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INTRODUCTION to OUTLINE of THREE WORLDS

In the "Three Worlds" or three planes of being as given in the Bahá'í Teachings, we find clearly defined the relationship of all creation to God the Essence, the Unknowable, the Source, and its direct dependence upon the "Manifestations of God's Essence".

When studied diligently we are able to understand the vital difference between the teachings of the mystics, of some of the philosophers, of many of the present-day cults, and the concepts as given by the revealed words of the Manifestations pertaining to this relationship.

From this understanding of the "Three WORLDS" we shall be freed from any and all ideas regarding immediate nearness to the Essence of God and be able to grasp the meaning of that UNITY that is the fundamental life-force penetrating, through its avenues of power, all creation.

From it we shall also escape the prevalent general tendency to personify the Absolute in the Manifestation to such a degree that the Unknown Essence, the Source, is forgotten.

On the other hand we are to realize that the distinct plane of the Prophets - that Primal Emanation from the Absolute - is our only approach or medium to that Absolute, the great "Central Light".

We become aware of the true significances; 1. of the Oneness of God in His Essence; 2. of the oneness of the Manifestations with that Source, which is the appearance of the splendor of God imaged in His Manifestations; 3. of the essential oneness of the Manifestations in relation to each other; 4. of the oneness of humanity in its reality, which is an emanation from the Kingdom of God and in which is reflected the bounties of the Kingdom.

Thus we realize that these three planes of being are distinct in their reality, but indissolubly linked by the One Source that binds together and penetrates all existence.

"The Súfís say: 'The reality of the things is the manifestation of the Real Unity'." "But the Prophets say: 'The reality of the things emanates from the Real Unity'."

Bahá'u'lláh says: "The First Emanation from God is the bounty of the Kingdom, which emanates and is reflected in the reality of the creatures, like the light which emanates from the sun and is resplendent in infinite forms in the reality of all things, and specifies and individualizes itself according to the capacity, the worthiness and the intrinsic value of things." Again He says:

"The integrity of every rank and station must needs be preserved. By this is meant that every created thing should be viewed in the light of the station it hath been ordained to occupy."

NOTE that the KINGDOM OF GOD, which is the Primal Emanation, is also called the Primal Word, the Primal Will, the World of Command, the First Sea, etc. In using the Bahá'í terminology we have the creative word, and a variety of expression that will not lend to diversity of meaning as when we try to simplify the terms with individual understanding. Bahá'u'lláh says: "Each word is a 'mother word'."

## DEFINITIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

Absolute.....Unqualified, unlimited, self-existent, perfect.  
Dispensation.....Divine ordering, a period of time  
Emanate.....Dict: originate, proceed (from source)  
Emanation....."Proceeding thru emanation is like the coming  
forth of the action from the actor...the writing  
from the writer.  
Primal Emanation.....The first thing which proceeded from God:  
the Word, the Will, First Sea, Station of the  
Prophets, "Only begotten of the Father".  
Essence.....Substance, central nature.  
Essential phenomena...Preceded by a Cause  
Immanence.....Indwelling.  
Manifestation.....as a Bahá'í term means: "The reality of a thing in  
other forms, like the coming forth of a flower  
from the seed of the tree...for the seed itself  
appears in form of the branches, leaves and  
flowers."  
Pre-existence.....not preceded by a Cause.  
Primal Mirrors.....Manifestations of or Reflectors of the Essence of  
the Absolute (God)  
Phenomena of time.....have beginnings and endings.  
Reality.....inner nature  
Transcendent.....Beyond the range of reason... applicable to the  
Absolute.

Day-Star.....is the same as the Sun, the Manifestation  
Day Spring.....beginner of the Day, .. ...

Qá'im....."He who shall arise". This term denotes the  
promised One of Islám  
Mihdí.....Title of the Manifestation expected by Islám  
Imám.....Title of twelve Shí'ah successors of Muhammad.  
Also applies generally to Muslim religious  
leaders.

Shí'ah and Sunní.....Two main branches of the Muḥammadan religion.

