

THE UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

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Dear Bahá'í Friend,

The Universal House of Justice has received your email letter of 28 April 2001, and has asked us to respond as follows.

You are encouraged to reflect on the process orientation which is conveyed in the authoritative writings of the Faith concerning world peace. Such a perspective will serve to provide you with answers to the questions you pose and will resolve those aspects which now appear to you to be inconsistent.

The unity of nations and the Lesser Peace can well be regarded as being distinct, yet they are elements in one overall process of the development of world peace. The reference in our 10 April 2001 letter to the dawn of the Most Great Peace after World War I was intended to assist the believers in seeing that even at so early a time, it would have been quite correct, from the process perspective, to have asserted that the Most Great Peace had dawned. The various passages quoted in the Research Department memorandum, when studied together, convey a unified understanding reflecting this approach.

With loving Bahá'í greetings,

Department of the Secretariat