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The current global pandemic has demanded drastic action at every level of society to alleviate suffering and avert even greater disaster. It has also made evident the need for profound reflection on how humanity will emerge from this crisis. Will we move towards a more just and peaceful world?

In March of this year, the Universal House of Justice conveyed both its deep concern for the extent of suffering brought by the coronavirus pandemic and its conviction that humanity would “ultimately...emerge on the other side with greater insight and with a deeper appreciation of its inherent oneness and interdependence.” The House of Justice further noted in its Ridvan 2020 message that “[l]eaders, prominent thinkers, and commentators have begun to explore fundamental concepts and bold aspirations that, in recent times, have been largely absent from public discourse.”

In the coming months, *The Bahá'í World* will explore some of these fundamental concepts in a series of articles on topics such as economic inequality, migration, world order, and governance. These articles, we trust, will serve as a contribution to the growing discourses concerned with the future and well-being of all of humanity and lend momentum, however modestly, to what the House of Justice has described as “the possibility that a moment of collective consciousness may be in view.”