



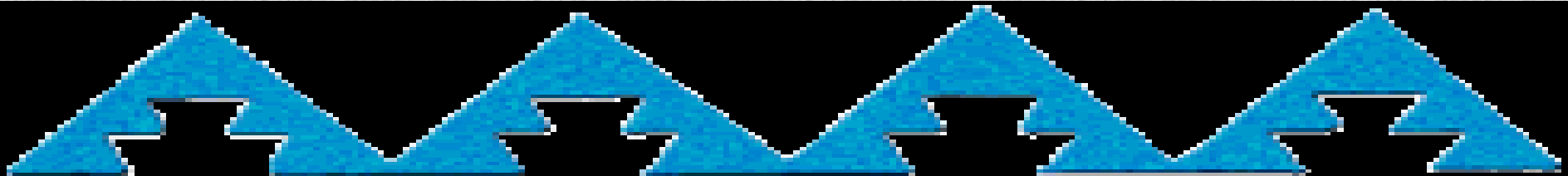
The Great Law of Peace

And

The Most Holy Book



**The Path to a
World Commonwealth
of Peace**



Knowledge Nullification



Dedication

Jim and Melba Loft

Near Eagle Ridge, the birthplace of the Peacemaker, on the Tyendinaga Mohawk First Nation Alfred James Loft, the first Mohawk to recognize the return of the Peacemaker, is buried. This presentation is dedicated to him and his wife Melba who had the spiritual eyes to recognize the Peacemaker as a prophet and even more importantly, were able to recognize the return of the promised one of the Iroquois in the embodiment of Baha'u'llah. They were tireless teachers who announced, as much as possible in their time and place, the return of the Great Law of Peace.



Introductory Statements

**It will be as though they have but
one mind,
and they are a single person
With only one body
And one head and one life,
Which means that
There will be unity
The Peacemaker
(Gibson, p. 40)**

**O my God! Unite the *hearts* of
Thy servants,
And reveal to them Thy great
purpose.**

**May they follow Thy
commandments
And abide in Thy *law***

Bahá'u'lláh

**When all are relatives,
Every nation,
Then there will be peace**

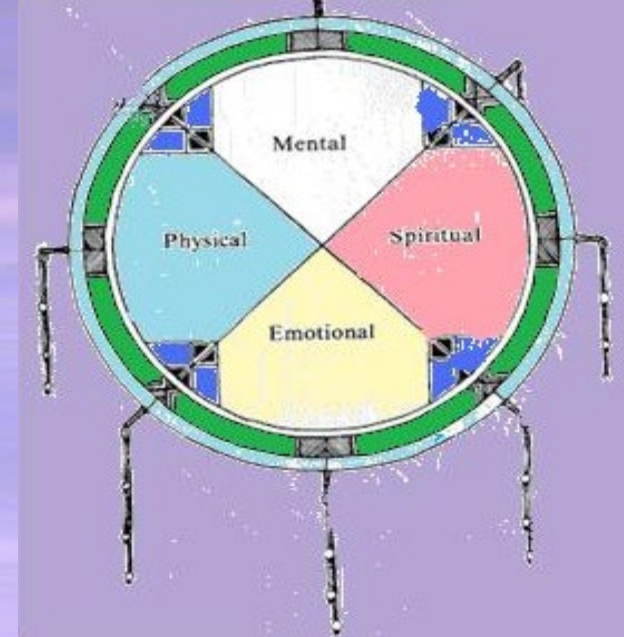
The Peacemaker

(Gibson p. 39)

Black Elk

Two men were coming from the east...between them rose the daybreak star. They came and gave a herb to me and said:

"With this on earth you shall undertake anything and do it." It was the daybreak-star herb, the herb of understanding, and they told me to drop it on the earth. I saw it falling far, and when it struck the earth it rooted and grew and flowered, four blossoms on one stem, a blue, a white, a scarlet, and a yellow; and the rays from these streamed upward to the heavens so that all creatures saw it and in no place was there darkness.



