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Ridder van Bahá'u'lláh
Schrijver van de eerste bestseller
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zijn echtgenote had leren kennen.

Biografische notitie:
http://bahaikipedia.org/John_Esslemont



John Ferraby (1914-1973)
Hand van de Zaak van God

Biografie:
Harper, Barron (1997). *Lights of Fortitude*
(Paperback ed.). Oxford, UK: George Ronald.

Bahá'u'lláh en het Nieuwe Tijdperk : Een Inleiding in het Bahá'í-geloof / John E. Esslemont. – 287 p. – Vert van: Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era.

Inleiding tot de geschiedenis en leringen van de bahá'í-religie, oorspronkelijk geschreven in 1923 door een uit Engeland afkomstige aanhanger, die als secretaris fungeerde in het Internationale Bestuurscentrum in Haifa, Israël.

De Hoveniers van God : Een Ontmoeting met Vijf Miljoen Bahá'ís / Colette Gouvion & Philippe Jouvion. – 238 p. – Vert. van: *The Gardeners of God : An Encounter with Five Million Bahá'ís* = *Les Jardiniers de Dieu*.

Verslag van ontmoetingen met bahá'ís van verschillende achtergronden, door twee Franse journalisten.

All Things Made New / John Ferraby. – 338 p.

Considered one of the most comprehensive introductory outlines of the Bahá'í Faith, this book is an ideal read for someone recently introduced to the Faith. Students of religion will also find it quite a valuable sourcebook.

The Bahá'í Faith / Mary Perkins & Philip Hainsworth. – 96 p. – Uitg. in de serie Ward lock Educational, een serie educatieve uitgaven over religies, waarin drie hoofdpunten naar voren moeten komen: de opkomst en ontwikkeling van de religie, de leringen en de invloed op de aanhangers.

A standard introductory guide, an ideal volume for anyone who needs or wishes to acquaint themselves rapidly with the basic tenets and principles of the Bahá'í Faith and the contribution that the Baha'is are making to the building of a more just, peaceful and sustainable way of life on our planetary home.

The Bahá'í Faith : The Emerging Global Religion / William S. Hatcher and J. Douglas Martin. – 226 p.

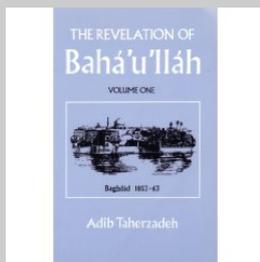
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The Bahá'ís : A Profile of the Bahá'í Faith and its Worldwide Community / Bahá'í International Community. – 90 p. – Ook als cd-rom uitgegeven.

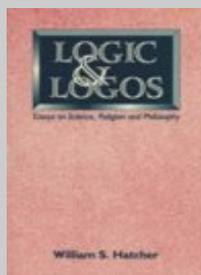
A magazine that contains almost 100 full color photographs and more than a dozen colorful graphs, charts and maps. This exquisite publication provides one of the most comprehensive overviews of the Bahá'í Faith and its worldwide community available today.

Understanding the Bahá'í Faith / Wendi and Moojan Momen. – 164 p. – Uitgave in de serie Understanding Faith van de Dunedin Academic Press.

Understanding the Bahá'í Faith focuses on the impact that the religion has, looking at what it has to say about personal life, the home, the community, social issues, global concerns, as well as spiritual life. This book provides a factual and straightforward account of the history, organization, development and sacred texts of the religion, as well as a time-line of important events and a glossary. It is suitable for general audiences, students of comparative religion and teachers.



Adib Taherzadeh (1921-2000)
Biografie van een openbaring
The revelation of Bahá'u'lláh / 4 volumes



"Creating a new kind of thought":
William S. Hatcher (1935-2005),
mathematician.

Bahá'u'lláh, de Manifestatie van God De Báb, Zijn Heraut Biografieën en Heilige Geschriften

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The Báb : the Herald of the Days of Days / Hasan M. Balyuzi. – 256 p.

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[The story of Bahá'u'lláh, as well as the story of the retrogression of a nation under the yoke of the Qájárs. The life and times of Bahá'u'lláh are presented in their historical setting both in Iran and in the world at large.](#)

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[Clear, straightforward and easily readable book of the life of Bahá'u'lláh, beginning with his childhood, his imprisonment and banishment from Persia to Baghdad, Constantinople, Adrianople and finally to 'Akká.](#)

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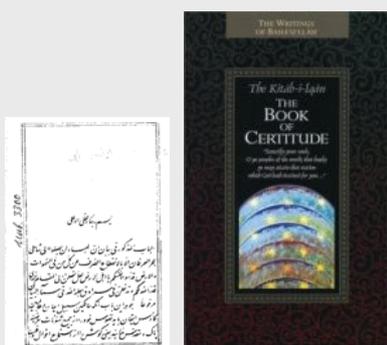
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**De Iqan:
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Het Boek van Zekerheid / Bahá'u'lláh. – 156 p. – Vert. van: The Kitáb-i-Iqán = The Book of Certitude.

Uitleg van het bahá'í-denken betreffende voortschrijdende goddelijke openbaringen op basis van een allegorische interpretatie van de Bijbel en de Koran.

