Shoghi Effendi's Guidance



C an you imagine writing 26,000 letters? Shoghi Effendi wrote this many letters to guide Bahá'ís around the world. In 1938, he sent an inspiring letter to the Bahá'ís of the U.S. and Canada. Known as The Advent of Divine Justice,

it urged them to develop virtues needed for the arrival (or advent) of a peaceful world.

In this letter, Shoghi Effendi called racial prejudice "the most vital and challenging issue" facing the Bahá'ís. In the southern U.S., by law, black and white people had separate schools, restaurants, parks, and other public places. Interracial marriage was illegal.

To combat this injustice, Shoghi Effendi urged building unity with "genuine love, extreme patience, true humility" and "prayerful effort." Bahá'ís responded by working to defeat prejudice. Such work for social justice continues around the world today. How do *you* help to create unity and friendship in your community?

COOPERATION COURAGE EQUITY FRIENDSHIP HONESTY HUMILITY INITIATIVE JUSTICE LOVE MODERATION OPTIMISM PATIENCE PRAYERFUL RELIABILITY SERVICE Search for 19 virtues that Shoghi Effendi mentioned in *The Advent of Divine Justice*. Look forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally.

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