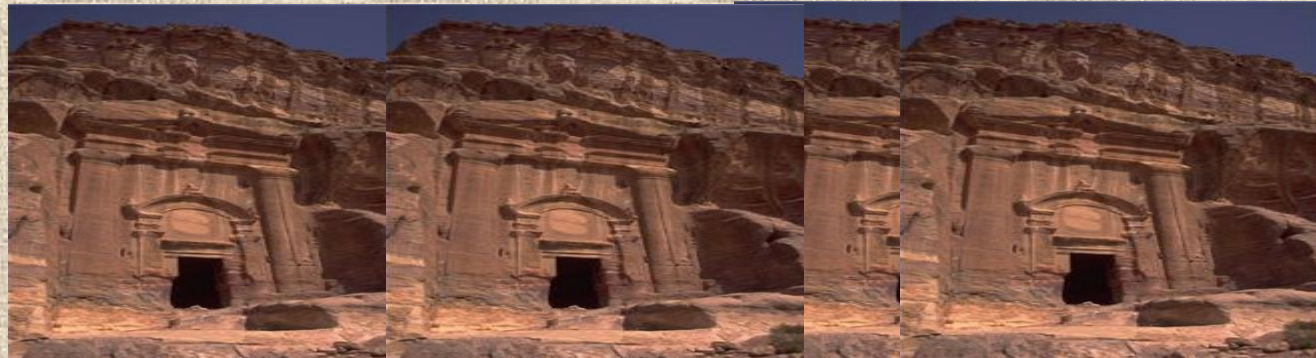
Sacred Births

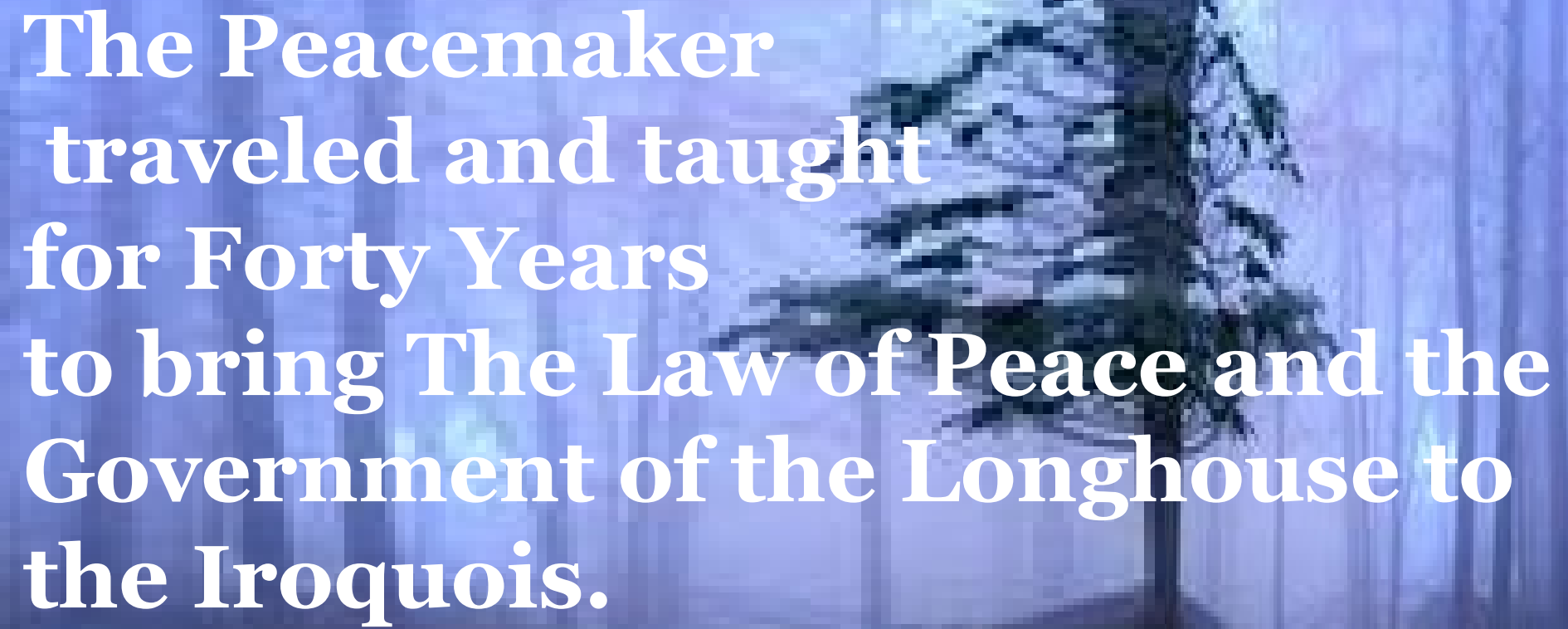


The Peacemaker was born a Huron on the shores of Lake Ontario (around 1142) . He was given a name when his coming was announced to his mother in a dream. In the dream a “spirit messenger’ told her that she would have a son and his name should be Deganawidah. She was also told he would represent the Creator and be a messenger that would bring peace. She was advised that when he came to maturity he would leave home. (Myers, p. 17).



Bahá'u'lláh was born the descendent of prophets and kings on November 12, 1817 in Tehran. He was the son of Mírzá Abbás Núrí who was prominent and wealthy and a minister in the court of the Shah of Iran. His family originated in the small village of Takur on the Caspian Sea. His father was a descendent of the ancient prophet of Persia, Zoroaster, whose teaching became the foundation of the Persian Empire.





**The Peacemaker
traveled and taught
for Forty Years
to bring The Law of Peace and the
Government of the Longhouse to
the Iroquois.**