Kitáb-i-Aqdas.....Book of Laws

Kitáb-i-'Ahd.....Will and Testament of Bahá'u'lláh

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"His nature is THREE fold....animal, human, divine	F.W.U.	110
"Reality of triune powers in man (Spirit, mind, soul)	T.A.B.	611
"Human spirit...is the rational soul	A.Q.	243
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"Man is possessed of TWO realities..connected with senses.. conscious..collective reality	P.U.P.	412
"That collective reality which is manifest in man	P.U.P.	412
"Inner ethereal reality..grasps mysteries	P.U.P.	461
"Inner and essential reality..cannot be decomposed	P.U.P.	410
"Ethereal form which corresponds to the body (B.S.602)	F.W.U.	109
"Regard man as a mine rich in gems	Gl.	260
"Man has innate, acquired and inherited character	A.Q.	247
"These energies..endowed the reality of man..radiance..may be obscured by worldly desires	Gl.	65-6
"Human personality endowed with TWO aspects	B.S.	601
"Virtues do not appear from reality of man except through power of God	A.Q.	91
"Man has three aspects...human, divine, natural	B.S.	604
"Will have....raised up a race of men	D.B.	18
"If this phase of the soul is capable of receiving it(light)	T.A.B.	611
"Unity is the expression of the loving power of God and reflects the reality of divinity	P.U.P.	11-12
"Man is sign of both worlds	P.M.	49
"Man has traversed successive degrees (B.S. 645)	F.W.U.	63
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"Powers and attributes of man are human....natures processes except intellect, which is super-natural.....	P.U.P.	46
"That which ye potentially possess be manifested only as a result of your own volition.....	Gl.	149
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"If man is left in his natural state.....	P.U.P.	303-06
"God has created man for love's sake.....	B.S.	563
"Men have been created to carry forward an ever-advancing civilization.....	Gl.	215
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"Unique distinction and capacity to know and to love Him.....	Gl.	65
"If soul remains far from Manifestation he may yet be awakened.....	A.Q.	146
"Two pathways in world of Humanity.....	F.W.U.	69
"Debasement appeared..after they had been created.....	B.S.	342
"Deprive not yourselves of the...resplendent light.....	Gl.	325
"To whatever heights...most exalted of men may soar... product of their own thoughts.....	Gl.	317
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"In beginning of his formation the mind and spirit also existed.....	A.Q.	230
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"Conceptions of devoutest mystics....all product of man's finite mind.....	Gl.	62
"Place and time surround the body, not the mind and spirit.....	A.Q.	280
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"Thru it (knowledge of realities of things) outward civi- lization progresses	A.Q.(338)	344
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"Thine eye is my trust..thine heart is my treasury .....	Gl.	322
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"Man should know own self .....	Tar.	5
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2. ESSENTIAL ONENESS

"No distinction do we make between any of His Messengers.....	Iq.	152
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"Had the Primal Point been someone beside Me.....	D.B.	46
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"Between Bahá'u'lláh and the Báb there was communication.....	B.S.	587
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3. PRIMAL POINT

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"As a sacrifice in the path of the Primal Point.....	(D.B.33) Iq.	252
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5. SOVEREIGNTY

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"I am one of the sustaining pillars of the Primal Word.....	D.B.	34
"Sovereignty and power emanating from that Essence of Essences.....	Iq.	234
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 "Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple of it..... Rev.XXI:22-23  
 "There was seen in His Temple the ark of his testament..... Rev. XI:19  
 "The meaning of the Testament and Covenant will become  
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"Branch of Command hath sprung forth from this Root.....(B.S.529) T.B. 142  
 "Branch of Holiness, Sacred Temple of ABHÁ, hath branched  
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 "Limb of the Law of God hath sprung forth from this Root..... D.B. 43  
 "Moon of the Central Orb of this Dispensation..... D.B. 42  
 "I am the servant of Bahá'u'lláh..... P.U.P. 161  
 "My station is the station of servitude..... D.B. 41  
 "My throne is my mat..... B.S. 848  
 "Elevated to station which encompasses all existence (B.S.529) T.B. 142  
 "Mention me in my pure servitude..... T.A.B. 604

3. MYSTERY OF GOD

"Above and beyond all...the Mystery of God..... D.B. 42  
 "Whom God hath purposed..... (B.S.540) K-i-A.152 (D.B. 42)  
 "Him around whom all names revolve..... D.B. 42  
 "The word of 'Abdu'l-Bahá....is a hidden mystery..... B.S. 835  
 "Most great favor...and most perfect blessing upon you (B.S.529) T.B. 143

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"Refer....to him who hath branched from this Mighty Stock.....	D.B.	42
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"We have made Thee a shelter for all mankind.....	D.B.	43
"Lamp of universal salvation.....	T.A.B.	430
"Ransom to each one of the believers of God.....	T.A.B.	433
"Illumine the world thru Thy knowledge and wisdom.....	D.B.	43
"Every mouldering bone quickened..... (B.S.529)	T.B.	143
"All nations and kindreds gathered together.....	U.W.C.	44
"Firm assistant thru the help and providence of the Lord of Hosts.....	T.A.B.	27
"Fragrances of humbleness diffused from heart of 'Abdu' l-Bahá.....	T.A.B.	2

