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## Captured

Legs crossed, back straight,  
angled slightly forward from the  
hip;  
He kneels for the portrait.

He must hold motionless  
against the weight of his chain  
for the image to be sharp.

The photographer counts them in  
exposes a silver halide plate  
The prisoners hold their breath.

But in those seconds,  
before the lens cover is replaced,  
Varqáj proves his heresy.

He looks at the camera  
exposing eagerness  
in the aperture of his eye.



*Hand of the Cause Varqáj and his son, RA'huÁ'IlÁ'h*

Roderic Maude

## Anis Launches Interfaith Contest Inspired by the themes of the Five Year Plan

ANIS ([www.anis.cc](http://www.anis.cc)), an online educational resource centre, has launched its first worldwide interfaith contest for junior youth and educators. The contest started on 12th November, 2002 and will end on 20th April, 2003.

The goal of the contest, aimed at moral education classes for junior youth (ages 11-14), is to promote a primary aim of the Bahá'í community: inter-religious harmony. As an indispensable element of global tranquillity and peace, Anis hopes to familiarise members of all the different faiths with this crucial principle and to emphasise the importance of spiritual education of youth at this juncture in our history.

Designed to encourage the interfaith study of religion both by teachers as well as students, the contest is divided into two categories. The first category consists of an essay contest for youth between the ages of 11 and 14, entitled "If I were a religious leader". The second category is aimed at teachers and invites them to submit lesson plans on five universal themes of religion, such as truthfulness.

First-place winners in each category will receive full scholarships to attend a course at Landegg International University. Second and third place winners will receive basic audio and book libraries sponsored by Bahá'í Education, Kalimat Press, Juxta Publishing, and private sponsors.

Contest entry deadline is 20th April 2003; the results will be announced via a live web-cast

Contest entry deadline is 23rd April, 2003, the results will be announced on the website sometime in May 2003.

Launched in 2001, Anis is dedicated to building a comprehensive online library of materials for the religious and spiritual education of children and junior youth. Following the close of this first contest, Anis will incorporate some of the winning and the runner-up entries in its upcoming children's publications.

To access the poster, letter to the teachers, press release, contest rules, and more, please visit: <http://www.anis.cc/>



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