**The First to Accept the Peace
was Hiawentha**



Mohawk

Seneca

Cayuga

Oneida

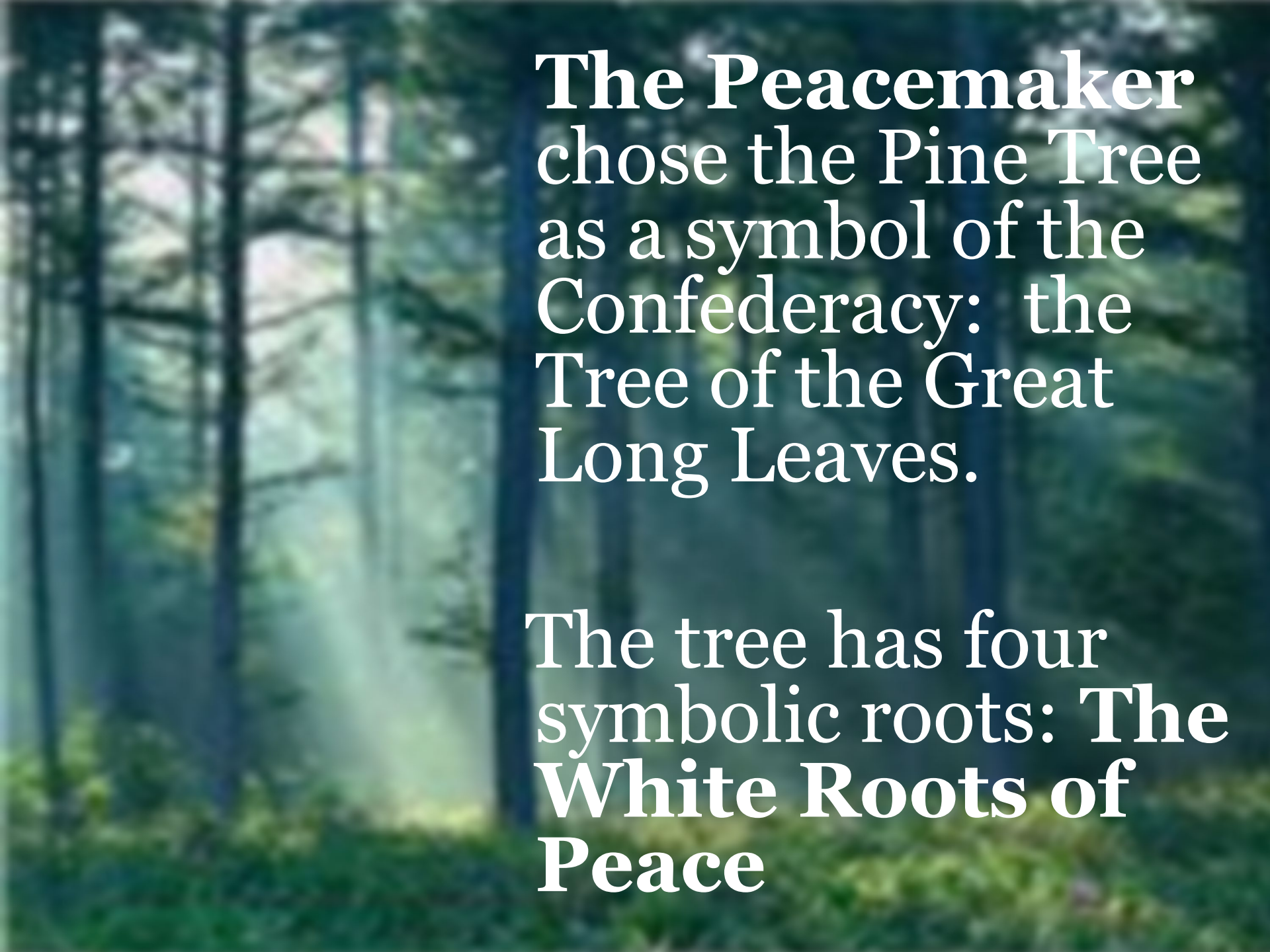
Onondaga



The Tuscarora Nation was the last
join the League
forming:

The Six Nations Confederacy

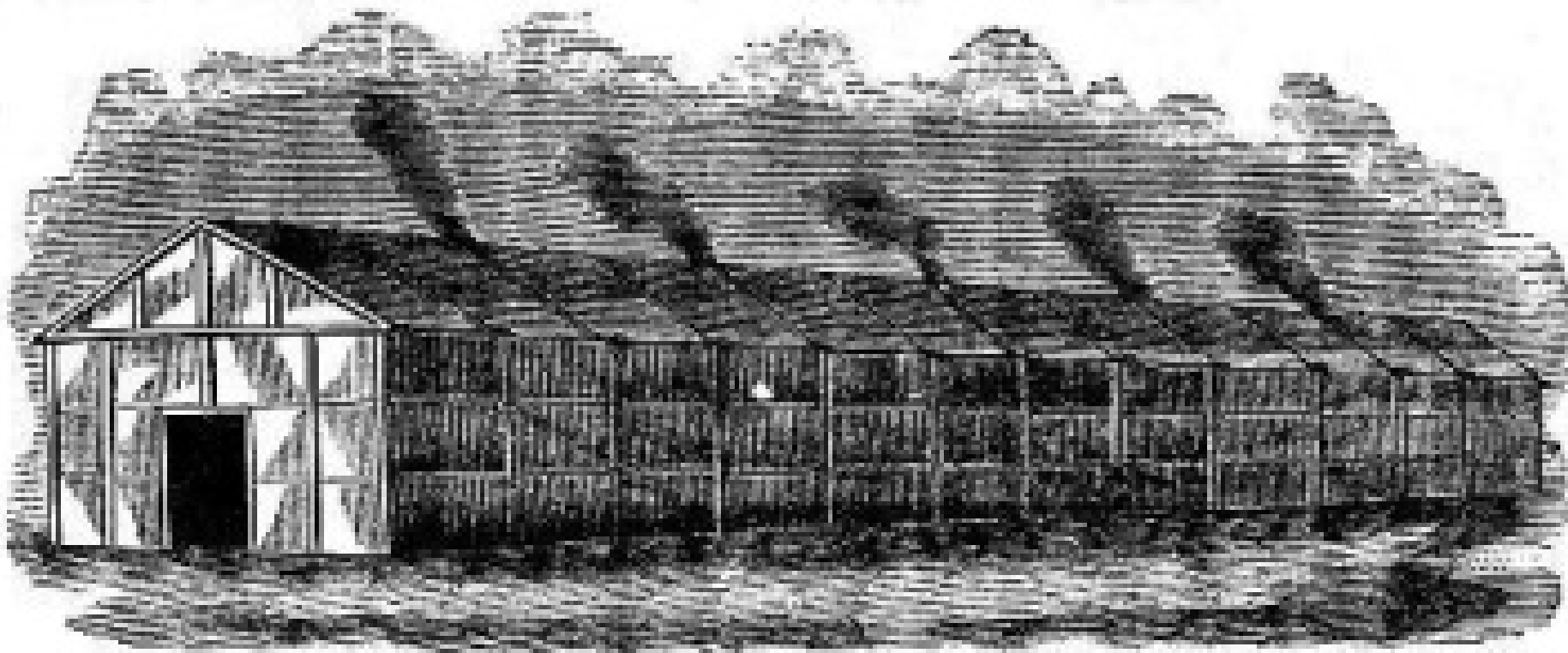




The Peacemaker
chose the Pine Tree
as a symbol of the
Confederacy: the
Tree of the Great
Long Leaves.

The tree has four
symbolic roots: **The
White Roots of
Peace**

The Great Law of Peace established the Institution of the Longhouse as a system of Government and Laws



Long House of the Iroquois. (Bureau of Ethnology.)

The Great Law of Peace

Is a 117 statements of Law that govern the Confederacy

The Law has three fundamental principles:



1. Peace: which is a
sound mind in a Healthy body
bringing peace to the people



2. Power : the establishment of civil authority bringing with it the increase in individual spirituality



3. Righteousness - which is the **The Good Word** in action bringing *justice* for all

**The Longhouse is a
House of *Justice***



The Kitáb-i-Aqdas

A 190 statements of Laws, Ordinances and Regulations
Guiding the Bahá'í World

That gave rise to ten foundational principles:



Bahá'í Principles

The Oneness of humanity
Equality of Men and Women
Elimination of all forms of Prejudice
Universal Peace upheld through a World Government
Independent Investigation of Truth
The Oneness of all Religions
Harmony of Science and Religion
Universal Compulsorily Education
A Universal Auxiliary Language
Spiritual Solution to Economic Problems





Announcement of Revelation

"I carry the Mind of the Master of Life and my message will bring an end to the wars between east and west. The Word that I bring is that all people shall love one another and live together in peace." *The White Roots of Peace* , pp. 13-14.

The Peacemaker

O kings of the earth! He Who is the sovereign Lord of all is come. The Kingdom is God's, the omnipotent Protector, the Self-Subsisting.