7. WILL and TESTAMENT

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"The Administrative Order of Bahá'u'lláh is divine in origin"

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"Source from which it derives its inspiration is Bahá'u'lláh....."	D.B.	64
"Verily He is Myself; the Shining-Place of My Identity....."	B.S.	527
"Source and transmission of authority....."	B.N.	37:1-2
"Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá...with the Kitáb-i-Aqdas....."	W.O.B.	3-4
"Unto the Most Holy Book...and Universal House of Justice....."	B.A.	11
"Laws that govern its operation....."	D.B.	64
"Are ye hidden from Myself because of My Name? (B.S.49.p.124)....."	L.A.	157
"We have opened unto you the Gates of the Kingdom (B.S. p.125)....."	L.A.	159

2. GREATEST BRANCH..CENTER OF THE COVENANT..WILL AND TESTAMENT

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"Emphasis He placed upon the heredity principle and law of primo-geniture....."	D.B.	55
"Axis round which its institutions revolve..Will and Testament....."	D.B.	64
"Administrative Order..may be considered framework of Will....."	D.B.	52
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3. GUARDIANSHIP..PRIMAL BRANCH..VALAYAT..AUTHORITY

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"Guardian of the Cause of God....."	B.A.	7, 12
"Guardian under ... unerring guidance....."	B.A.7 (D.B.	57)
"(Guardian) He is the expounder of the words of God....."	D.B.56; B.A.7	
"Will succeed the first born of lineal descendants....."	D.B.57; B.A.7	
"Institution of Guardianship anticipated....."	D.B.	58
"Guardian appoint in his own lifetime..successor....."	B.A.	8
"Institution of Guardianship and of the Univ. H. of Just....."	D.B.	55
"Institution of Guardianship...stabilizes...safeguards....."	W.O.B.	8
"The mighty stronghold shall remain impregnable and safe thru obedience to him (Guardian)....."	B.A.	7
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"Such is the goal.....	U.W.C.	42-44
"Lay foundation of World's Great Peace.....	U.W.C.	32
"Democratic....Autocratic...Aristocratic.....	D.B.	61-62
"Usher in concluding phase..of this glorious Dispensation.....	D.B.	64
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5. INSTITUTIONS: HANDS OF GOD....COUNCIL OF MINE...

"Hands of the Cause of God must be appointed by Guardian.....	B.A.	8
"Obligations..are to diffuse the Divine Fragrances, to edify the souls of men, to promote learning, to improve the character of all men...and at all times and under all conditions, sanctified and detached from earthly things.. manifest the fear of God by conduct, manners, deeds and their words.....	B.A.	8-9
"Hands of Cause of God under direction of the Guardian.....	B.A.	9,12
"Hands..must be watchful.....	B.A.	8, 7
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"These give assent to the one Guardian hath chosen as successor.....	B.A.	8
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6. UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE

"House of Justice which God hath ordained.....	B.A.	10
"Must be elected by universal suffrage.....	B.A.	10,11
"The Guardian of the Cause of God is its sacred head.....	B.A.	10
"It enacteth ordinances and regulations.....	B.A.	10

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"Assemblies, local and national, constitute today the bedrock upon the strength of which the Universal House is..to be established.....	B.A.	54
"They (members) are the trustees of God among His servants.....	G.T.	89
"We..command them to guard and protect the servants, maid-servants and children.....	W.P.	55
"It may execute that which it deems advisable at the time.Ish.(37-38)129-30		
"Verily we have made it (H.J.) an asylum for the poor and needy.....	Ish.(37)129	
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7. SECONDARY HOUSE OF JUSTICE

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"Committees of the National Assembly.....	B.A.	24
"Its immediate purpose is to stimulate, unify, coordinate.....	B.A.	34
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"Duties of elected representatives.....	B.A.	54-56
"Responsibility of N.S.A.....	B.Pr. Sec.4, s.10	
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"Hope the House of Spirituality will become heavenly mirror.....	T.A.B.	19-20

9. ...NATIONAL AND LOCAL FUNDS

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4. How is God immanent?
5. Explain the Oneness of God.
6. What distinguishes the World of God from other planes?
7. How is God found in His creatures?
8. Can God be personified?
9. What is meant by the essence of God?

