in a marriage that couple learns how to have consultation and how to be in relationships. They bring forth children and they raise them according to these standards and a nation in miniature will now recreate the world. Thank You. **THE END**

*I bear witness at this moment, O my God, to my helplessness and Thy sovereignty, my feebleness and Thy power. I know not that which profiteth me or harmeth me;*

*Compilations, Baha'i Prayers, p. 142)*

*"Think not", is*

*Bahá'u'lláh's own assertion, "that We have revealed unto you a mere code of laws. Nay, rather, We have unsealed the choice Wine with the fingers of might and power."*

*(Baha'u'llah, The Kitab-i-Aqdas, p. 2)*

Thoughts: For as long as I can remember from the first visits to that little driveway property of 2 houses at the crotch of Oatfield Road near little Kellog Creek just past the Milwaukie City Limits in Clackamas County North:

I wouldn't call Erica "polyanna" but I remember my mother's wishy washy dissociative identity disorder and personality splits between appeasing Marilyn Alexander conflict (the crutch buddy neurotic trustfund OBESE brat brood mare princess) and the Stern unflinching gleaming beaming personality of Erica Toussaint's Bahai ethic messaging tone (sometimes sanctimonious) but not quite.

And then there was the dark unspoken busy personality of Steve Toussaint R.I.P. 1948 -2006), Erica's late Husband, the professional RN who had served in the Vietnam conflict as Nurse, undoubtedly witnessing horrible casualties of young American soldiers wounded, shot, injured, dead, and dying creating untold PTSD issues and seeking self medicating vices. I can remember there once being a fire in the 1970's 1978 where Steve had to rescue their daughters Colby & Amy and ended up with horrible smoke inhalation ailments as a result.

The tests of the Toussaint Family, Erica, Steve, and their daughters is not completely clear nor obvious, but unspoken with little clues and second hand stories told by my nagging nosy angry resentful mother many times REMAIN..

I'm coming from a space of trying not to hate as much as absolutely possible, but this last Ode Ama IS necessary.