(Kitáb-i-Aqdas 78) Bahá'u'lláh

Call to The Creator
The first duty prescribed by God for His servants is the recognition of Him who is the Dayspring of His Revelation and the Fountain of His laws (Kitáb-i-Aqdas 1)

**(The Confederate Chiefs shall
express gratitude) ...to the
messengers of the Creator who
reveal His wishes and to the
Great Creator who dwells in the
heavens above...
(The Great Law 7)**

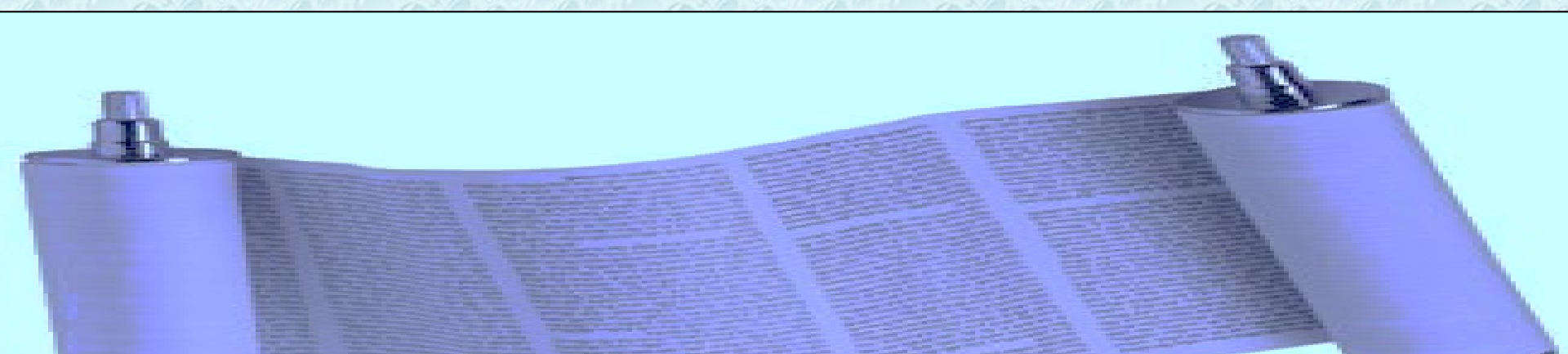




Call to the Law

...Return to the way of the Great Law which is just and right. (The Great Law 28)

Whenever My laws appear like the sun in the heaven of Mine utterance, they must be faithfully obeyed by all... (Kitáb-i-Aqdas 7)





The Placement of the Law

I am Dekanawidah and with the
Five Nations Confederate
Chiefs I plant the Tree of Great
Peace. I plant it in your
territory... (The Great Law 1)

The Most Great Law hath been
revealed in this Spot, this scene
of transcendent splendour.
Kitáb-i-Aqdas 81)

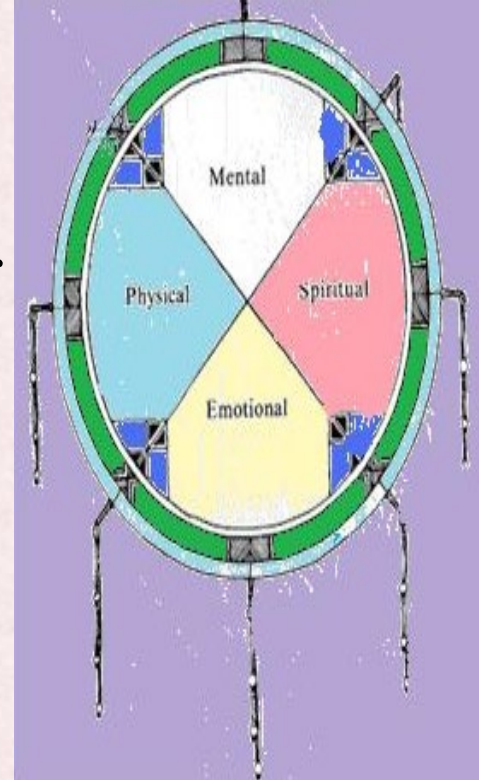


Mind, Heart and Voice

The Good Red Road

Adorn your **heads** with the garlands of trustworthiness and fidelity, your **hearts** with the attire of the Fear of God, your **tongues** with absolute truthfulness, your **bodies** with the vesture of courtesy.
(Kitáb-i-Aqdas 16)

Your **heart** shall be filled with peace and good will and your **mind** filled with a yearning for the welfare of the people of the Confederacy.... and all their **words** and **actions** shall be marked by calm deliberation...(The Great Law 28)



Unity of Religion and Humanity

If any man or any nation outside the Five Nations shall obey the laws of the Great Peace, ... they shall be welcomed to take shelter beneath the Tree of the Long Leaves. (The Great Law 2)

Consort with all religions with amity and concord, that they may inhale from you the sweet fragrance of God. (Kitáb-i-Aqdas 71)



The Unity of all People

**The Great Creator
has made us of one
blood and of the
same soil he made
us.... (The Great
Law 73)**

**Ye are the fruits of
one tree, and the
leaves of one
branch**

**Baha'u'llah
(Epistle to the Son of
the Wolf, p. 14)**



Sanctity of Life

Ye have been forbidden to
commit murder...(Kitáb-i-
Aqdas 19)

You have committed a grave sin
(murder)in the eyes of the
Creator. (The Great Law 20)



Sacredness of Voice

In your actions and in your conversation do no idle thing. Speak not idle talk neither gossip. Be careful of this and speak not and do not give way to evil behavior. (The Great Law 108)

All Chiefs of the Five Nations Confederacy must be honest in all things. They must not idle or gossip... (The Great Law 27)

Ye have been forbidden...to engage in backbiting or calumny; (Kitáb-i-Aqdas 19)

Protection of the Home

Take heed that ye enter no house in the absence of its owner, except with his permission. (Kitáb-i-Aqdas 145)



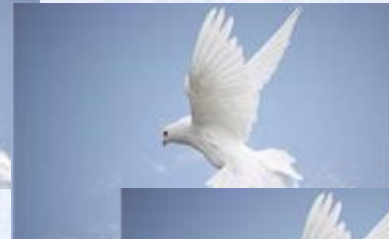
A certain sign shall be known to all the people of the Five Nations which shall denote that the owner or occupant of a house is absent. A stick or pole in a slanting or leaning position shall indicate this and be the sign. Every person not entitled to enter the house by right of living within it upon seeing such a sign shall not approach the house either by day or by night but shall keep as far away as his business will permit. (The Great Law 107)



Peacefulness

Ye have been forbidden in the Book of God to engage in contention and conflict...(Kitáb-i-Aqdas 148)

