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Dear Bahá'í Friend,

The National Spiritual Assembly has asked us to respond to your email of January 3, 2007 concerning the recent decision of the Universal House of Justice that there is not sufficient grounds to waive the requirement for parental consent in the event of your Bahá'í marriage.

The National Assembly was sorry to learn of your dissatisfaction with this decision. Even though your feelings toward your Supreme Institution, and Bahá'í Administration in general, are not kindly at this moment, we include in its entirety a letter on the suffering of innocents written on behalf of the Universal House of Justice to an individual believer on December 2, 1985, with the hope that it will bring you comfort and strength.

Your letter. . . in which you express great anguish at the plight of babies and children who suffer at the hands of exploitative and disturbed individuals, was received by the Universal House of Justice. We are instructed to convey this reply to you.

On this plane of existence, there are many injustices that the human mind cannot fathom. Among these are the heart-reading trials of the innocent. Indeed, even the Prophets of God Themselves have borne Their share of grievous afflictions in every age. Yet in spite of the evidence of all this suffering, God's Manifestations, Whose lives and wisdom show Them to have been far above human beings in understanding, unitedly bear testimony to the justice, love and mercy of God.

With regard to the spiritual significance of the suffering of children 'who are afflicted at the hands of the oppressor', 'Abdu'l-Bahá not only states that for those souls 'the afflictions that they bear in life become a cause for them of . . . an outpouring of divine mercy and bestowal', He also explains that to be a recipient of God's mercy is 'preferable to a hundred thousand earthly comforts', and He promises that 'in the world to come a mighty recompense awaiteth such souls'. Thus:

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As regards the questions of young children and of weak, defenceless souls who are afflicted at the hand of the oppressor, in this a great wisdom is concealed. The question is one of cardinal importance, but briefly it may be stated that in the world to come a mighty recompense awaiteth such souls. Much, indeed, might be said upon this theme, and upon how the afflictions that they bear in life become cause for them of such an outpouring of Divine mercy and bestowal as is preferable to a hundred thousand comforts and to a world of growth and development in this transitory abode. . . (from a Tablet, translated from the Persian)

You enquire why some souls, notably those born to loving parents, are seemingly favoured by God, while those born to abusing and rejecting parents are destined to endure a lifetime of suffering, since children growing up in such a destructive atmosphere are more likely as adults to perpetuate abuse on their own children, thus repeating the cycle of violence and thereby further placing in jeopardy their relationship to God. Clearly, only God is able to know the true state of any soul. It is therefore important to appreciate that God in His bounty has endowed every created thing, however humble, 'with the capacity to exercise a particular influence, and been made to possess a distinct virtue'. And, reminiscent of the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), Bahá'u'lláh, in the *Gleanings* (p. 149), draws attention to the need to make efforts to develop and demonstrate in action our God-given potential:

All that which ye potentially possess can, however, be manifested only as a result of your own volition. Your own acts testify to this truth.

Is it not an evidence of the justice of God that each of us, irrespective of family background, is assessed in terms of the efforts we have made to seize whatever opportunities existed in our lives, to develop and use our allotted talent, be it large or small. 'Each shall receive his share from thy Lord,' is Bahá'u'lláh's assurance.

Sufferings and trials, sent by God to Test and perfect his creatures, are an integral part of life. They contain the potential for man's progress or retrogression, depending on the individual's response. As 'Abdu'l-Bahá explains:

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Those souls who bear the tests of God become the manifestations of great bounties; for the divine trials cause some souls to become entirely lifeless, while they cause the holy souls to ascend to the highest degree of love and solidity.

In addition, we know from the Bahá'í writings that man's soul 'is independent of all infirmities of body or mind', and not only continues to exist 'after departing from this mortal world', but progresses 'through the bounty and grace of the Lord'. Therefore, an evaluation of man's material existence and achievements cannot ignore the potential spiritual development stimulated by the individual's desire to manifest the attributes of God and his response to the exigencies of his life, nor can it exclude the possibility of the operation of God's mercy in terms of compensation for earthly suffering in the next life.

It may interest you to know that we have confirmed that the **Keith Moore** that you speak of as a convicted sex offender serving a prison sentence in California is not a Bahá'í, nor is he Alice Moore's son. Additionally, given your concern for Bahá'í children and young people, you may be happy to know that the National Assembly has put in place a detailed and systematic program on domestic violence that enables Local Assemblies to be much more vigilant in their efforts to protect the young ones in their care.

**re:**  
an entirely different "Keith Moore" ~ d.o.b. 2-1-1967 with a grainy mugshot I discovered in 2004 on California Sex Offender website

It is not our intention to minimize the trauma you say you experienced as a child or your feelings regarding it. Even so, we urge you to put this matter behind you with the assurance that the perpetrators of whatever crimes committed against you in your childhood will be subject to God's unfailing justice, whether in this world or the next. More important is your spiritual health and progress, and we are concerned that the anger and animosity you harbor for your parents and those others in your past, as well as for the institutions of the Administrative Order, will keep you from the joy and bountifulness that is yours by right. In this light, your decision to withdraw from Bahá'í community life for a time may be wise, so that you may distance and detach yourself from those who you believe failed to protect you as a child. In your insulation, we encourage you to reflect on the following words written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi to an individual believer, September 30, 1950:

No matter what happens, nothing is as important as our feeling of trust in God, our inner peacefulness and faith that all, in the end, in spite of the severity of the ordeals we may pass through will come out as Bahá'u'lláh has promised.

long before I re-discovered the social media & facebook page ~ 2013 & thoroughly doxxed & reported **Keith R. Moore** d.o.b. 1-4-1967

I've gone out on a limb explaining how **krampus** is the perfect metaphor for this creep **Keith Ronald Moore** who molested the child me many times between 1977 and 1982 (when I was 7 to 10 years old & totally innocent helpless child abandoned by parents & guardians). I can't deny he was an adolescent between 13 and 15 when he did, but it was pedophile grooming preying on my helpless demoralized state of mind of mind as a child. All 3 initials are part of the name Krampus. Actor Clancy Brown has the same Capricorn Sun & Scorpio Moon placements and portrays Villains that remind me of this pedophile (of my childhood) **Keith R. Moore**.

Whether or not he is a reformed sex offender or a State sanctioned predator OR where his life went, beyond his creepy facebook blatant taunts at his impunity (a lot like Hunter Biden's laptop contents), is unknown to me. The way he posed with children and grins in duper's delight, I suspect he's loves his infamy, deception, revenge against his parents the more I villify him. Make no doubt about it, he is a calculating sick fuck. Why wouldn't he be?

"We shrink, for very shame, from treating of the subject of boys."  
Bahá'u'lláh

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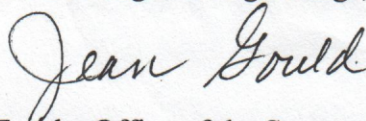
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He urges you to put these dark thoughts from your mind, and remember that if God, the Creator of all men, can bear to see them suffer so, it is not for us to question His wisdom. He can compensate the innocent, in His own way, for the afflictions they bear.

The National Assembly extends its best wishes to you, and it will say prayers on your behalf at the holiest House of Worship for the resolution of your troubles and inner conflict, and for your joy and happiness.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Gould". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

For the Office of the Secretary