## WORLD OF COMMAND

1. What is the Kingdom of God?
2. What is the World of the Prophets?
3. What does proceeding thru manifestation mean?
4. Does this condition of existence reveal the Essence?
5. Of what is this condition a mirror?
6. What does this condition reflect to man?
7. Why is this called the World of Command?
8. As a mirror of what is this condition a reflection, or manifestation?
9. Why called the Primal Emanation?
10. Explain how the Word is a collective center.
11. What do you understand by Primal Will, or Primal Word?
12. Explain "Only begotten of the Father".
13. Explain "Primary Mirror".
14. Explain what is meant by Manifestation of the Essence".
15. What is the reality of the Manifestations?
16. What is meant by "attaining the presence of God"?
17. What is, - and how is revealed the Divine Mind?
18. Give some definitions of the Holy Spirit.
19. What does man gain through Holy Spirit?
20. Define the Christ Spirit?
21. What power is manifested from the World of Command?
22. Explain "the Word made flesh".
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## WORLD OF CREATION

1. To what "conditions" is existence limited?
2. What are the "worlds of God"?
3. What is "Object" of existence?
4. Did nature evolve before man was created?
5. Explain "Oneness of humanity".
6. How does man mirror God?
7. Explain the "universal or world spirit of man".
8. How do virtues appear from the reality of man?
9. Has the will of man to do with the development of his potentialities?
10. What are the two pathways in the world of humanity?
11. Is man always man, even when he appears as an animal?
12. Is mind a natural faculty?
13. What is "essential oneness of the Manifestations"?
14. Explain distinction of the Manifestations.
15. What is the two-fold station of the Manifestations?
16. How can we say the Manifestations are God?
17. What is the sovereignty of the Manifestations?
18. What is purpose of the appearance of the Manifestations?
19. What is religion? Give three definitions.
20. What is basic foundation of religion?
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22. Is faith a sign of justice?
23. What great bounty does faith give?

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24. In what way does service yield benefits?
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30. Why should it be necessary to follow divine laws?
31. Give some of the qualities that are necessary to spiritual growth.
32. What advantage is gained thru prayer?
33. How does prayer awaken the "spiritual eye"?
34. What is "attitude of prayer"?
35. Why are some prayers answered and some not?
36. Why is it necessary to pray?
37. How Are REWARD and RETRIBUTION the foundations of order in the world?
38. Does God punish us?
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42. Is eternal life a natural gift to man?
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44. What are we taught about conditions of the souls after death?

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1. Name some of the prophecies relating to Him.
2. What does "Manifestation in His identity" mean?
3. Give explanation of "unity and distinction" regarding Manifestations.
4. Explain what the Greatest Name is?
5. What two forms of Covenant did Bahá'u'lláh make?
6. Give some proofs of manifestation of Bahá'u'lláh.
7. What is Most Great Infallibility, and how applied?
8. How is He the return of all the Prophets?
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11. How is this the Day of God?
12. What great distinguishing feature has His Revelation?

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ADMINISTRATION.

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2. What governs the functions?
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4. How is the Guardianship to be provided for?
5. What is the authority that will sustain the institutions?
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7. What are the present various institutions of the Administrative Order?
8. Define activities of the Guardian and of Universal House of Justice?
9. How will administrative machinery serve a twofold purpose?
10. What is the function of the Hands of the Cause?
11. Give a few of duties of the Local Assembly.
12. What should be the inspiring impulse for the delegates and visitors?
13. What two special functions has the Convention?
14. What is the goal of the administrative principles?
15. What is the "Council of nine"?
16. What is the importance of having all Assemblies functioning  
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17. What reason for the local and national Bahá'í Fund?
18. What is one of the "organic parts" of Bahá'í life?
19. Why is it obligatory to attend the 19 Day Feasts?
20. Of what are Temples the symbol?
21. What two principles of procedure are urged in Bahá'í life?
22. What does it mean to "deepen in the Cause?"
23. How can this Revelation claim to be a universal world religion?
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the spiritual teachings?

NOTE....

These two quotations from the Persian Bayán (French translation) can be added to the section to which they relate.

P.B. Tome I, p.5 (can be placed at sec. of Bahá'u'lláh)

"It is (the First Will).....

"The eye has seen nothing like it, neither before nor after. It is the Name of the Divinity; it is the Countenance of the Absolute Sovereignty established in the shadow of the Divinity; it is the Name that guides all mankind toward the Kingdom of the all-powerful Oneness of God.

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"The Manifestation of God, to manifest, needs first God, then a Mirror. And these two are the two stations of the Báb. He is God, in that He is the Mirror of God; in that God is reflected in Him; He is man, because He reflects this Image."