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Raadgevingen en waarschuwingen die de stichter van het bahá'í-geloof schreef in de periode tussen 1863 en 1873 aan de gekroonde en religieuze leiders van de wereld.

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Zestien belangrijke geschriften van Bahá'u'lláh, geopenbaard in 'Akká, gedurende Zijn latere levensjaren, waarin soms herhalingen zijn uit Zijn vorige geschriften.

De Verborgene Woorden / Bahá'u'lláh. – 64 p. – Vert. van:

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Poëtische raadgevingen betreffende het doel van het leven, geopenbaard in Bagdad in 1858, vóór Zijn bekendmaking als Manifestatie van God.

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Antwoord aan een soefi betreffende de ontwikkelingsgang die de mens doorloopt op zijn zoektocht naar God, geopenbaard in Bagdad, voor Zijn bekendmaking als Manifestatie van God.

Epistle to the Son of the Wolf / Bahá'u'lláh. – 194 p.

A Tablet containing an anthology of His own writings made by Bahá'u'lláh Himself. Selections were chosen to illustrate major themes of His Revelation and was made one year before His death, although it is addressed to the son of an official, it is relevant to the contemporary reader as well.

DE OPENBARING VAN BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

Over zijn Geschriften



De Báb over Bahá'u'lláh

Stenogram van een openbaring door een schrijver

Het machtigste bewijs voor de grootsheid van Bahá'u'lláh en het transcendente karakter van Zijn goddelijke missie ligt besloten in de Geschriften die gedurende de vier decennia van een ononderbroken openbaring als een stortregen uit Zijn Pen stroomden. In *The Bahá'í World* zijn de titels van rond honderdvijftig werken opgenomen, maar dit is bij verre niet het werkelijke getal. Bahá'u'lláh openbaarde volledige boeken in adembenemend korte tijd en duizenden epistels en persoonlijke brieven van soms grote lengte. Soms stroomden de woorden zo snel van Zijn lippen dat de snelschrijvers die met lange vellen papier op het tapijt lagen, voortdurend moesten aflossen. De geschiedschrijving van Nabil vermeldt dat Bahá'u'lláh in de jaren van Zijn exil in Bagdad herhaaldelijk binnen een etmaal openbaringen van de omvang van de Koran voortbracht. Veel ervan is voor het nageslacht verloren gegaan.

De Geschriften van Bahá'u'lláh zijn diepgaand en onvergelijkbaar in eloquentie. Zijn woorden zijn besprenkeld met zinbeeldige uitdrukkingen en vibreren door een geestelijke lading die geen zoeker met een zuiver hart kan ontgaan. Zij zijn in het Perzisch en Arabisch geopenbaard, in een stijl en taal die eenmalig en ongeëvenaard zijn in elk opzicht. Onbevooroordeelde geleerden in de Perzisch en Arabische taal hebben erkend dat de Geschriften van Bahá'u'lláh een nieuwe schepping vormen, duidelijk te onderscheiden van de woordkeus en expressie van conventionele literaire werken van alle tot dan toe bekende schrijvers.

Bron: *The Writings of Baha'u'llah*, by 'Abdu'l-Hamid Ishraq-Khavari

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Gems of Divine Mysteries / Bahá'u'lláh. – 82 p.

This treatise was written in reply to a seeker who had asked how the promised Mihdí could have become transformed into 'Alí-Muhammad (the Báb). The opportunity provided by this question was seized on to elaborate a number of subjects.

Prayers and Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh. – 347 p.

Nearly two hundred prayers and meditations, which provide inspiration on themes such as yearning for God, praise and gratitude, assistance with tests and difficulties, forgiveness of sins, healing, detachment and steadfastness, can be found in this compilation.

The Summons of the Lord of Hosts / Bahá'u'lláh. – 272 p.

The first full, authorized English translation of the Tablets revealed by Bahá'u'lláh in Adrianople, addressed to the kings and rulers of the world, amongst them Pope Pius IX, Napoleon III, Czar Alexander II, Queen Victoria and Násiri'd-Din Sháh.

Writings of Bahá'u'lláh : A Compilation. – 717 p.

Compilation of all the major works of Bahá'u'lláh and excerpts from hundreds of Tablets currently available in the English language.

The Tabernacle of Unity : Bahá'u'lláh's Responses to Mánikchi Sáhib and Other Writings. – 80 p.

Tablet to Mánikchi Sáhib, a prominent Zoroastrian, and a companion Tablet addressed to Mirzá Abu'l-Fadl. These, together with three shorter, inspirational Tablets, offer a glimpse of Bahá'u'lláh's relationship with the followers of a religion that had arisen many centuries before, in the same land that witnessed the birth of His own Faith.

'Abdu'l-Bahá, Zoon van Bahá'u'lláh Middelpunt, Uitlegger van de Bahá'í-leringen Biografieën, Geschriften en Toespraken

239 days : 'Abdu'l-Bahá's Journey in America / Allan L. Ward. – 218 p.

After he was released from imprisonment, 'Abdu'l-Bahá travelled to several countries in the West, to teach the Bahá'í Faith. This book gives an account of his travels in North America in 1912, where he met many individuals, groups and the media.

