

I [Jonah Winters] compiled this list on September 12 and posted it to <http://bahai-library.com/wwwboard/messages01/530.html> , but removed it by request. And I didn't excerpt it below, but see also the UHJ's letter [Pilgrims Notes and the "Calamity."](#) -Jonah

1) From <http://bahai-library.org/pilgrims/m.sears.html> :All the nations of the world have suffered, why not America: It is corrupt and it is flabby. Russia can do anything to America. America escaped before but this time it will not escape. The streets of New York will run with blood. Politics and individuals are corrupt. America is an atomic base - a target for Russia. England has become the aircraft carrier for atom bombs. The worst danger is that which faces New York. Skyscrapers will fall - there will be burning of

the cities as prophesied in the bible. 2) From <http://bahai-library.org/pilgrims/edge.html>  
:Those who do not respond will lose everything. Those who do respond will gain everything. The large cities are centers of materialism and the believers there will be caught in a trap. Cities like LONDON, PARIS, CHICAGO, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, will suffer horribly - Abdul-Baha warned the people about the danger of the racial problem in America, but they did nothing and had two wars. The situation is very grave and wish the friends to realize it. They calculate too much, there is not enough self- sacrifice, not enough trust in God.

While they are calculating, the BLOW WILL BE STRUCK. They, themselves, WILL EVAPORATE (go up in smoke), YES THEY WILL!!! The American continent is going to suffer,

particularly THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTINENT. This is a very grave challenge and if they don't face it, they will be very sorry. 3)

From <http://bahai-library.org/pilgrims/william.allison.html> : Two ills afflict the American society, the Guardian asserted -- materialism and racialism.

Reviewing the history of materialism, the Guardian showed where Western Europe had developed materialism and now America was carrying it to the extreme. With a glint of sarcasm in his voice he denounced the so-called American security of giant skyscrapers and colossal edifices. With a swift movement of his hand, he demonstrated how quickly these institutions could be swept away in seconds. How foolish of the Americans, he stated, for them to regard their security in these "towers of Babel". Indeed, he carried this symbology

one step further and called New York, Chicago, and San Francisco "Triple Babylons". 4) From

<http://bahai-library.org/pilgrims/dudley.html>

One evening the Guardian began speaking about the coming calamities. He was very emphatic and after he left, Ruhiyyih Khanum and the members of the International Council stated they had never heard him speak with so much force or so decisively. He said the coming calamity would be worse than war. Cities would evaporate; especially in the cities where it is hardest to teach the Faith such as New York, Chicago, and San Francisco. People would lose all their possessions and homes overnight - would simply evaporate. Americans would become refugees to other continents. The U.S. would suffer the most because it was the most materialistic. Europe was the cradle of materialism but the U.S. was the stronghold of

materialism. Russia would also suffer greatly. He said there was no difference between Russia and the U.S. in their systems because both were materialistic - capitalism which is purely materialistic and communism which controls the proletariat. The coming calamity would be retributive.

Abdul-Baha went to the U.S. to specifically waken the nation to its dangers. His mission was a failure - both from the standpoint of the Baha'is and the Americans. That can be discerned by reading between the lines of his addresses in America.

...Speaking again about the calamity, the Guardian said it was retributive and referred to the passage in the Hidden Words: "All of a sudden the unforeseen calamity..." and to the

quotation about the "limbs of mankind will quake." It especially applies to the U.S. because of the importance of the U.S. It is now America's turn to suffer. Referring to the coming cataclysm, the Guardian stated that the world needs a blood-letting because of over population of such countries as China, India, Japan. Refers to it as high blood-pressure and also to the unhealthy condition of many of the people, bad blood. Sally Sanor asked if in the future, when there would be no more wars, would there be a problem of overpopulation and the Guardian replied that science by that time would have solved the food problem.

The Guardian stated that the U.S. was chosen as the Cradle of the World Order (the Administrative Order) not because of its spiritual qualities but because of its corruption.

After the coming calamity, the U.S. will fulfill the prophecy of Abdul-Baha that the U.S. would lead the nations because of its suffering.

The Guardian said he had given up warning the friends because they paid no heed to him. Furthermore, that this calamity had been destined. The Guardian stated Abdul-Baha warned the friends but they were heedless. It is too late to save the world. The message of Baha'u'llah has been in the world for over 100 years and has been rejected. The calamity will be sudden. He spoke of our statesmen from the President down; all were helpless and impotent. Also stated that we were not an altruistic nation, we were only helping other countries to save ourselves. Said the submarines built by Russia will paralyze the United Kingdom, Western Europe, the

Mediterranean, the Pacific and Atlantic Seaboards. He stated that the U.S. did not wish to coalesce with other nations - only to protect itself. 5) From <http://bahai-library.org/pilgrims/woolson.html> :The A R K (he spelled this out) will be built around the Arc. We are building the seat of the Ark of Safety. The only Ark of Safety is the Administrative Order. Noah's Ark was built and the deluge came. This Ark is being built and the deluge will come. A Persian pilgrim, pioneering in Arabia, told me this afternoon (the Guardian was relating to us) that he had found a Muhammeden tradition which says that two-thirds of the world's population will be destroyed. How exactly this coincides with the prophecy of the New Testament regarding the destruction of two-thirds of the people. I wouldn't be surprised if this literally happens.



There are too many people in the world anyway, and many of them are corrupt. But there will be enough left to build the world Order of Baha'u'llah. Latin America is relatively safe because it is far away from the danger zone. The U.S. is in danger, Tehran is in great danger, also North Africa.

The Towers of Babel today of today are the skyscrapers. These will be destroyed. the people of the tower of Babel were haughty, proud, filled with vain-glory; they had turned away from God and were arrogant and God punished them. This will happen again for the same reason. The world is in the same condition today. The protection for the Baha'is is in dispersing. This is good for the Cause and for themselves.

6) Finally, though, also see Dr. Khan's cautionary note about not speculating, from <http://bahai-library.org/talks/nature.of.tests.html> :Freedom from negative criticism

We look toward a constructive, developmental Baha'i community which doesn't pretend it is immune from any means of further development and refinement of its practices and conduct but which is free from what the Guardian refers to as criticism of a negative nature which has the effect of undermining the authority of the Assembly.

One of the favorite and most wasteful and destructive practices in Baha'i community life in certain quarters is that of speculation about calamity. I am sure you've all had experiences

at certain times of spectacular remarks about the evaporation of skyscrapers and submarines off the coast and so on.

There is a passage--there are many passages in the Baha'i Writings--where Shoghi Effendi says we don't know in what form the calamity will occur. Calamity is occurring now and so on and so forth. There is one passage and I am going to read it you where the Guardian says this is calamity. Finally, we found it.

The letter, written on behalf of the Guardian, December 18, 1949, was published in the Baha'i News in July 1950--and what does he say? He defines a calamity. He says: "Vicious criticism is indeed a calamity. But its root is lack of faith in the system of Baha'u'llah (i.e. the administrative order) and lack of obedience to

Him--for He has forbidden it. If the Baha'is would follow the Baha'i laws in voting, in electing, in serving, and in abiding by assembly decisions, all this waste of strength through criticizing others could be diverted into cooperation."

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