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# THE THREE CONDITIONS OF EXISTENCE AND THE WESTERN BELIEVERS

In a number of His talks and Tablets, 'Abdu'l-Baha affirmed a distinctive Baha'i ontology, indicating that all the Prophets of God have revealed the existence of three separate worlds, the world of God, the world of the Will/Word/Cause/Prophet, and the world of creation. One of the most accessible sources for this ontology, for the Western Baha'is, is "Some Answered Questions." In this collection of conversations with Laura Clifford Barney, an American believer, 'Abdu'l-Baha explains that there are three "conditions of existence":

"Know that the conditions of existence are limited to the conditions of servitude, of prophethood, and of Deity, but the divine and the contingent perfections are unlimited...If it were possible to reach a limit of perfection, then one of the realities of the beings might reach the condition of being independent of God, and the contingent might attain to the condition of the Absolute. But for every being there is a point which it cannot overpass; that is to say, he who is in the condition of servitude, however far he may progress in gaining limitless perfections, will never reach the condition of Deity...

"For example, Peter cannot become Christ. All that he can do is, in the condition of servitude, to attain endless perfections; for every existing reality is capable of making progress." (SAQ:LXII:267,268)

"To recapitulate: the Sufis admit God and the creature, and say that God resolves Himself into the infinite forms of the creatures, and manifests like the sea, which appears in the infinite forms of the waves: these phenomenal and imperfect waves are the same thing as the Pre-Existent Sea, which is the sum of all the divine perfections. The Prophets, on the contrary, believe that there is the world of God, the world of the Kingdom, and the world of Creation: three things. The first emanation from God is the bounty of the Kingdom, which emanates and is reflected in the reality of the creatures, like the light which emanates from the sun and is resplendent in creatures; and this bounty, which is the light, is reflected in infinite forms in the reality of all things, and specifies and indivi-

dualizes itself according to the capacity, the worthiness, and the intrinsic value of things."  
(SAQ:LXXXII:338-339)

Apparently referring to the second of these two quotes, the following is found in a letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, dated 29 November 1929:

"Abdu'l-Baha says that the main difference between the gnostics and the religionists is that the gnostics maintain the existence of only two worlds, the world of God and the world of the creature. The prophets, however, maintained the existence of three worlds, the world of God, the world of the Will or the Word, and the world of created things. The prophets, therefore, maintained that a knowledge of God is impossible. As 'Abdu'l-Baha says, man can never know God or even imagine Him. If he does that object is not God but an imaginary idol."  
(#1724, p. 510; "Lights of Guidance," compiled and edited by Helen Hornby; New Delhi: Baha'i Publishing Trust, 1988, second revised edition)

Inasmuch as "Some Answered Questions" was first published in English translation in 1908, it is evident that this Baha'i teaching was familiar to many of the Western believers in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A Tablet written by 'Abdu'l-Baha and entitled "Lawh-i-Ism-i-A'zam" (Tablet of the Greatest Name), published in Persian in "Ma'idiy-i-Asmani" (vol. II, p. 102; Tihiran: Baha'i Publishing Trust, 129 B.E.; reprint by New Delhi: Baha'i Publishing Trust, 1984 C.E.) was partially translated and published in "Bahai Scriptures" (#914, p. 479; compiled and edited by Horace Holley; New York: Brentano's Publishers, 1923). This book was widely read by the Western believers from the time of its publication. This same Tablet is described by Hand of the Cause Abu'l-Qasim Faizi in his publication entitled "Explanation of the Emblem of the Greatest Name" (New Delhi, India: Baha'i Publishing Trust, 1970); and cited by Stephen Lambden in his article on "Apophatic Theology in Babi and Baha'i Scripture," (p. 66, 78; in "Revisioning the Sacred: New Perspectives on a Baha'i Theology," edited by Jack McLean; Los Angeles: Kalimat Press, 1997). In this Tablet, 'Abdu'l-Baha explained the meaning of the symbol of the "Greatest Name" which is found ornamenting the shrine of the Bab on Mt. Carmel and on pendants and rings worn by many Baha'is. This symbol is composed of two parallel pairs of the letter "H" (each beginning and ending with this letter), representing the "worlds" of God and His Creation, with two strokes of the letter "B," forming a cross and representing the "world" of Revelation and Manifestation, which has its existence between the two "worlds" of God and Creation and which connects these "worlds". In the original Persian text, 'Abdu'l-Baha uses the word [alam] to indicate "world" and this word is Arabic and has the following connotations: "world, universe, cosmos, kingdom" (Weir, p. 745-746). The English translation in "Bahai Scriptures" will be cited here, along with some of the nomenclature from the original Persian text:

"Briefly, such are the least of the mysteries of the composition of the Greatest Name upon the stone of the Divine ring.

