

WRITINGS CONCERNING: KRISHNA AND BUDDHA

The message of Krishna is the message of love. All god's prophets have brought the message of love.

`Abdu'l-Baha Paris Talks p35

His Holiness Abraham, Moses, Zoroaster, Buddha, Jesus, Muhammad, the Bab and Baha'u'llah are one in spirit and reality.

`Abdu'l-Baha Promulgation of Universal Peace p 192

Likewise we must set aside prejudice in considering other divine educators by investigating reality. For instance His Holiness the Buddha or His Holiness Confucius. Both achieved results greater than Moses. They educated the body-politic, trained mighty nations, and there is no doubt whatever that they were prophets, for the mission of prophethood is education, and these wondrous souls trained and educated mankind...

These blessed souls whether Moses, Buddha, Confucius, or Zoroaster were the cause of the illumination of the world of humanity. How can we deny such irrefutable truth? How can we be blind to such light?

We have investigated reality and found that these Holy Souls mentioned were all sent of God. All of them have sacrificed life, endured ordeals and tribulations in order that they might educate us. How can such love be forgotten?

`Abdu'l-Baha Promulgation of Universal Peace p 339

Body Can be Left to Medical Science. Remains Not to be Cremated.

There is nothing in the teachings against leaving our bodies to medical science. The only thing we should stipulate is that we do not wish to be cremated, as it is against our Baha'i laws. As many people make arrangements to leave their bodies to medical science for investigation, he suggests that you inquire, either through some lawyer friend or through some hospital, how you could do this, and then make the necessary provision in your will, stipulating that you wish your body to be of service to mankind in death, and that, being a Baha'i, you request that your remains not be cremated and not be taken more than an hours journey from the place of your death.

"The spirit has no more connection with the body after it departs, but as the body was once the temple of the spirit, we Baha'is are taught that it must be treated with respect."

Letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi. Lights of Guidance p200

Organ Donor for Parts of the Body Including Eyes.

In reply to your letter of October 1st inquiring about organ transplants and Baha'is acting as donors for parts of the body we refer you first of all to our letter of March 3rd 1967 in which we quoted to you a passage from one of the beloved Guardian's letters on this subject.

We are also able to give you the following from a letter of the beloved Guardian by his secretary: "There is nothing in the Teachings which would forbid a Baha'i to bequeath his eyes to another person or for a hospital; on the contrary it seems a noble thing to do."

Lights of Guidance p290