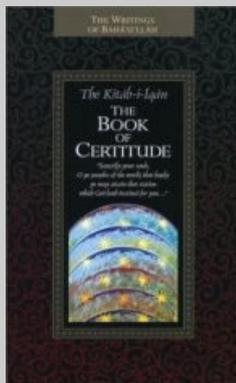
'Abdu'l-Bahá : The Centre of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh / Hasan M. Balyuzi. – 560 p.

Biography of the son (1844-1921) of Bahá'u'lláh, who was appointed by his father as the centre of the Bahá'í community, to whom everyone should turn, and interpreter of His writings, which made him one of the most outstanding, active and exemplary people in human spiritual history.

Memories of Nine Years in 'Akká / Youness Afroukhteh. 492 p.

Memoirs of the secretary of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, describing an important period (1900-'09) in 'Akká, when 'Abdu'l-Bahá was imprisoned and the enemies of the Bahá'í Faith were very active. A period full of hardships, which only made the Bahá'í community stronger and which marked the beginning of the construction of the Shrine of the Báb and the first House of Worship in 'Ishqábád.

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Vignettes from the Life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá / coll. and ed. by Annamarie Honnold. – 199 p. A unique collection of stories, sayings and comments, provides a special insight into the life, character and station of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

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Beantwoorde Vragen / 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 276 p. – Vert van: Some Answered Questions. Uitleg van de grondbeginselen van het bahá'í-geloof en de bahá'í-opvattingen over talrijke christelijke geloofspunten.

Een Keuze uit de Geschriften en Toespraken van 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 61 p. – Vert. van: Selected Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá. Een kleine selectie uit de geschriften.

De Toespraken van 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Parijs. – 208 p. – Vert. van: Paris Talks. Toespraken van 'Abdu'l-Bahá over uiteenlopende theologische onderwerpen, gehouden tijdens zijn bezoek aan Parijs in 1911-1912.

Het Vraagstuk van Universele Vrede : De Tafel aan Den Haag / 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 20 p. – Vert. van: The Question of Universal Peace (eerder uitg. als: Tablet to The Hague). agueH

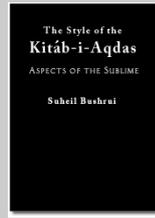
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'Abdu'l-Baha in London : addresses and notes of conversations. – 127 p. Notes of public addresses given and conversation held by 'Abdu'l-Bahá during His visit to London in 1911.

Memorials of the Faithful / 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 209 p. Inspirational biographical sketches of 69 early Bahá'ís, which focusses on the attributes of spirit and the reflection of the divine in man.

Promulgation of Universal Peace : Talks Delivered by 'Abdu'l-Bahá During His Visit to the United States in 1912. – 513 p. 139 talks on the fundamental principles of the revelation and teachings of Bahá'u'lláh that form the basis of the universal peace that He promised will come. These talks were delivered during 'Abdu'l-Bahá's 239 day visit to the United States and Canada in 1912.

Bahá'í Prayers : A Selection of the Prayers revealed by Bahá'u'lláh, the Báb and 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 277 p.



De voorpagina van een Perzische uitgave van "de Aqdas". — And "A close reading of The Most Holy Book", *The Style of the Kitáb-i-Aqdas—Aspects of the Sublime*, by Suheil Bushrui

DE HEILIGE AQDAS

In 1992 werd het honderdste sterfjaar van Bahá'u'lláh herdacht. In die eerste eeuw is het Bahá'í-geloof van een obscure beweging in Perzië uitgegroeid tot de op een na verst verspreide godsdienst van de wereld. (*World Christian Encyclopedia*, 1982; *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 1992.) In 1992 is tevens de eerste geautoriseerde Engelse vertaling van de boek verschenen, dat centraal staat in de bahá'í-geschriften: de "Kitáb-i-Aqdas" ("Het Heiligste Boek").

Het boek is "de lamp van het eeuwige" in de wereld die het licht van leiding en ordening werpt op de weg van volgroeiheid van de mens in dit nieuwe tijdperk. De Aqdas is geen systematisch stel wetten. De Russische geleerde Evgenii Eduardovich Bertels die het boek als eerste in een westerse taal heeft trachten te vertalen, vergeleek de pennenvrucht van Bahá'u'lláh met een vogel die uit de hoogten van de hemel neerdaalt naar het vlak van ondermaanse vragen van het individu. De Aqdas bevat wetten en concepten die het menselijk bewustzijn bevrijden uit denkpatronen die het ontwaken van en wereldbeleving anders beletten.

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The Secret of Divine Civilization / 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 126 p.

Treatise describing the true nature of civilization and providing a blueprint for the future reorganization of the world. It is an outstanding contribution to the social and spiritual progress of nations and individuals.

Writings and Utterances of 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 1364 p.

A compilation of nearly all the writings and talks of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

Foundations of World Unity / 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 112 p.

A selection from public addresses delivered by 'Abdu'l-Bahá during his journey through Europe and America immediately preceding the war and letters written to friends in the West, answering questions on similar themes.

The Reality of Man : Excerpts from Writings / 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 93 p.