"Observe also that the three planes represent the world of God ['alam-i-haqq], the world of Command ['alam-i-amr], and the world of Creation ['alam-i-khalq], which are the sources of the signs. The world of God is the source of Glorious Bounty; the world of Command is the pure and luminous Mirror which depends upon the Sun of Truth; and the world of Creation is the source of the acquisition of Lights which is due to the Supreme Conjunction: To take from God; to give to the creatures.

"In brief: the true "Ba" [ba'], which is the universal Reality [haqiqi kih haqiqat kulliyih ast], once descended and distributed into the third degree [maratab thalathih] from the Supreme Grade [zaruhi a'li], to the inferior creatures, becomes the collector and creator of all the worlds."

In another letter written on behalf of Shoghi Effendi, dated 28 February 1938, the "Greatest Name" symbol which was explained in the Tablet of 'Abdu'l-Baha referred to above, is described as follows:

"The inscription upon the Baha'i ringstone is the Symbol of the Greatest Name, Baha', Who is the Manifestation of the essence of God. It is also symbolic of the three planes, representing the World of God, the World of Revelation and the World of Creation."

(#909, p. 269; "Lights of Guidance," 1988)

Another testimony to this teaching of 'Abdu'l-Baha is a talk given by Mrs. Lua M. Getsinger, at the California Club Hall, in San Francisco, California, on 17 December 1911 (stenographically recorded by B. S. Straum). It refers to a chart allegedly made by 'Abdu'l-Baha to explain the ontological teachings of Baha'u'llah:

"One time in Acca, when 'Abdu'l-Baha was trying to make us understand the possibility of man more clearly knowing God, he used this chart. [There follows a description of the chart, which is as follows: ("The chart is dark on one side, light on the other and consists of circles. At the top a circle labeled INFINITE ESSENCE--GOD. Next circle to the right and on the light side written "Highest possible attainment by man--the Prophets". Circles descending to the bottom circle is half in the dark and half in the light labeled "Human Kingdom." Three circles on the left labeled (ascending) "Animal Kingdom", "Vegetable Kingdom", "Mineral Kingdom". From the large circle at the top

are rays going out labeled "Love, Life, Knowledge, Faith, Forgiveness, Justice, Mercy, Primal Will, Beauty, Power, Generosity, Munificence, Peace, Righteousness, Purity". This chart is circular in itself with words written upon the rays at the top "Word of God", along the side "Spirit", at the bottom "The Christ Holy Spirit", and to the left "Matter".)]

Mrs. Getsinger gave a description of the ontological teachings portrayed on this chart in this talk. To summarize, she depicts three realms of existence--God, the First Effulgence (associated with the Prophets) and the kingdoms of creation. The talk in its entirety is found in "Lua Getsinger, Herald of the Covenant," by Velda Piff Metelmann (George Ronald, 1997, pp. 358-372). Inasmuch as Mrs. Getsinger gave a talk on this subject in 1911, prior to 'Abdu'l-Baha's visit to the United States (which began in April 1912), and given that she was a very popular and active travel-teacher for the Faith at that time, it seems very likely that many of the American believers were familiar with this chart and with the ontological teachings it represented. We do not seem to possess a copy of the chart referred to by Mrs. Getsinger, but we do have a somewhat modified chart, published by Quo Vadis in Geneva (undated) and, with commentary, by Curtis D. Kelsey, on 5 April 1958 (in Teaneck, New Jersey) and on 15 January 1969 (Bradenton, Florida). The chart as published by Mr. Kelsey contains the following statement:

"Abdu'l Baha, the eldest son of Baha'u'llah and appointed interpreter and perfect exemplar of His teachings, gave Mrs. Lua Getsinger, an early American believer, a diagram illustrating the true story of evolution. (The diagram is attached to the script.)

"The following is Abdu'l Baha's explanation of His evolution diagram..."