Neither anger nor fury shall find lodgement in their minds and all their words and actions shall be marked by calm deliberation (The Great Law 24)



Selfless Consultation

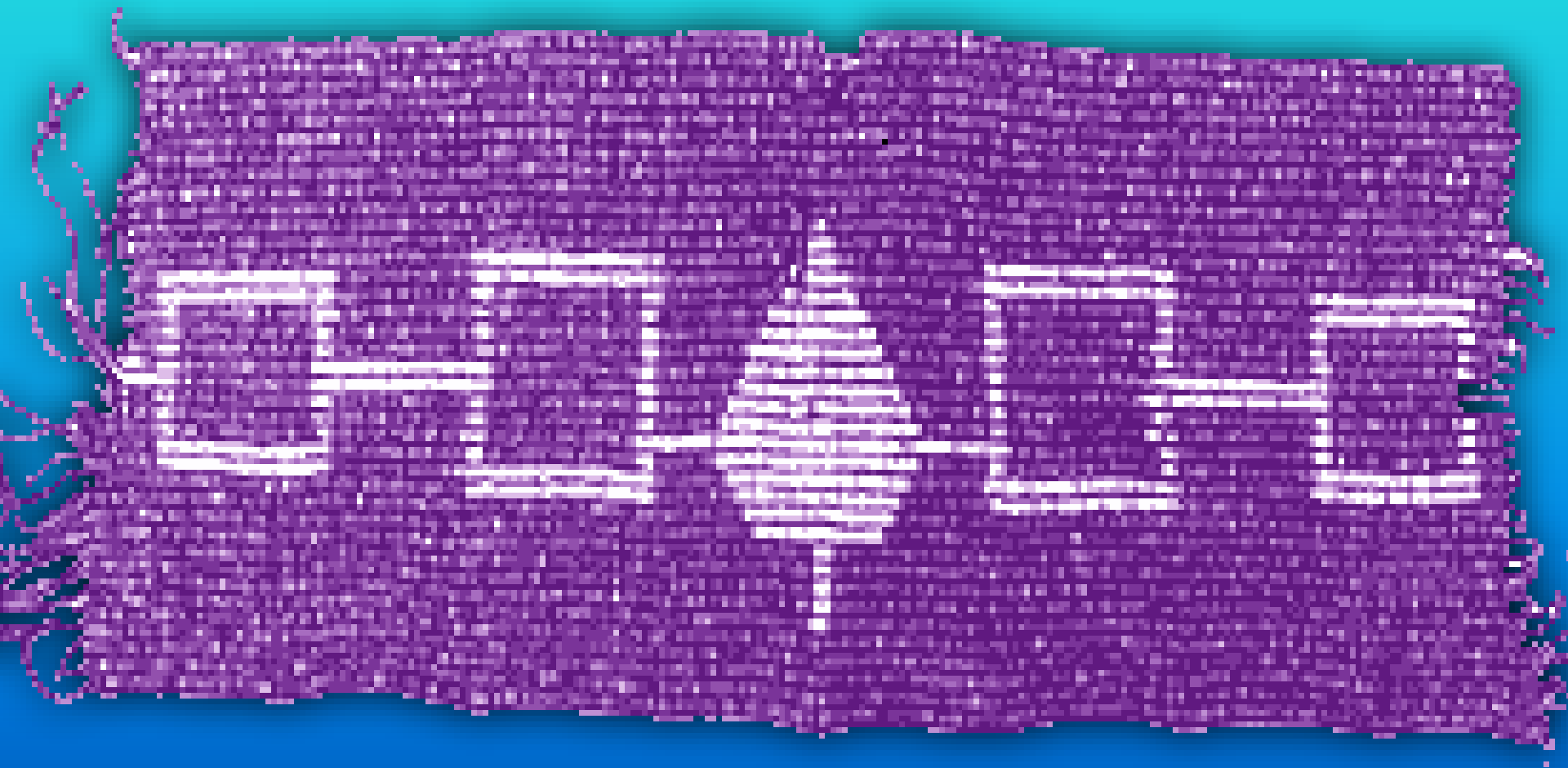
In all of your deliberations in the Confederate Council, in your efforts at law making, in all your official acts, self interest shall be cast into oblivion. (The Great Law 28)

It is incumbent upon them to take counsel together and to have regard for the interests of the servants of God, for His sake, even as they regard their own interests...(Kitáb-i-Aqdas 30)





Confederacy Wampum Belt





Number of Baha (9)

The Lord hath ordained that in every city a House of Justice be established wherein shall gather counsellors to the number of Baha (9)...(Kitáb-i-Aqdas 30)

No council of the Confederate Chiefs shall be legal unless all (nine members) the Mohawk Chiefs are present. (The Great Law 6)



Reducing Arms

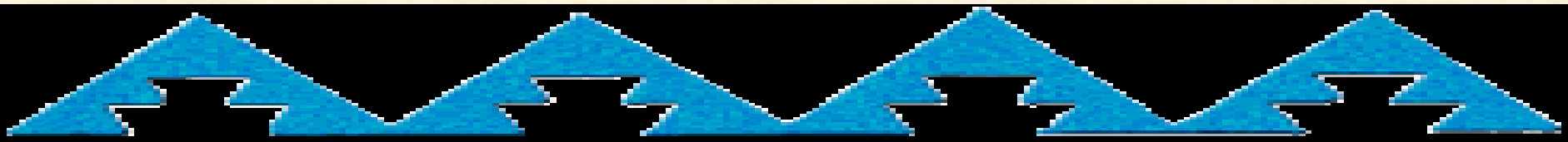
The principle of collective security He unreservedly...recommends the reduction in national armaments; and proclaims as necessary and inevitable the convening of a world gathering at which the kings and rulers of the world will deliberate for the establishment of peace among the nations.

