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A statement of purpose and overview.

This website is dedicated to celebrating creation, God and our privileged place in it all as human beings. We are but the remotest specks living on an insignificant mote of dust circling an average star in an out-of-the-way corner of a galaxy containing billions of stars within a universe of galaxies beyond measure. But through our intellect, vision and capacities of the heart, mind and soul humanity is endowed with the gifts of reason and discernment. Our species is able to study, theorize (and in wonder) look upon the world he dwells upon with a unique level of understanding. In a real sense we are the eyes of the universe beginning to open in perception of itself.

This is a project I have thought about for many years- even before the era of the Internet and instant worldwide satellite communication.

The subject is vast and in a real sense unapproachable but yet the questions lie at the very core as to what makes us human. As we reach ever outward towards the unreachable it becomes self evident that we are but a speck of dust residing in a limitless arena of creative reality. All appears to be diverse expressions of but a single reality. All seems related and interconnected. (See "Cosmic Unity".)

On this site you can find pictures illustrating the case for unity. We are a part of an interwoven web of life that is marvelous to behold.

As you look at the different colors, textures and hues of the many expressions found in creation try to think of what it would be like if they were all the same. Of course this is impossible! For without diversity there would be no ecosystem. Little life, except perhaps the extreme simplest forms, could live.

Life is at its best when it evolves ever increasingly complex and mutually beneficial relationships. It is well understood that the strength of the ecosystem is directly proportional to the variety of habitats and species it supports. As the web of life grows its foundation is ever more secure.

Now lets apply this principle to humanity. Would it not be rather uninteresting, dull and not much of a challenge if all people were the same? As a matter of fact, if everyone had the same experiences, talents, understanding and opinion civilization would cease to function- there would be no social civilizing "ecosystem" for us to thrive in. Homo sapiens would be nothing more than a group of ape-like instinct driven robots all carrying out functions from an

identical program. There would be little art, music, creativity, achievement and certainly no individuality.

It is evident the individual body needs all of its organs to function properly and in harmony for good health. Also it is beneficial for sensory receptors such as eyes, ears, feeling, and smell etc. to be in good working order. In the same way, it is evident that without trained craftsmen and professionals in specialized fields of service to the whole of humankind, civilization will cease to progress. Hence it is evident the "ecosystem" of the human race must provide many niches or jobs that allow unique talents to be developed and expressed. Again, the natural working model shows us that diversity equals stability.

Now, expand this process to include all the people around the world; the Africans, Asians, Europeans, Inuit, North American Indians, Polynesians etc. Now add the different cultures and religions to the mix. What do you think of when you hear about Baptist or Catholic or say Russian Orthodox Christian sects? How about the Iroquois "Law Of The Longhouse" (a governmental matriarchal system from which it is likely our own US Constitution is possibly based) or the "Eightfold Path" (Faiths listing: "Buddhism")? The name Allah: is this a reference to the God of Abraham and Moses or something else? What about the notion of the Trinity or God referred to as "We" or "us"? People of Judeo-Christian traditions should study what the Buddha the "Enlightened One" teaches in the Tripitaka, Or Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad-gita. Baha'i Writings explain much about the Trinity. Yes, there is much written that expresses the mystery of the Trinity. I invite you to study the scriptures on the "Explanations of the Trinity" site under "Topics of Faith".

Remember- we need what the entire worldwide "ecosystem" has to offer. We must open our hearts and minds to accept and learn from peoples of diverse races, cultures and creeds if we, as a global interrelated human family are to reap the most benefit and stability from one another.

These questions and, yes, cultural and theological concerns will be scrutinized- not from any one believer's point of view but, rather by looking at portions of the original core Holy texts of the Faiths in question: The purpose being
To help break down the barriers of misunderstanding between organized Faith systems. To realize in a deep sense, a reality that goes far deeper than any particular faith or creed practices: That we are all one. The same Educator speaks to all, that the essential truths bequeathed to all people at different times and in various parts of the globe are much the same.

Abdul-Baha, the Center of the Covenant of the Baha'i Faith adds more to what the message of this website is all about.

"God has given man the eye of investigation by which he may see and recognize truth. He has endowed man with ears that he may hear the message of reality and conferred upon him the gift of reason by which he may discover things for himself. This is his endowment and

equipment for the investigation of reality. Man is not intended to see through the eyes of another, hear through another's ears nor comprehend with another's brain. Each human creature has individual endowment, power and responsibility in the creative plan of God. Therefore depend upon your own reason and judgment and adhere to the outcome of your own investigation; otherwise you will be utterly submerged in the sea of ignorance and deprived of all the bounties of God. Turn to God; supplicate humbly at His threshold, seeking assistance and confirmation, that God may rend asunder the veils that obscure your vision. Then will your eyes be filled with illumination, face to face you will behold the reality of God and your heart become completely purified from the dross of ignorance, reflecting the glories and bounties of the Kingdom."

(Abdu'l-Baha, Foundations of World Unity, p. 75)

All of us ask the fundamental Universal questions of 1. How did we get here? 2. What is our purpose for being? And 3. Where are we going? In other words we all seek, yearn and pray for answers concerning that of the "Beyond".

There is something within our being that is not satisfied with simple brute survival. True humanity is different; the purpose for humanity is different. Core Scriptures of different Faith cultures all seem to agree on the axiom that, "We were created to know and to worship God." By worshipping the Creator is not meant only simple pious bowing and meditation but using the gifts of God in a productive way conducive to brotherhood and well-being. Arts and sciences along with open-minded learning must prevail. Hair-splitting arguments over fine points of doctrine or, indeed, of they very nature of God (which is beyond the beyond of any attempt to grasp) is fruitless.

Let us unite and turn away from that which brings argument, dissension, fear, cruelty and hatred among ourselves. Let us join together as the wonderful diverse beings we are and, celebrating our unique-nesses praise God from whom all blessing flow!