The author of the commentary then cites several paragraphs of statements allegedly made by 'Abdu'l-Baha which seem to refer to the design of the chart in question. The statements appear to be in harmony with the authenticated Tablets and talks in their exposition of Baha'i teachings. The commentary then continues to make other observations about the meaning of the chart. The chart, the commentary and a letter from the Research Department of the Baha'i World Centre regarding this chart is to be found at: <http://www.bahai-library.org/visuals/chart.reduced.gif>, and <http://www.bahai-library.org/visuals/evolution.txt.html>

In this context, we should not be surprised to find that one of the Western believers took this teaching to heart, and prepared a compilation from the Writings of Baha'u'llah, the Writings and talks of 'Abdu'l-Baha and the letters of Shoghi Effendi on this subject. Her name was Mrs. Henrietta Emogene Martin Hoagg (1869-1945), and she was taught the Faith by Mrs. Getsinger, in 1898, in San Francisco, California. Subsequently, Mrs. Hoagg studied with 'Abdu'l-Baha for long periods of time (in 1900, 1912, 1913-1914, 1920-1921), as well as with Mirza Abu'l-Fadl Gulpaygani (1901-1904 passim.). Over a

period of some years, Mrs. Hoagg compiled an "Outline on the Three Conditions of Existence: Servitude, Prophethood, Deity" which was published in two editions (New York: Baha'i Publishing Society, 1937, 1938). Just prior to her passing, according to Mrs. Amine De Mille, with whom she was staying at the time, Mrs. Hoagg completed her magnum opus, a fully elaborated work on this same subject. Copies of her published "Outline" are extant, while her magnum opus seems to have been lost.

Mrs. Hoagg taught courses based on her "Outline" at the Green Acre School (23-27 August 1937) and the Louhelen School (9-10 July 1938). Her introductory hand-outs for students stated, in reference to the three conditions of existence:

"Abdu'l-Baha sometimes called these conditions,  
The World of God, Reality of Divinity,  
The World of the Kingdom, or Command,  
The World of Creation.

"We shall find that these THREE WORLDS, or three conditions of existence are distinct in their reality or essence, but indissolubly united by the one CENTRAL POWER or SOURCE, GOD, that binds together and works thru [her spelling] all existence. We shall consider: the oneness of God, the oneness of the Prophets, and the oneness of humanity.

"We shall learn to distinguish between the teachings of the various schools of thought, and give the exact ideas of the Baha'i Revelation regarding these stages of existence--a clarified concept as to relative stations in these worlds of BEING...You will note that I have taken many books as reference, and some seem repetitious. I feel that this gives a broader and more thorough understanding, for in each quote we will find some little difference that adds to the whole."

On another occasion, in Vogel Park, California (n.d.), Mrs. Hoagg led a study course on "Some Answered Questions" and her introductory hand-out began with these words:

"In studying anything the most sensible way is to coordinate the subject material under subject heads. This is what I have tried to do with Answered Questions ["Some Answered Questions"], so that we can get a rounded out understanding of the contents.

"It is surprising what a comprehensive study this Book makes. We shall find that every subject treated is relative to what 'Abdu'l-Baha calls (p. 267) the 'Conditions of existence,' and He says they are limited to three: 'Servitude, Prophethood and Deity.' On page 333 (339) He calls these conditions the 'World of God,' the 'World of

the Kingdom,' and the 'World of Creation.' Again He calls these same conditions of existence 'World of God,' 'World of Command' and 'World of Creation' (B.S.914) ["Bahai Scriptures," #914].

"So in making out a study outline for these days, I have coordinated the subjects under these headings."

In an undated letter to Mrs. Marian C. Lippitt (at that time the Secretary and Chairman of the National Reference Library Committee of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States), Mrs. Amine De Mille wrote: "I was finishing up her story for B.N. ["Emogene Hoagg, an exemplary pioneer," in "Baha'i News," October 1973, p. 6-11] and thought I'd look through a bunch of her old lesson plans and hand written lists of references, etc. when my eye lit upon an old yellow sheet with this on it." She then cites the following statement:

"In studying anything, the most sensible way is to coordinate the material under subject heads. As our Teachings are not given us under headings, but in Tablets to individuals, in public talks, group talks and general letters, where many subjects are mentioned, we can only get a complete and comprehensive understanding by coordinating them under subject heads. I have done this...

We shall find that every subject treated is relative to what 'Abdu'l-Baha calls 'The Conditions of Existence,' and He says they are limited to three: 'Servitude, Prophethood and Deity.' (Some Answered Questions p. 267 ch. LXII)..."

Mrs. De Mille continues in her letter: "Also, she cites p. 339 S.A.Q. ["Some Answered Questions"] where He speaks of 'World of God, World of the Kingdom and the World of Creation.'" She adds and once again quotes Mrs. Hoagg:

"We find then, when studying, that all the Teachings fit into one of these conditions of existence, and this simplifies the understanding of all the Teachings. This is one of our most positive teachings that can combat and meet the assertions and beliefs of the mystics, Theosophists, Christian Scientists, and most of the various cults existing today."