(Shoghi Effendi, God Passes By, p. 217)



Reducing arms

I, Dekanawida, and the Confederate Chiefs, now uproot the tallest pine tree and into the cavity thereby made we cast all weapons of war. Into the depths of the earth, down into the deep underearth currents of water flowing to unknown regions we cast all the weapons of strife. We bury them from sight and we plant again the tree. Thus shall the Great Peace be established and hostilities shall no longer be known between the Five Nations but peace to the United People. (The Great Law 65)

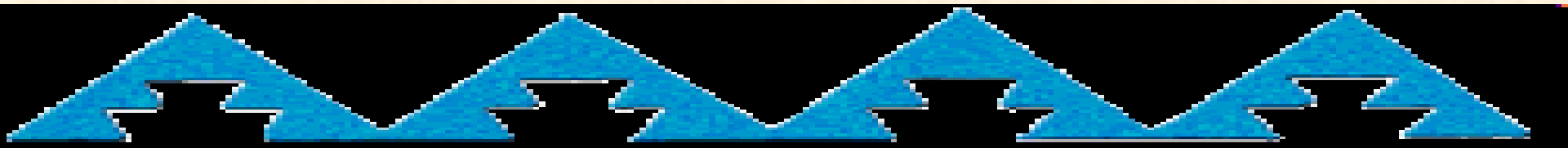


Prohibition of Covenant Breaking

They that have violated the Covenant of God by breaking His commandments, and have turned back on their heels, these have erred grievously in the sight of God, the All-Possessing, the Most High. (Kitáb-i-Aqdas 2)

Prohibition of Covenant Breaking

If a Chief of the Confederacy should seek to establish any authority independent of the jurisdiction of the Confederacy of the Great Peace, which is the Five Nations, he shall be warned three times in open council...If the offending Lord is still obdurate he shall be dismissed by the War Chief of his nation for refusing to conform to the laws of the Great Peace. (The Great Law 25)



Justice

- He has ordained and established the House of Justice which is endowed with a political as well as a religious function, the consummate union and blending of church and state. (Abdu'l-Baha, Baha'i World Faith p. 247)
- the Confederate Chiefs... will live according to the Constitution of the Great Peace and exercise justice in all affairs. (The Great Law 28)

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Justice is the *Cornerstone* of the law and the institutions of the law

Justice is the *Stepping Stones* of each individuals path of their own becoming

Justice is the *Loadstone* that attracts the purified hearts of men and women seeking peace

“My message will bring an end to the wars between east and west The Word that I bring is that all people shall love one another and live together in peace.”

The Peacemaker

"The aim of this Wronged One in sustaining woes and tribulations, in revealing the Holy Verses and in demonstrating proofs hath been naught but to quench the flame of hate and enmity, that the horizon of the hearts of men may be illumined with the light of concord and attain real peace and tranquillity. (*Book of the Covenant, p. 219*)

Baha'u'llah

Black Elk

The **first peace**, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of people when they realize their relationship, their oneness, with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells Wakan-Tanka and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us. This is the real peace, and the others are but reflections of this. The **second peace** is that which is made between two individuals and the **third** is that which is made between two nations. But above all you should understand that there can never be peace between nations until there is known that true peace, which, as I have often said, is within the souls of men. (*The Sacred Pipe*, pp. 115)

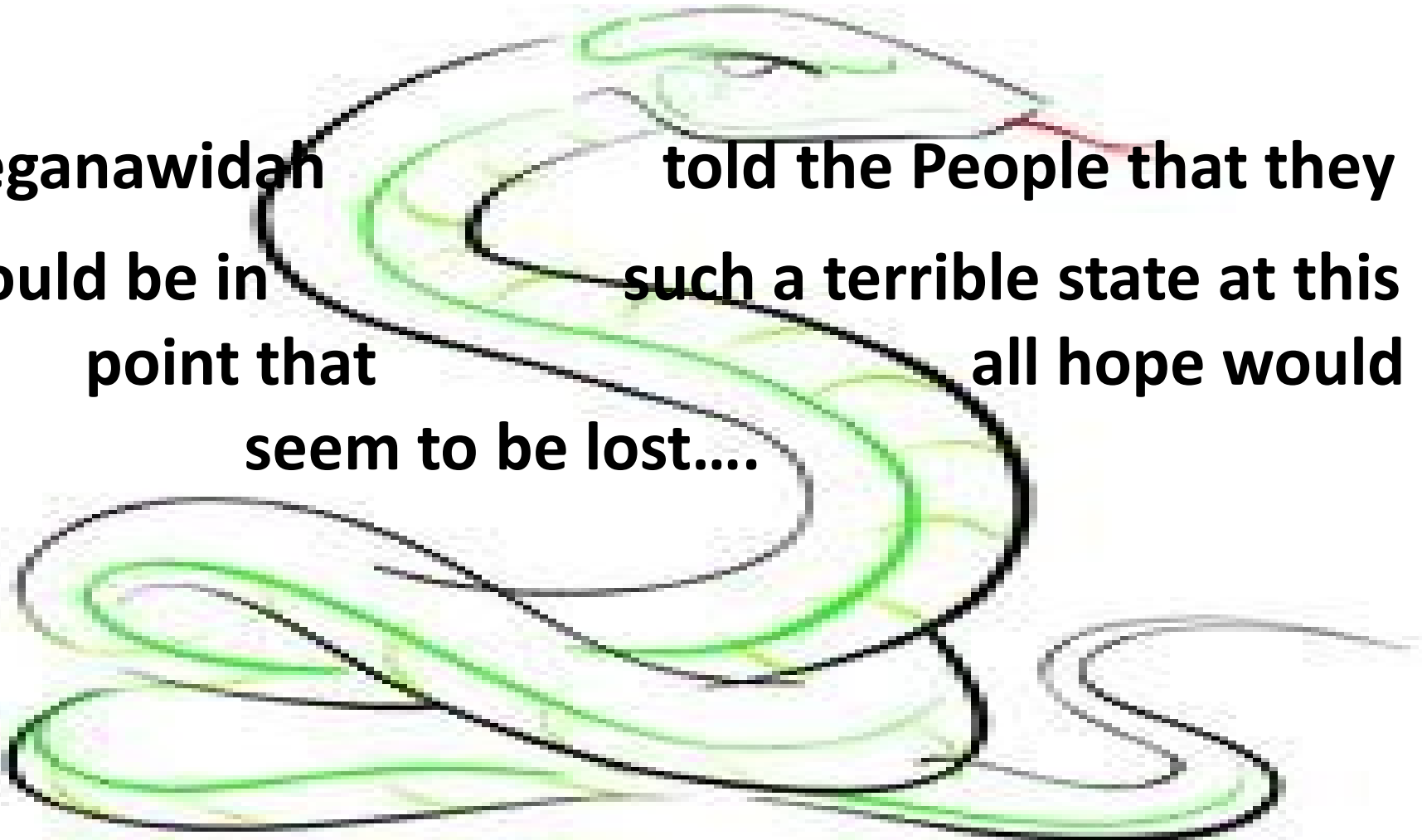
When The Peacemaker was leaving from in the Bay of Quinte in Ontario, he told the people that they would face a time of great suffering. They would distrust their leaders and the principles of peace of the League, and a great white serpent was to come upon the Iroquois, and that for a time it would intermingle with the Indian as a friend

Mad Bear



In time the white serpent would become so powerful that it would attempt to destroy the Indian...the serpent is described as choking the life's blood out of the Indian people.

