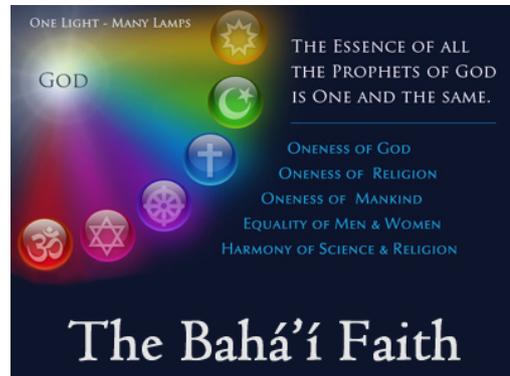


# Bahá'í Faith

## Basic Teachings

This is a very brief overview of some of the most fundamental teachings of Bahá'u'lláh. This section by itself will give the user some understanding of the overall character of the Bahá'í Faith. Bahá'u'lláh wrote the equivalent of a hundred books. These included many teachings which were considered revolutionary at the time and many others which still have to be realised. More of his teachings about individual behaviour, community life, service to humanity and his blueprint for a world society can be found in the other topics.



### 1. Bahá'u'lláh said that there is only one God. What is meant by this?

- That the Supreme Being worshipped in all religions is the same one God, whatever name is used
- That the Bahá'í version of God is the only correct one
- That it is important to know God's proper name, to use in our prayers
- That God is the sum total of all of the life on the planet

### 2. Which of the following comes closest to Bahá'u'lláh's explanation of what God is?

- God is a man like being who rules heaven
- God is a super intelligent being who knows much more than us
- God is so far beyond this world of creation that we can never understand His true essence
- God is a powerful being who decides what should happen to everyone

### 3. Bahá'u'lláh said that we should all recognise the oneness of mankind. As regards value and status, does this mean?

- All adult men are equal
- All rich people are equal
- All people (men and women) are equal
- All educated people are equal

**4. According to Bahá'u'lláh, how should people find spiritual truth?**

- By copying their parents
- By copying their friends
- By waiting for inspiration
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**5. What did Bahá'u'lláh say was the purpose of life in this world?**

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- Neither should be educated
- The boy should be educated as he will need to earn a living
- The girl should be educated as she will become a mother and will be the first teacher of her children
- Both children should go to school half time

**7. Bahá'u'lláh wrote to the leaders of the world explaining how they should come together and establish world peace. He also said that there should be a world government. What else did he say was needed as part of this?**

- A common system of justice
- A world police force
- A world system of weights and measures
- All of the above

**8. How did Bahá'u'lláh say a world second language should be chosen?**

- The governments of the world should either choose or invent one
- It should be chosen by public vote
- It should be whichever language is spoken by the most people
- It should be whichever is the easiest to learn

**9. Bahá'u'lláh said that our economic system should be based on spiritual values. On a practical level, what did he say was necessary?**

- A world currency
- A minimum wage
- That workers should have a share of the profits of a business
- All of the above

**10. Bahá'u'lláh claimed to be the Promised One of all religions and the Messenger of God for this age. How many years did he say would pass before another Messenger of God would appear?**

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*Although we may have different concepts of God's nature, although we may pray to Him in different languages and call Him by different names - Allah or Yahweh, God or Brahma - nevertheless, we are speaking about the same unique Being.*

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*By definition, the Creative force cannot be part of the creation. Bahá'u'lláh says that the only connection that human beings have with this highest reality, the essence of God, is through the prophet founders of the world religions.*

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*'Abdu'l-Bahá said that this new age will be the age when all people are accepted as equals, regardless of race, gender, nationality or wealth.*

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*This same principle applies to all of life. We should listen carefully to the opinions of others but still make up our own minds.*

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*Of course, service to others is a necessary part of our efforts towards perfection.*

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*The Bahá'í writings also call for a world tribunal, a world free trade area (balanced by a fairer economic system), and a world second language.*

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*Bahá'u'lláh states that at least one thousand years will pass before the next World Teacher will appear.*