**Penalizing Whoever Causes Sadness to His Neighbour**

Ye have been forbidden in the Book of God to engage in contention and conflict, to strike another, or to commit similar acts whereby hearts and souls may be saddened. A fine of nineteen mithqáls of gold had formerly been prescribed by Him Who is the Lord of all mankind for anyone who was the cause of sadness to another; in this Dispensation, however, He hath absolved you thereof and exhorteth you to show forth righteousness and piety.

(The Kitáb-i-Aqdas, The Most Holy Book, Bahá’u’lláh, para. 148)

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Bahá’u’lláh abrogates the law of the Persian Bayán concerning the payment of a fine in reparation for causing sadness to one’s neighbor.

(The Kitáb-i-Aqdas, The Most Holy Book, Notes NO. 169)

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