

## The Guardian and the Universal House of Justice



Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Faith

The beautiful gift that 'Abdu'l-Bahá gave us was His grandson, Shoghi Effendi, whom 'Abdu'l-Bahá said was to be the Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith, and whatever the Guardian told us to do was what God wanted us to do.

After Shoghi Effendi died, no other Guardian could be appointed. But Bahá'u'lláh had written many years before that the Bahá'ís should elect nine men who would become the Universal House of Justice. This is the supreme governing body of the Bahá'í Faith. When the Universal House of Justice was elected in 1963 it became the Centre of the Covenant. This means that now the Bahá'ís have to turn to the Universal House of Justice for guidance. The Bahá'ís have to be faithful to the Universal House of Justice and obey it, just as they were faithful to Bahá'u'lláh, 'Abdu'l-Bahá and Shoghi Effendi, and obeyed them.



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