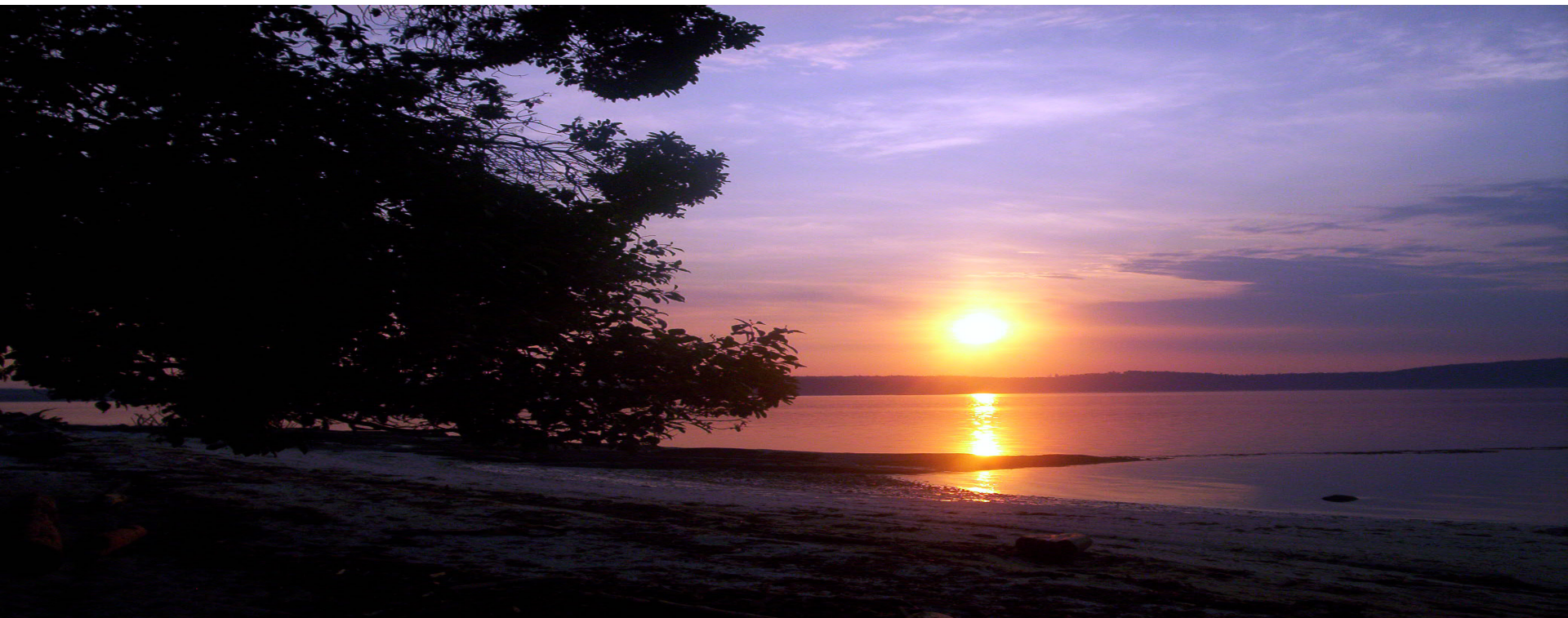
Deganawidah told the People that they would be in such a terrible state at this point that all hope would seem to be lost....



(But then a time will come when Native people will face) eastward and at that time... be momentarily blinded by a light that is many times brighter than the sun. The light will be coming from the east to the west over the water. Deganawidah said as this light approaches that he would be that light, and he would return to his People, and when he returns, *the Indian People would become a greater nation than they ever were before.*



At the end of his life before his passing the Peacemaker said that he had brought peace to five nations and that he would return and bring peace to all nations



The Peacemaker has come again
As He said he would
He has brought the Great Law Again
As He said he would
He has brought it for all Nations
As He said he would
Peace will come to all Nations
As He said it would

Baha'u'llah Said:

**I am the Quickener of the
world and its Peacemaker**

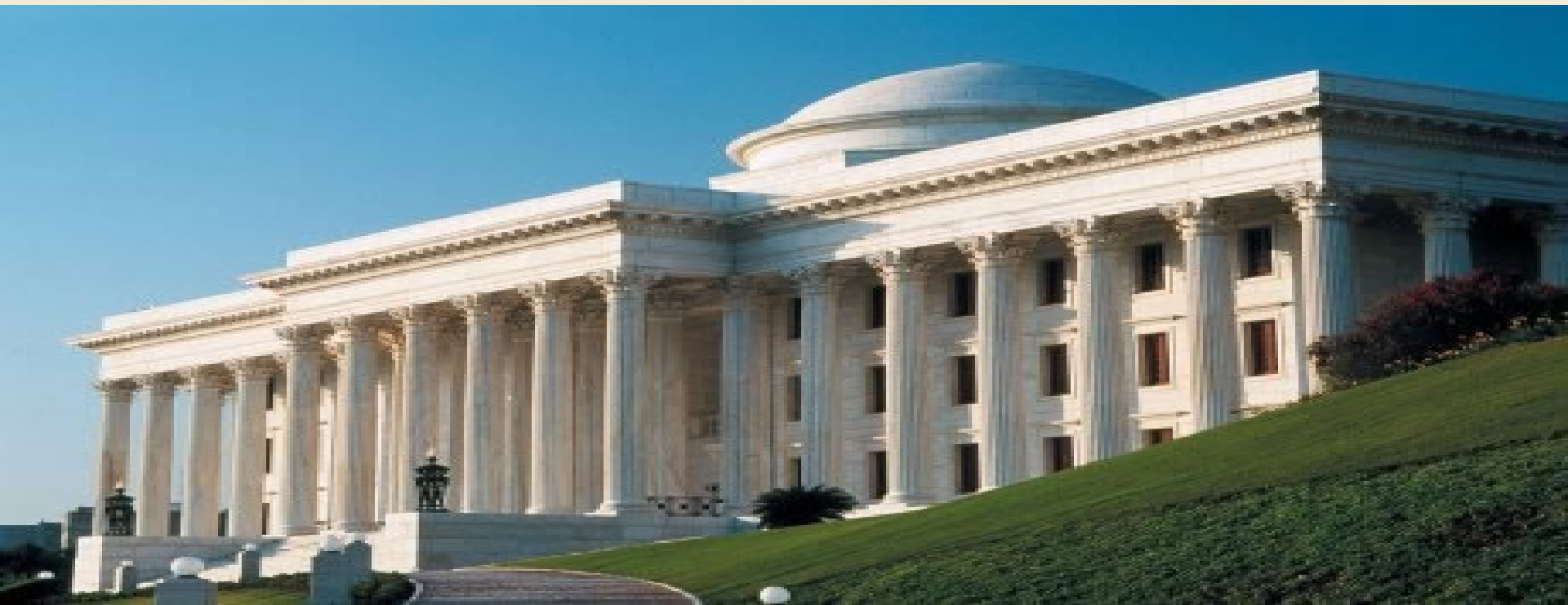
**(Dr. J.E. Esslemont, *Baha'u'llah and the New Era*, p.
240)**