As we see, Mrs. Hoagg cited as her authority the three earlier-cited statements in which 'Abdu'l-Baha proclaimed a threefold ontology--two from "Some Answered Questions" and one from "Bahai Scriptures". Mrs. Hoagg led a very active life, pioneering, travel-teaching, assisting the Guardian, and during her many years of service to the Cause she compiled and published only one document, her "Outline". Her friend attests that she was working on her magnum opus, on the same subject, at the time of her passing. In 1943, just two years before her passing, Mrs. Hoagg was attending a Sanatorium to treat a number of ailments which had cut short her pioneering stint in Latin America. At

that Sanatorium another Baha'i arrived for treatment, Mrs. Marian C. Lippitt (1897-1984), and she found Mrs. Hoagg busily working on her book. In between their treatments, Mrs. Hoagg told Mrs. Lippitt all about the three conditions of existence, and shared her passion for assembling quotations from the various Sacred texts which reveal the truth of that paradigm. Not only did Mrs. Lippitt become convinced of this teaching herself, but this instruction ignited a fire which was to motivate virtually all of her subsequent life's work, from 1945 until 1984.

The first chapter of this story saw Mrs. Lippitt spending several hours every day studying the Writings in the systematic manner which her training and experience in mechanical engineering had taught her to apply to everything. In 1951 she was appointed to the National Reference Library Committee by the National Spiritual Assembly of the United States, and the NRLC was commissioned to prepare a Master Index of the Baha'i teachings, with references from the entire corpus of the Writings in English translation. In 1954, with the demonstrated failure of the Dewey Decimal System to accommodate the full range of the Baha'i teachings, Mrs. Lippitt, the Secretary of the NRLC, proposed the adoption of the three conditions of existence (fleshed out to include all of the subsidiary realities which fit into this paradigm), and in 1956 this was approved by the National Spiritual Assembly and the NRLC began to train indexers. From then until Mrs. Lippitt's passing, in 1984, there were always at least one or two indexers contributing to the Master Index. At the time of her passing, the Index was comprised of at least 300,00 cards stored in over 200 metal boxes. The indexing of the Baha'i Writings in translation was not complete...there were new translations published in the 1970s which were not entered into the Index.

In her generation, Mrs. Getsinger was the only Western Baha'i who seems to have taken a marked interest in the ontological teachings of the Faith. After Dr. Khayru'llah--who distorted those teachings in his lectures and books--Mrs. Getsinger seems to be the only Baha'i teacher of her generation who gave lectures on Baha'i ontology. Likewise, in her generation, Mrs. Hoagg appears to be the only Western Baha'i who took an interest in explaining the three conditions of existence to her fellow believers. Finally, in her generation, Mrs. Lippitt was virtually alone in her devotion to the study and explication of these matters. Only Mr. Kelsey appears also to have taken some interest, enough to publish a version of the chart attributed by Mrs. Getsinger to 'Abdu'l-Baha, along with a commentary explaining its meanings. Mrs. Lippitt labored daily for almost thirty years, between 1956 and 1984, to index every "verity" she could locate in the Baha'i Writings in translation.

The Western Baha'i scholars of this generation include a number of individuals who are interested in the ontological teachings of the Baha'i Faith. At their disposal they have new translations, some authorized, many more provisional; they are able to collaborate freely with the numerous Persian Baha'i scholars who have emigrated to North America in the past thirty years; many of them have studied the Persian and Arabic languages in college and graduate school and are able to read the Baha'i texts in the original--this enables them to benefit from access to the many untranslated Writings which refer to ontology, including those which have been collected and published by Persian Baha'i

scholars in earlier generations. They also have access to the Persian commentaries of these Baha'i scholars which relates the Baha'i ontological teachings to those of Islam and other world views. Nevertheless, given the close association of Mrs. Getsinger and Mrs. Hoagg with 'Abdu'l-Baha, and of Mrs. Hoagg and Mr. Kelsey with Shoghi Effendi, and the systematic approach which both Mrs. Hoagg and Mrs. Lippitt brought to their study and exposition of the three conditions of existence, it might be advisable for the present generation of Baha'i scholars to consider these earlier contributions to the field. They were not compiled by academics, or by experts in Middle Eastern languages, or by well-known writers, but rather by humble handmaidens of the Faith. For that reason alone, they are worthy of our respect and our interest. To borrow an analogy, if Baha'i scholarship has two wings, then the women's wing must be treated with as much consideration as the men's wing, the amateur with as much respect as the specialist.