This compilation provides a sample of the Bahá'í Religion's vast teachings on the nature of man. Topics include God's love for humanity, the purpose of life, our spiritual reality, the nature of the soul, how human beings develop spiritually, immortality and life hereafter. The full text of the *Words of Wisdom of Bahá'u'lláh* is included.

Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá ; comp. by the Research Department of the Universal House of Justice. – 325 p.
An essential book, covering a vast range of spiritual and social subjects dealt with by 'Abdu'l-Bahá in his correspondence with early believers in the East and West.

Stories told by 'Abdu'l-Bahá : comp. by Amir Badiei. – 183 p.

'Abdu'l-Bahá used stories to explain to His readers or audiences the principles of the Faith, to clarify a topic for them, to acquaint them with some religious episodes and historical people, to warn them against the harmful activities of the enemies of the Faith, to remind them of the saintly lives of some of the early believers and to entertain them. This book brings together 160 of these stories.

Shoghi Effendi, Kleinzoon van 'Abdu'l-Bahá Behoeder en Architect van de Bahá'í-gemeenschap Biografieën, Geschriften en Brieven

The Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith / by Ruhíyyih Rabbani. – 251 p.
Biography of Shoghi Effendi (1897-1957), the great grandson of Bahá'u'lláh, whom 'Abdu'l-Bahá in his testament named the Guardian of the Faith. It was written by his wife, who originally came from Canada.

Shoghi Effendi : Recollections / by Ugo Giachery. – 238 p.

Recollection of a time spent by the author with Shoghi Effendi, when they worked together on the construction of the Bahá'í Holy Places and the Shrine of the Báb in Israel.

Shoghi Effendi in Oxford and earlier / by Riaz Khadem. – 173 p.

After the completion of secondary school in Beirut, Shoghi Effendi spent some years in the Balliol College in Oxford, to perfect his command of the English language, so that he might be of better service to his grandfather 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the head of the Bahá'í Faith. This turned out to be of great importance for his future work of Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith, a position bestowed upon him at the passing of his grandfather in November 1921.

HET GEBED

Het gebod te bidden is een van de belangrijkste wetten voor de individuele bahá'í. Het doel van gebed in het Bahá'í-geloof is dichterbij God en Bahá'u'lláh te komen, Zijn Manifestatie op de Aarde; het eigen gedrag te verbeteren en te vragen om goddelijke bijstand. Zowel Bahá'u'lláh, de grondlegger van het Bahá'í-geloof als zijn zoon, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, schreven talrijke gebeden, die inmiddels in vele talen zijn verspreid. (*Wikipedia*)

Bahá'u'lláh zegt over het effect van het gebed:

Ofschoon deze uitwerking hem eerst onbewust mag blijven, zal de kracht van de hem geschonken genade vroeg of laat haar invloed op zijn ziel doen gelden.

Drie Verplichte Gebeden

Er zijn drie verplichte gebeden. De gelovige is vrij één ervan uit te kiezen en te bidden, met de aanwezigingen die daarbij gegeven zijn.

HET KORTE VERPLICHTE GEBED

Eens in de vierentwintig uur te reciteren, op het middaguur.

Ik getuig, o mijn God, dat Gij mij hebt geschapen om U te kennen en U te aanbidden.

Ik betuig op dit ogenblik mijn machteloosheid en Uw macht, mijn armoede en Uw rijkdom.

Er is geen ander God dan Gij, de Helper in nood, de Bij-Zich-Bestaande.

De Beschikking van Bahá'u'lláh / Shoghi Effendi. – 64 p. – Vert. van: *The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh*.

Compilatie van brieven aan westerse bahá'ís, die de rollen van de Báb, Bahá'u'lláh en 'Abdu'l-Bahá en andere onderdelen van het bestuursstelsel duidelijk maken.

God Schrijdt Voorbij / Shoghi Effendi. – 460 p. – Vert. van: *God Passes By*.

Monumentale geschiedenis van de eerste honderd jaar van het bahá'í-geloof (1844-1944).

Oproep aan de Volkeren : Passages uit de Geschriften van Shoghi Effendi. – 64 p. – Vert. van: *Call to the Nations*.

In de jaren zeventig in de 20e eeuw, achtte het internationale bestuursorgaan van het bahá'í-geloof, het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid, het belangrijk om opnieuw het belang en het doel van de bahá'í-boodschap onder de aandacht te brengen en deed dit door brieven en passages te verzamelen uit de geschriften van Shoghi Effendi over een nieuwe wereldorde.

Your True Brother : Boodschappen aan de Bahá'í Jeugd. – 24 p. – Vert. van: *Your True Brother : Messages to Junior Youth*.

Acht brieven aan bahá'ís in hun adolescentiejaren, jaren die gekenmerkt worden door het proberen te ontdekken van talenten en mogelijkheden. Op vragen over levensdoel en een plaats in deze wereld geeft Shoghi Effendi richtlijnen, die vaak aansporen tot dienstbaarheid in de Bahá'í-zaak.

The Advent of Divine Justice / Shoghi Effendi. – 90 p.

An extended letter to the American Bahá'í Community, outlining its challenges and opportunities. Its theme reviews the three vital spiritual prerequisites for establishing a federated world commonwealth: "moral rectitude, absolute chastity and complete freedom from prejudice."

