**Teachings about Compassion** from 'Abdu'l-Bahá and Bahá'u'lláh

On one occasion the Master reminded His friends as follows:

'We must execute the divine ordinances. The Blessed Beauty says: "If you have a word or a truth, which others are deprived of, present it with utmost compassion. If it is accepted, the aim is attained. If otherwise, you would not interfere. Leave him to himself, while advancing to God, the Mighty, the Self-Subsisting.

 Star of the West, vol IX p28, quoted in Vignettes from the Life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá p78

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| It behoveth him who expoundeth the Word of God to deliver it with the utmost good-will, kindness, and compassion. As to him that embraceth the truth and is honoured with recognizing Him, his name shall be recorded in the Crimson Book among the inmates of the all-highest Paradise. Should a soul fail, however, to accept the truth, it is in no wise permissible to contend with him. ~ Bahá'u'lláh, *The Tabernacle of Unity*, p39 |
| Consort with all men, O people of Bahá, in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship. If ye be aware of a certain truth, if ye possess a jewel, of which others are deprived, share it with them in a language of utmost kindliness and good-will. If it be accepted, if it fulfill its purpose, your object is attained. If any one should refuse it, leave him unto himself, and beseech God to guide him. Beware lest ye deal unkindly with him. A kindly tongue is the lodestone\* of the hearts of men. It is the bread of the spirit, it clotheth the words with meaning, it is the fountain of the light of wisdom and understanding .... ~ Bahá'u'lláh, *Gleanings*, p289\* A lodestone is a naturally occurring magnet |