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[The excerpt below is from the section of the article that pertains to the Baha'i Faith]

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Some Views About the Struggle Against the Baha'is

Before we start our discussion, which we started in the introduction to the last issue, I need to express my views on continuing the struggle against the Baha'is and then enter into our discussion.

In the opinion of the author, who is familiar with the people of this sect and their thoughts and ideas, the methods that have been started to fight this disciplined and fanatical group—which is managed under the regular and continuous supervision of a partisan organization—are not productive. Nothing will result from the occupation and destruction of the Haziratu'l-Quds, and by dismissing them from government offices, it is not possible to destroy the foundation of their belief.

Even if this group is suppressed in Iran, in other parts of the world, more or less (not as they pretend) they have their believers, and during the one hundred years of its existence, they have been able to attract some people as a result of the continuous and organized propaganda. Even though their numbers are small in those countries, they still have the freedom to propagate and express their opinions. They do not spare a minute in spreading lies and inverting the nature of the struggle of the Iranian government and nation against them. So, the form of the exciting but immature struggle that began against this sect has not produced any results; rather, it has increased their prejudice and created oppression for the Baha'i Faith, which is their only means of progress.

Therefore, I believe that now that the struggle has reached the occupation and destruction of the Haziratu'l-Quds, we must fight seriously against the beliefs and principles of the Baha'i Faith and expose to the world the invalidity of the propaganda and beliefs of this misguided and perverse sect.

In my opinion:

1- The building of the Haziratu'l-Quds (after the destruction of its dome) should be handed over to the clergy, which should use it as a religious propagation institute, equipped with a library and reading room, and hold lectures and religious debates for the public and other interested and misguided elements, including the followers of the Tudeh party and Baha'is, to make them aware of the falsehood of their beliefs and the inaccuracies of the path they are treading, and to introduce them to Islamic teachings.

2- With the prevention of the Baha'is from engaging in their propaganda activities, they should be given the freedom to act and investigate the truth within a certain period of time (for example, six or

three months), and they should investigate and debate the principles of their beliefs in special debating gatherings, held under the auspices of the clergy. Thus, the majority of Baha'is will certainly reject this belief.

3- An official delegation, consisting of government officials, clerics, and the press, should be sent officially to Europe and the United States of America, so that by delivering logical speeches and organizing press conferences, they can bring to the attention of the world the truth of this false claim and familiarize the Baha'is of those countries who are unaware of the origin of this faith, with the truth. Even this delegation, through the United Nations officials, officially announced its readiness for a formal public debate (in the presence of representatives of the press, the UN and the Jewish and Christian clerics) with the current Baha'i leader, Shoghi Effendi, to let the world know that the fight of the Iranian people and government with Baha'is is really a struggle against a false, seditious and disruptive sect, and not with a religious minority.

In the opinion of the author, if the current struggle is not pursued as presented above, it will certainly have worse results and consequences; not only will it have no effect on eradicating them, but it will increase their zeal, prejudice and activity and they will renew their actions, whenever the current situation and requirements change.

We have said what was necessary for the good of our religion and homeland, so that it might be accepted and considered.