Citadel of Faith / Shoghi Effendi. – 178 p.

A collection of letters and cables provides a unique perspective on events and concerns of the American and the worldwide Bahá'í communities between 1947 and 1957.

The Promised Day is Come / Shoghi Effendi. – 137 p.

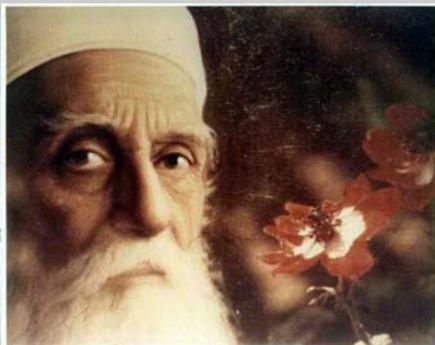
Letter explaining the reasons for the world's present moral and social chaos and providing assurance that God has not abandoned humanity. The work recounts Bahá'u'lláh's proclamation of His mission to the rulers of His time.

The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh : Selected Letters / Shoghi Effendi. – 234 p.

In the seven letters collected in this volume, Shoghi Effendi deals with issues of world order, a paramount purpose of the Bahá'í Faith. Boldly and clearly, he describes the causes that have brought humanity to its present plight, presents a clear vision of the Bahá'í Faith's role in human social evolution and presents Bahá'u'lláh's teachings that alone have the power to usher in a new era of peace and unity.

'Abdu'l-Bahá

Het Voorbeeld



'Abdu'l-Bahá 'Abbás Effendí (Teheran 23 mei 1844 - 28 november 1921 Haifa) beter bekend als 'Abdu'l-Bahá, was de zoon van Bahá'u'lláh, de profeet en stichter van het Bahá'í-geloof. 'Abdu'l-Bahá werd door zijn vader benoemd tot middelpunt van Zijn verbond met de gelovigen en bekleedt met het gezag om het geopenbaarde woord bindend uit te leggen. Voor bahá'ís is 'Abdu'l-Bahá de personificatie van de wijsheid en liefde van de Leer van Bahá'u'lláh.

Zijn reizen naar het Westen en zijn *Tafelen van het Goddelijke Plan* hebben de Boodschap Gods over de Perzisch-Islamische cultuurgrenzen heen verspreid. Zijn *Wilsbeschikking en Testament* vormen het fundament van het huidige Bahá'í-bestuursstelsel.

'Abdu'l-Bahá's burgerlijke naam was 'Abbás Effendí, maar hij wilde "'Abdu'l-Bahá" worden genoemd, "Dienaar van de Glorie Gods". od). Hij wordt in bahá'í-teksten vaak aangeduid als de "Meester".

Abdu'l-Bahá schreef naar schatting meer dan 27.000 persoonlijke brieven, waarvan slechts een fractie is vertaald naar het Engels dan wel Nederlands. Het volgende is een lijst van enkele van zijn boeken, brieven en toespraken [Wikipedia]:

Beantwoorde Vragen
Brief aan Den Haag
Tafelen van het Goddelijk Plan
Testament van 'Abdu'l-Bahá
Toespraken in Parijs
'Abdu'l-Bahá in London
Foundations of World Unity
Memorials of the Faithful
The Promulgation of Universal Peace
The Secret of Divine Civilization
Selections From the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá
Tablets of Abdul-Baha Abbas
A Traveller's Narrative:
Written to illustrate the episode of the Báb

Organisatie van de Bahá'í-gemeenschap

Bahá'í Verkiezingen : Een Compilatie uit Boodschappen en Brieven van Shoghi Effendi en het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid / samengest. door de Afdeling Onderzoek van het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid. – 32 p. – Vert. van: The Sanctity and Nature of Bahá'í Elections.

Een compilatie over de bijzondere procedure van bahá'í-verkiezingen, waarbij een zuiver resultaat wordt verkregen, door het ontbreken van kandidaatstelling, de waarborg van geheime verkiezingen en een algehele deelname.

Consultatie : Een Compilatie uit Bahá'í Geschriften / uitg. door het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid. – 31 p. – Vert. van: The Heaven of Divine Wisdom ; Bahá'í Consultation.

Bij het functioneren in elk bestuur, is een goede consultatie van wezenlijk belang, waarvoor in de bahá'í-geschriften belangrijke aanwijzingen zijn te vinden, gebaseerd op openheid, saamhorigheidsgevoel en respect.

Het Instituut van de Raadgevers : Een Document van het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid. – 45 p. – Vert. van: The Institution of the Counsellors.

Een overzicht van de verschillende afdelingen van het instituut "Het Continentale College van Raadgevers", welke taken zij hebben, hoe zij functioneren en welke relatie er is met andere bestuurlijke instituten.

Het Mandaat van God / Adib Taherzadeh. – 59 p. – Vert. van: Trustees of the Merciful.

Een boekje over goddelijke openbaringen, goddelijke instellingen en de opbouw van de wereldorde van Bahá'u'lláh.

Consultation : A Universal Lamp of Guidance / John E. Kolstoe. – 199 p.

