

Disposal of objects held in trust

Bahá'u'lláh

Partial translation



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“Question: Concerning the exchange of property held in trust for cash or other forms of property, to guard against depreciation or loss.

Answer: *Regarding the written question on the exchange of property held in trust to guard against depreciation and loss, such exchange is permissible on condition that the substitute will be equivalent in value. Thy Lord, verily, is the Expounder, the Omniscient, and He, truly, is the Ordainer, the Ancient of Days.”*¹

"Bahá'u'lláh states that the determination of the degree of penalty, in accordance with the seriousness of the offence, rests with the House of Justice (Q and A 49). The punishments for theft are intended for a future condition of society, when they will be supplemented and applied by the Universal House of Justice." ²



1. Baha'u'llah, Questions & Answers no. 96

2. Notes to Kitab-i-Aqdas, no. 70

