#### [PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM persian]

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# List of religious enquiries, the opinion and the decrees issued by six Grand Ayatollahs and sources of authority concerning the perverse sect of Bahaism:

Questions:

- 1. Is Bahaism misguided and perverse?
- 2. Are Bahá'ís Najis [unclean]?
- 3. From a religious point of view, do the Bahá'ís have permission to teach their sect in the country?

### Answers:

### The Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei:

Keep away altogether from this perverse and misguided sect.

- 1. Yes, they are completely perverted.
- 2. Yes, they are Najis.
- 3. As they will misguide and lead the people astray, they should not be allowed to teach.

### Ayatollah Nouri Hamadani:

- 1. It is a misguided sect and absolutely perverse.
- 2. They are even more Najis than dogs. It is a man-made sect.
- 3. Propagation of their sect is Harám [religiously forbidden], as they are infidels and will lead people to apostasy.

## Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi:

- 1. Yes, Bahá'ís are considered infidels.
- 2. Bahá'ís are infidels, apostates, and Najis.
- 3. From a religious point of view, propagation of this perverse sect is forbidden, because Bahá'ís are infidels and Najis.

## Ayatollah Vahid Khorasani:

- 1. Yes.
- 2. They are Najis because they are infidels.
- 3. They do not have permission to teach their misguided and perverse sect.

## Grand Ayatollah Boroujerdi:

It is necessary that Muslims cut off their association or trade with this sect. I only ask the Muslims not to forget to keep the peace and order. (By necessity we do not mean the same way as it is used in common law; rather, from a religious point of view, which means it is obligatory.)

## Grand Ayatollah Mohammad Reza Mousavi Golpayegani:

In the same way that Ayatollah Boroujerdi has decreed, it is incumbent upon Muslims to cut off association and trade with this perverse sect. I ask all the Muslims to keep the peace and order. May God save us all from the evils of the end of the world.

The view of the esteemed scholar, Hujjatu'l-Islám Sheikh Hosein Ansarian concerning the perverse sect of Bahaism:

Firstly, this sect was created by colonialist enemies to confront the noble Islám. Attachment to this sect must be avoided, as it will have no end but misery and perversion. Some of the man-made religions that have appeared during the recent centuries in order to achieve their evil goals—have found it necessary to, in their own mind, shake the Khátimíyyat[<sup>1</sup>] of the prophet of Islám. Thus, they have interpreted some verses of the Qur'án that have nothing to do with their goal and by fallacy have tried to make them in conformity with their own ideas. One of them is Verse 35 of A'ráf. Without quoting the before and after verses, they say that this verse which states, "O ye Children of Adam, whenever there come to you messengers from amongst you, rehearsing My signs unto you…." (believe in them and follow my verses), has a future verb that means it is possible for other prophets to come after the prophet of Islám.

But if we go back a little and look at the previous verses that talk about the creation of Adam and his life in heaven and then his being expelled from heaven with his wife, we clearly see that these verses are not addressed to Muslims; rather, [they were addressed] to the whole society and the children of Adam. There is no doubt that many prophets have appeared for all the children of Adam. But these creators of religions ignore the previous verses and state that these verses have been addressed to Muslims and then conclude that possibly there will be other prophets of God. In these fallacies, they separate one verse from the others and ignore the verses that come before and after it and adjust it to their own desired interpretation.

Secondly, because the followers of the sect of Bahaism have thoughts and beliefs that are absolutely false and against the noble religion of Islám, according to the decree of the religious leaders and scholars of Islám, they are Najis and any association with them is not permitted, and from a religious point of view, association with them is forbidden.

Thirdly, it is necessary to look at some of the beliefs of Bahaism so that you can judge for yourself how they are pursuing the way of infamy and hell and how they have deceived a number of people into following their own way of life:

The leader of the sect of Bahaism was an individual by the name of 'Alí-Muhammad Báb, who considered himself a Messenger of God and claimed to be one. He allows marriage of those who are forbidden to each other such as one's own sister. He even permits men to offer their wives to others. They do not believe in heaven and hell. They deny that the Prophet of Islám is a Messenger of God. They consider themselves followers of a religion. They consider themselves among the prophets and even better and higher than them. They consider their own man-made book that is full of nonsense and baseless words, the nullifier of all the heavenly books and religions. 'Alí-Muhammad Báb, who is the leader of Bahaism, has even gone further and claimed to be God.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Belief that Muhammad is the last prophet