

Abdu'l-Bahá's Travels to the West

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Farewell talk

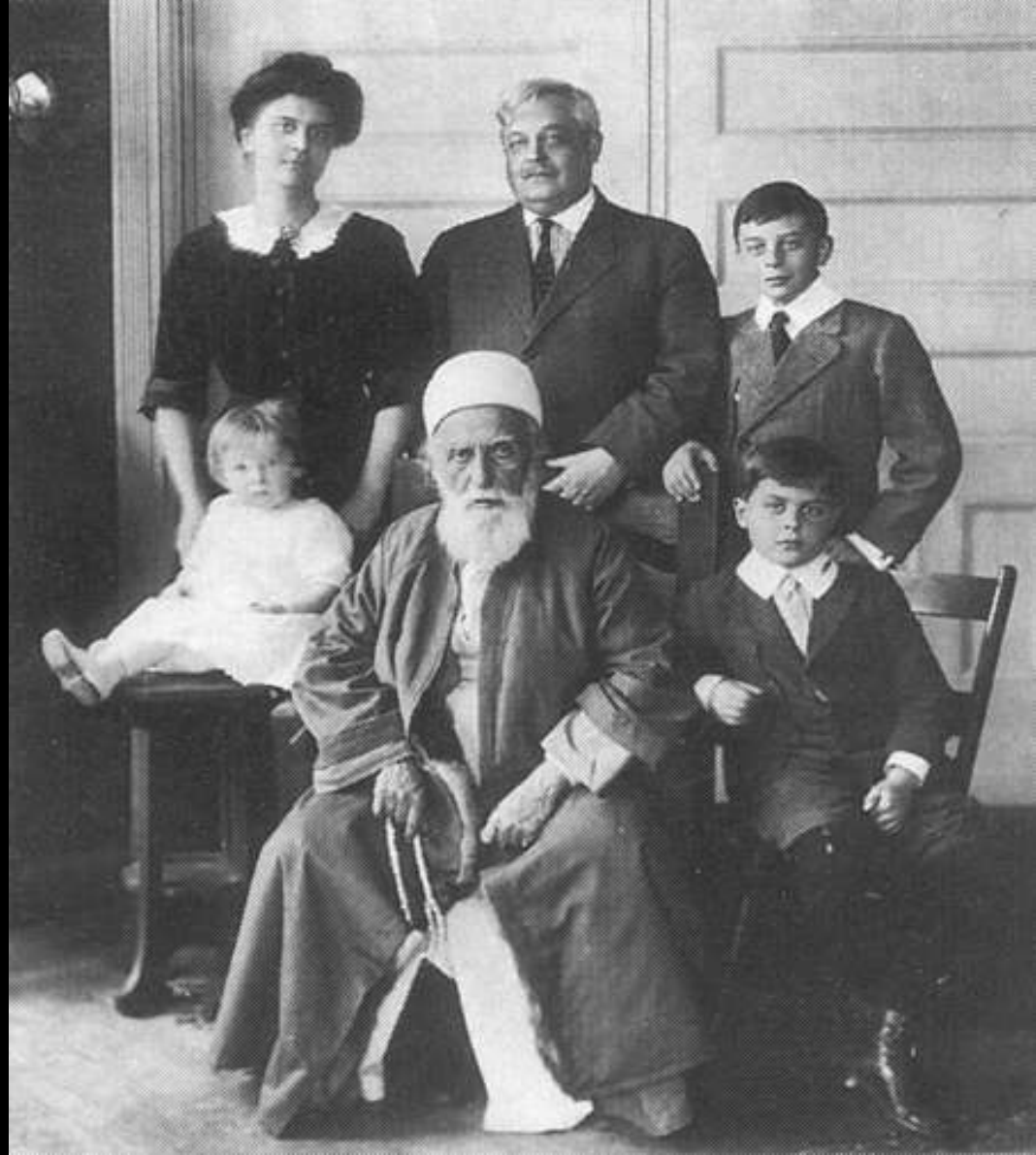
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New York, Farewell talk

Talk at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Kinney 780 West End Avenue, New York

On His last days in America, 'Abdu'l-Bahá expressed His wishes in a farewell talk at the Kinney's home to those He was now leaving behind.

'Abdu'l-Bahá
with
Kinney family



Farewell Talk

The time has now come when I must leave you; therefore, this will be our farewell meeting.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 138)

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It is my desire that Bahá'u'lláh shall be pleased with you, that you may follow His precepts and become worthy of His confirmations. The requirements are that your minds must be illumined, your souls must be rejoiced with the glad tidings of God, you must become imbued with spiritual moralities, your daily life must evidence faith and assurance, your hearts must be sanctified and pure, reflecting a high degree of love and attraction toward the Kingdom of Abhá.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 138)

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You must become the lamps of Bahá'u'lláh so that you may shine with eternal light and be the proofs and evidences of His truth. Then will such signs of purity and chastity be witnessed in your deeds and actions that men will behold the heavenly radiance of your lives and say, “Verily, ye are the proofs of Bahá'u'lláh. Verily, Bahá'u'lláh is the True One, for He has trained such souls as these, each one of which is a proof in himself.”

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 138)

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They will say to others, “Come and witness the conduct of these souls; come and listen to their words, behold the illumination of their hearts, see the evidences of the love of God in them, consider their praiseworthy morals, and discover the foundations of the oneness of humanity firmly implanted within them. What greater proof can there be than these people that the message of Bahá’u’lláh is truth and reality?”

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 138)

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It is my hope that each one of you shall be a herald of God, proclaiming the evidences of His appearance, in words, deeds and thoughts. Let your actions and utterances be a witness that you are of the Kingdom of Bahá'u'lláh. These are the duties enjoined upon you by Bahá'u'lláh.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 138)

'Abdu'l-Bahá

one of first colour photographs