In contrast with the debating methods of even the most enlightened of present-day systems, the Bahá'í principle of consultation fosters co-operation and an atmosphere of freedom in which the best ideas can emerge. It is, Bahá'ís believe, an evolutionary step in human affairs and the bedrock of that new world order which it is the aim of the Bahá'í Faith to bring about.

The Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh / by Adib Taherzadeh. – 473 p.

The Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh is a unique and priceless heritage, unprecedented in past Dispensations. It carries within itself enormous potentialities for the future in the unfoldment of Bahá'u'lláh's new world order and the unique administrative order of the Bahá'í community.

The March of the Institutions : A Commentary on the Interdependency of Rulers and Learned / by Eunice Brown. – 89 p.

A useful historical and contextual guide to what is now becoming a dominant theme in Bahá'í analyses of the movement's organizational system: delineating two branches of the Bahá'í administration. These are elected bodies and appointed institutions or individuals.

The Ministry of the Custodians, 1957-1963 : An Account of the Stewardship of the Hands of the Cause. – 485 p.

The communications of the body of the Hands of the Cause of God residing in the Holy Land during the years 1957 to 1963. An introduction by Rúhíyyih Khánúm places in perspective the events of the critical years between the passing of Shoghi Effendi in 1957 and the election of the Universal House of Justice in 1963.

Studiecentrum voor de Heilige Geschriften



The Centre for the Study of the Sacred Texts is situated in the precincts of the Bahá'í World Centre on Mount Carmel in Haifa, Israel. It is the base of the scholars and translators who study and translate the Bahá'í texts to assist the Universal House of Justice.

The International Bahá'í Library Building is as of yet unbuilt. The Bahá'í World Centre Library holds an extensive collection of Bahá'í literature. The Universal House of Justice stated: "In future decades its functions must grow, it will serve as an active centre for knowledge in all fields, and it will become the kernel of great institutions of scientific investigation and discovery."

Bibliofiele bahá'í boeken worden nu al duur...

\$ 1.500

Ziyarat Namih: The Tablet of Visitation: In Commemoration of the Centenary Ascension of Baha'u'llah - : Taraz Publications, 1995. Special illuminated, limited-edition book of the Tablet of Visitation in both Arabic and English calligraphy. The Arabic writing & style of illumination is reminiscent of elegant and graceful 19th century Qajar manuscripts.

<http://www.biblio.com/search.php?author=&title=&keyisbn=baha%>

Principles of Bahá'í Administration / Shoghi Effendi. – 116 p. This book is intended for use by Assemblies, groups and individuals as a guide to procedure in the life and organic activity of the Bahá'í community.

Rights and Responsibilities : The Complementary Roles of the Individual and Institutions : Selected Messages / by or on behalf of the Universal House of Justice. – 59 p. The many aspects of the complimentary roles played by individuals and institutions are examined in this booklet.

Spiritual Assemblies and Consultation : Bahá'í Consultation ; The National Spiritual Assembly ; The Local Spiritual Assembly / ed. by the Universal House of Justice. – 136 p. The evolution of local and national Bahá'í Assemblies at this time calls for a new state of mind on the part of their members as well as on the part of those who elect them, for the Bahá'í community is engaged in an immense historic process that is entering a critical stage. Bahá'u'lláh has given to the world institutions to operate in an Order designed to canalize the forces of a new civilization.... The Spiritual Assemblies must rise to a new stage in the exercise of their responsibilities as channels of divine guidance, planners of the teaching work, developers of human resources, builders of communities and loving shepherds of the multitudes.

Geschiedenis van de Ontwikkeling van de Bahá'í-gemeenschap

Bahá'ís in Nederland : in historisch-sociologisch perspectief / Arjan Kersten. Doctoraal scriptie Universiteit Leiden, faculteit geschiedenis.

God Schrijdt Voorbij / Shoghi Effendi. – 460 p. – Vert. van: God Passes By. Monumentale geschiedenis van de eerste honderd jaar van het bahá'í-geloof (1844-1944).

Nabíl's Verhaal / by Zena Sorabjee. – 147 p. – Vert. van: Nabíl's narrative abridged. Verkorte uitgave van The Dawnbreakers, dat de geschiedenis verhaalt van het bábí-geloof vanaf ongeveer 1810 tot 1853, beschreven door Nabil-i-A'zam, een tijdgenoot en aanhanger.

The Bábí Question You Mentioned ... : The Origins of the Bahá'í Community of the Netherlands / Jelle de Vries. – 374 p. – Proefschrift Katholieke Universiteit Tilburg. A thorough search in several archives, starting with the first article in 1893, resulted in this history of the Bahá'í community in the Netherlands.

The Bábí and Bahá'í Religions : From Messianic Shi'ism to a World Religion / Peter Smith. – 243 p. The rise and development of the Bahá'í Faith from the messianic Bábí movement in nineteenth-century Iran to become an independent religion, established in many countries and commanding the devotion of people from many different cultures.

The Bahá'í World Centre Library

The Library is a depository library specializing in publications about or related to the Bahá'í Faith. The collection consists, as of 2001, of nearly 64,000 titles (over 150,000 items) in some 700 languages. It includes over 2,500 periodicals, as well as Braille books, posters, maps, microforms and CD-Roms. Another resource is a file of over 35,000 newspaper clippings about the Bahá'í Faith. More than 8,800 audio-visual titles have been processed through the Library. These are held in the collection of the Audio-Visual Department of the Bahá'í World Centre.

