

# FIRESIDE CHAT ON WORLD PEACE



*The well-being of mankind, its peace and security, are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established.*

*-Baha'u'llah*



# The Story of the city of Babel



## **Babel**

**From the Hebrew Balal meaning to mix, mingle, confuse, or confound**

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**From the Persian Bab-ilu meaning gate of God**

What if the people of Babel were attempting to create a city characterized by peace?

What if they failed because their narratives came into conflict and dismantled their unity?

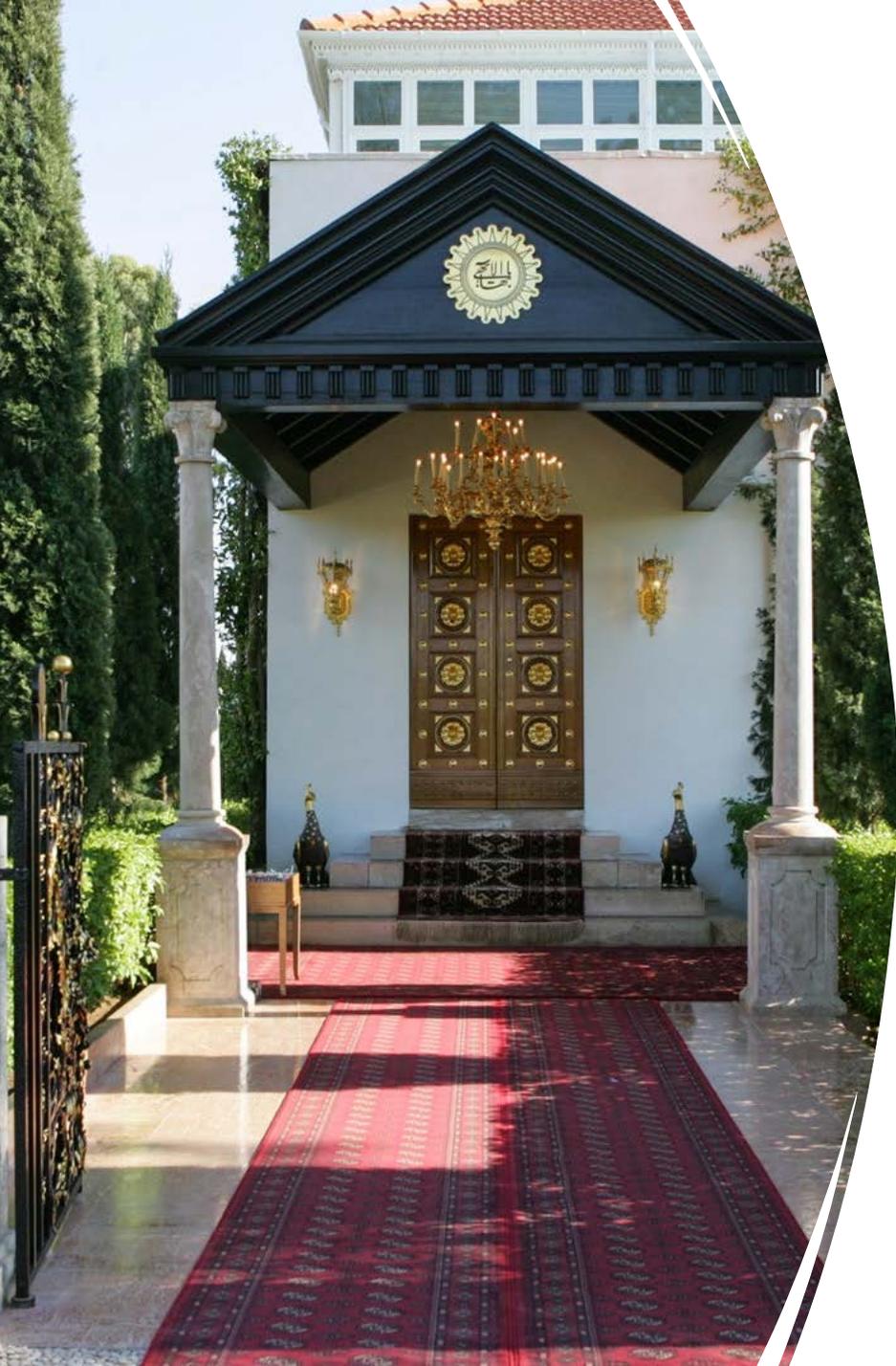




**HUMANITY HAS ALWAYS  
LONGED FOR PEACE**

**THE KEY TO PEACE IS  
UNITY**





- “All men were created to carry forward an ever-advancing civilization.”