The Pre-Existent Root

(Shoghi Effendi, *God Passes By*, p. 94)

The Peacemaker established the Longhouse
for Six Nations

Baha'u'llah has established the Universal
House for all Nations



The Bahai Faith
is the Longhouse
of the World

Embrace
The Peace



**Hear me that they may once
more go back into the
sacred hoop and find the
good red road, the
shielding tree!**

Black Elk

**Yet it shall be, these fruitless
strifes, these ruiness wars
shall pass away
And the most great peace will
come
Bahá'u'lláh**

(The Proclamation of Baha'u'llah, p. viii)

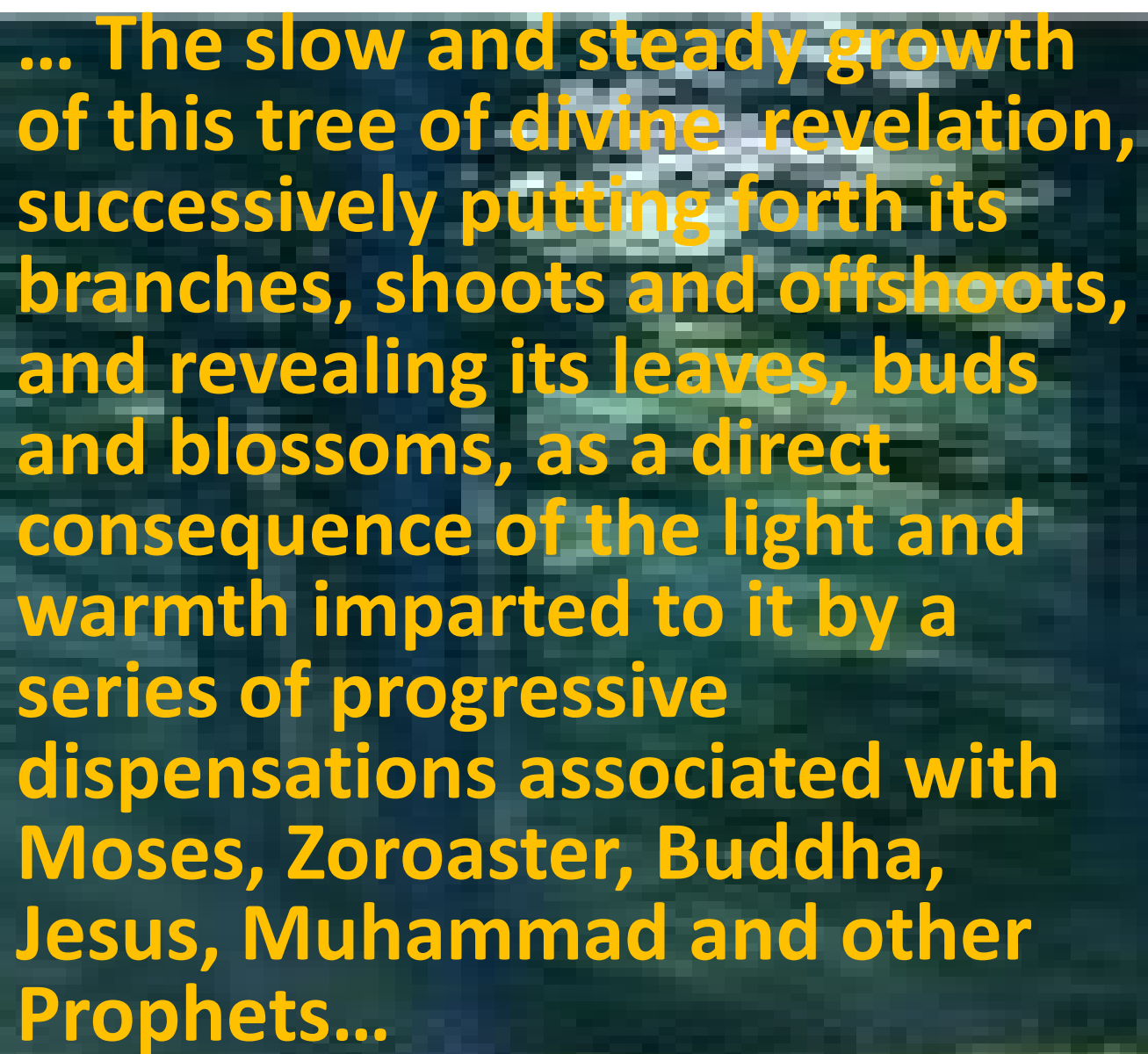


So this is your work:
....then peace will emerge
among the people

The Peacemaker
(Gibson p. 361)

All My Relations





... The slow and steady growth of this tree of divine revelation, successively putting forth its branches, shoots and offshoots, and revealing its leaves, buds and blossoms, as a direct consequence of the light and warmth imparted to it by a series of progressive dispensations associated with Moses, Zoroaster, Buddha, Jesus, Muhammad and other Prophets...

(Shoghi Effendi, Messages to the Baha'i World - 1950-1957, p. 154)