Reference works and background material on Islam and other religions, on Iran, and of general interest to the Bahá'í World Centre institutions are acquired for permanent retention. Professional publications for departmental and office use are all acquired through the Library as well. The Library obtains newspapers and general news publications for the information of Bahá'í World Centre institutions and offices.

More → <http://library.bahai.org/gc/index.html>

Professional Library Service

The Library offers an FTP service and site to which a selection of the Writings of the Founders of the Bahá'í Faith as well as other documents are posted. The primary object of the FTP was to provide publishers and individuals with the authoritative texts of the major works for use within the limits of the copyright statement given on the site.

More → <http://library.bahai.org/serv/ftpc.html>

The Bábí and Bahá'í Religions, 1844-1944 : Some Contemporary Western Accounts / ed. by Moojan Momen. – 572 p.

Examination of the extensive writings and documents about the history of the Bahá'í Faith by Western authors not themselves Bahá'ís. The first part of the book is a 60-page survey of these Western accounts, in which is described how news of the Bábí and Bahá'í Faiths reached the West, considers the contributions of various scholars and authors, and examines some of the misconceptions that abound in the early reports. The second part of the book consists of reports, mainly by European diplomatic and consular staff, missionaries, and travellers, concerning episodes in Bábí and Bahá'í history of which the writers were eyewitnesses or had been given firsthand accounts.

The Bahá'í Faith in America / by Robert H. Stockman.

Vol. 1: Origins 1892-1900.

Vol. 2: Early expansion 1900-1912.

These books not only chart the North American Bahá'í community's early efforts, but it also highlights the loving leadership of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, who explained to Westerners the Bahá'í teachings, answered questions, settled disputes, calmed the angry and consoled the grieving.

The Bahá'í Question : Cultural Cleansing in Iran / Bahá'í International Community. – 91 p.

This report explores the issue of cultural cleansing in Iran by presenting vivid accounts of both the past and present policies towards the treatment of the Bahá'í community.

Bahá'ís in the West / ed. by Peter Smith.

In ground-breaking essays, eight scholars probe the early history of the Bahá'í Faith in the West. In each case, this original research widens and changes our understanding of those crucial years of development.

Century of Light / Universal House of Justice. – 157 p.

This review of 20th century events in light of Bahá'í teachings was commissioned and directed by the Universal House of Justice. It is an invaluable tool for understanding the current events of today and the role the Bahá'ís of the world must play.

Community Histories / ed. by Richard Hollinger ; general ed. Anthony A. Lee. – 284 p.

Seven Bahá'í historians explore the histories of selected local Bahá'í communities in the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

The Dawnbreakers : Nabil's narrative of the early days of the bahá'í revelation / Nabil-i-A'zam. – 685p. – (Beknopte uitgave: Nabil's narrative abridged / by Zena Sorabjee.)

The most comprehensive and authoritative eyewitness account of the beginnings of the Bahá'í era, with many historic pictures and drawings.

Door of Hope : A Century of the Bahá'í Faith in the Holy Land / David S. Ruhe. – 247 p.

A guide to the history and sites of the Holy Land. The geography, archaeology and history of the Jewish, Christian and Bahá'í Faiths are presented in this book.



Shoghi Effendi Rabbání (1 maart 1897 - 4 november 1957), beter bekend als Shoghi Effendi, was de Behoeder van het Bahá'í-geloof van 1921 tot zijn dood.

Na het overlijden van 'Abdu'l-Bahá in 1921, begon het leiderschap van de bahá'í-gemeenschap aan een nieuwe fase, groeiend van het leiderschap van één individu naar een bestuursstelsel gefundeerd op de "twee pilaren" van het behoeder-schap en het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid, de uitvoerende en wetgevende takken.

Shoghi Effendi wordt niet gezien als een van de centrale figuren van het bahá'í-geloof, waaronder de Báb, Bahá'u'lláh en 'Abdu'l-Bahá behoren.

Terwijl de werken van de drie centrale figuren de bron van het Bahá'í-geloof vormen, zijn Shoghi Effendis geschriften geautoriseerde commentaren op hun werken.

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George Townshend / David Hofman. – 404 p.

Biography of an Irishman (1876-1957), who reached a high rank in the ecclesiastical hierarchy, but who - at the age of seventy - resigned from his church position, to proclaim publicly that the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh is the long-awaited 'return' promised in the Gospel. He is well-known as the author of several books related to the Bahá'í Faith and his services to the Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith, Shoghi Effendi, especially in the literary field.

Her Eternal Crown : Queen Marie of Romania and the Bahá'í Faith / Della L. Marcus. – 319 p.

The life story of Queen Marie of Romania, the first monarch to accept the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, and the religion she championed. The author has drawn on Queen Marie's own letters and diary entries, and the letters and articles of her friend and teacher, Martha Root, as well as previously unpublished materials found in the Romanian State Archives and the archives of Bahá'í institutions. All this provides a unique glimpse into the life of Queen Marie, and her struggle to proclaim the new religion, despite the oppressive political bonds placed on her.