- Baha'u'llah



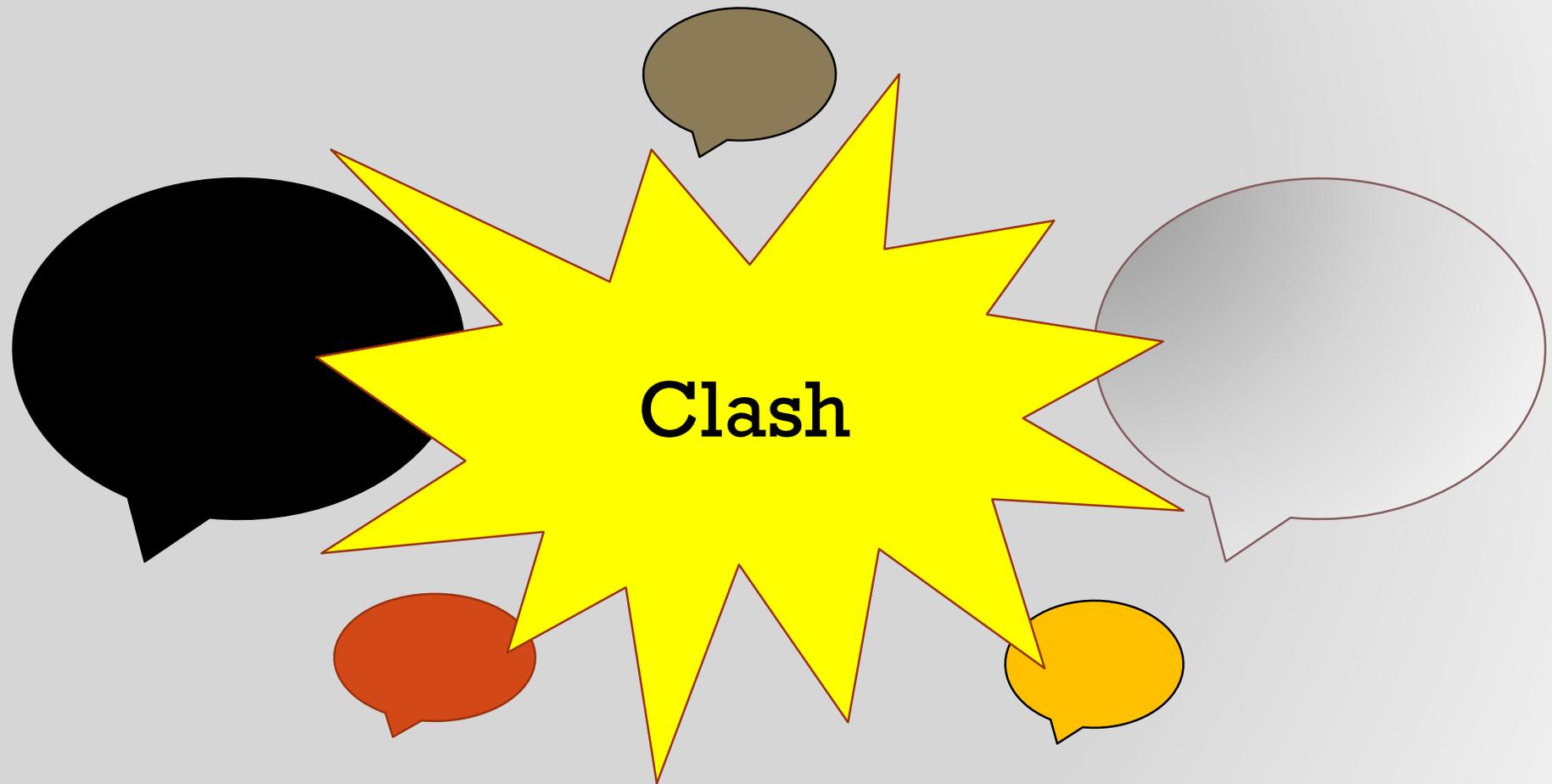


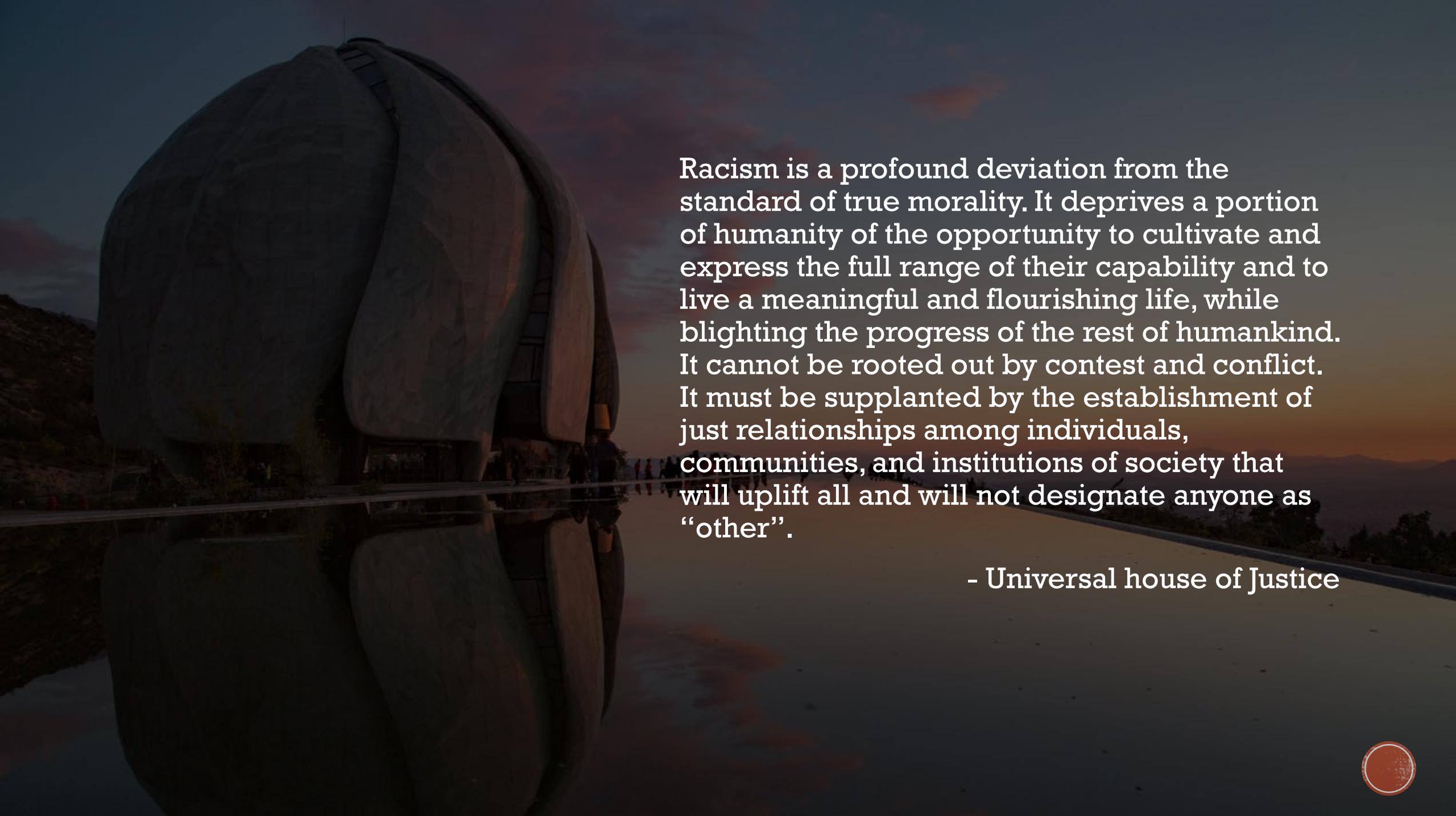
**THE WORLD HAS CONTRACTED  
INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD**



***“Humanity is gripped by a crisis of identity, as various peoples and groups struggle to define themselves, their place in the world, and how they should act. Without a vision of shared identity and common purpose, they fall into competing ideologies and power struggles.”***



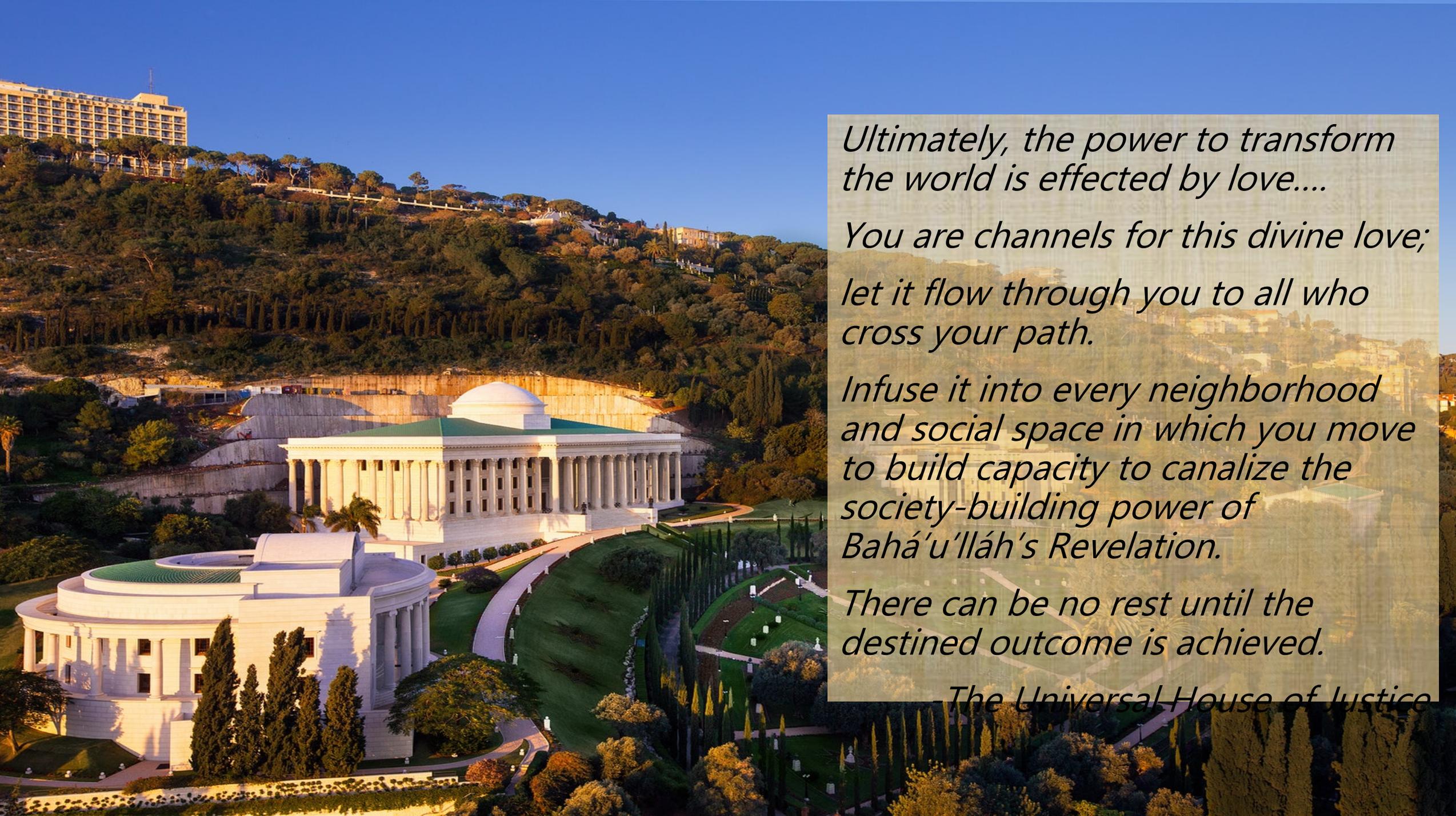




Racism is a profound deviation from the standard of true morality. It deprives a portion of humanity of the opportunity to cultivate and express the full range of their capability and to live a meaningful and flourishing life, while blighting the progress of the rest of humankind. It cannot be rooted out by contest and conflict. It must be supplanted by the establishment of just relationships among individuals, communities, and institutions of society that will uplift all and will not designate anyone as “other”.

- Universal house of Justice





*Ultimately, the power to transform the world is effected by love....*

*You are channels for this divine love; let it flow through you to all who cross your path.*

*Infuse it into every neighborhood and social space in which you move to build capacity to canalize the society-building power of Bahá'u'lláh's Revelation.*

*There can be no rest until the destined outcome is achieved.*

*—The Universal House of Justice*



# CHILDREN'S CLASSES



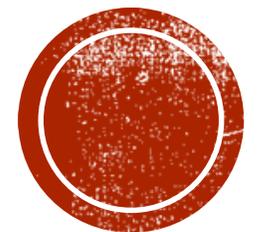
In a world where the joy and innocence of childhood can be so easily overwhelmed by the aggressive pursuit of materialistic ends, the moral and spiritual education of children assumes vital importance.



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# JUNIOR YOUTH SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The Junior Youth Spiritual Empowerment Program (JYSEP) is a global movement inspiring young people, parents, and community members to work together toward a better world.



# STUDY CIRCLES

- Is generally one of the first steps and individual takes on the path of service
- Aims to establish a culture of meaningful conversations in a community
- Opens devotional spaces that wed the concepts of worship and service
- Training space for those who wish to offer children's classes and Junior Youth groups
- Deepening space to consider such themes as the importance of home visits and the nature of teaching





**"A small community, whose members are united by their shared beliefs, characterized by their high ideals, proficient in managing their affairs and tending to their needs, and perhaps engaged in several humanitarian projects—a community such as this, prospering but at a comfortable distance from the reality experienced by the masses of humanity, can never hope to serve as a pattern for restructuring the whole of society."**