Iran's Secret Pogrom : he Conspiracy to Wipe out the Bahá'ís / Geoffrey Nash. – 156 p.

Account on the persecution of the Bahá'ís in Iran, 1979-1990 and the role of the Islamic authorities.

Leo Tolstoy and the Bahá'í Faith / Luigi Stendardo. – 75 p.

"Very profound. I know of no other so profound." This was the final conclusion about the Bahá'í Faith of the great nineteenth-century writer, Leo Tolstoy, a few months before his death in 1910.

Tolstoy first heard of the Bahá'í teachings in 1894. He corresponded with 'Abdu'l-Baha. This book traces the developments and fluctuations in Tolstoy's attitude as more information was made available to him. It is based on the author's correspondence and diaries, as well as the memoirs of those close to him and Bahá'ís who came into contact with him.

Prophet's Daughter : The Life and Legacy of Bahiyiyh Khanum, Outstanding Heroine of the Baha'i Faith / Janet A. Khan. – 359 p.

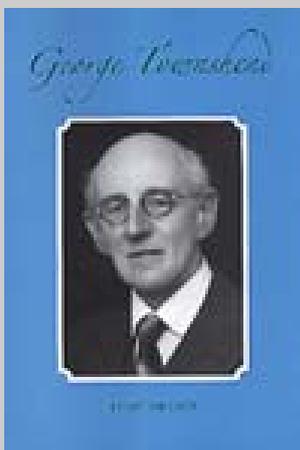
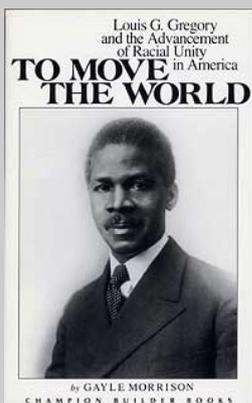
A biography of a largely unknown yet important woman in world religious history – the eldest daughter of Baha'u'llah – who faithfully served her family and the early followers of a then completely new Faith through nearly seven decades of extreme hardship. During the mid-nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, when women in the Middle East were largely invisible, deprived of education, and without status in their communities, she was an active participant in the religion's turbulent early years.

A Short History of the Bahá'í Faith / Peter Smith. – 168 p.

A brief, but yet comprehensive, historical survey of the Bahá'í Faith.

Tahírih the Pure / Martha L. Root. – 146 p.

Biography of one of the first Persian feminists. She was a follower of the Báb, who heroically lived according its principles, e.g. concerning equality of man and woman and she took off her veil. The result was that she became an outcast in her Islamic family and had a violent death. During her life she wrote many inspiring poems, which have been published.



George Townshend (1876-1957), hoogleraar, kanuniek van St. Patrick in Dublin.

Wikipedia:

In 1947, at the age of 70, Townshend renounced his orders to the Anglican Church and wrote a pamphlet to all Christians under the title "The Old Churches and the New World Faith" that was sent out to 10,000 people in the British Isles on the occasion of this resignation. He then moved to a small bungalow outside of Dublin where he spent his last decade.

To Move the World : Louis G. Gregory and the Advancement of Racial Unity in America / Gayle Morrison.

Biography of the first Afro-American Bahá'í in America (1874-1951) and who married a white woman. This fact, and his outstanding role in the development of education for black children, made him unique in American society, which was divided by racism.

Was faith their crime? An Awe-Inspiring Story of Courage and Perseverance of the Bahá'ís in Iran / Betty Frost.

Book about people who have undergone cruelty, persecution, deprivation of human rights and even death. The victims had the option to avoid persecution by simply recanting their faith. It also relates efforts on the part of the United Nations and various countries of the world to mitigate the severity of their ordeal, together with a glimpse into the reason which inspired those believers to stand firm in the face of such opposition.

Bahá'í Leringen Visie op God en Zijn Manifestaties

Christus en Bahá'u'lláh / George Townshend. – 140 p. – Vert. van: Christ and Bahá'u'lláh.

Aan de hand van Bijbelteksten wijst een voormalige Anglicaanse priester op de overeenkomsten tussen Christus en Baha'u'llah.

Sekte of Openbaringsreligie? Een Plaatsbepaling van het Bahá'í-geloof binnen de oodsdienswetenschap / Udo Schaefer. – 28 p. – Vert. van: Sekte oder Offenbarungsreligion?

Pleidooi om aan te tonen dat de bahá'í-religie een wereldgodsdienst is, zoals het christendom, jodendom, boeddhisme en de islam.

De Zonen van God : Een Bloemlezing uit de Geschriften van Openbaringsreligies / René Derkse. – 159 p.

Uitspraken van diverse stichters van wereldreligies, gericht op het ontdekken van overeenkomstige leringen.

Accents of God : Selections from the World's Sacred Scriptures / ed. by M.K. Rohani. – 94 p.

A compilation of holy texts from six religions, which gives clear indication of their conformity and sacred origin from one and the same God.

Bahá'u'lláh : A Brief Life, Followed by an Essay on the Manifestation of God entitled The word Made Flesh / Hasan M. Balyuzi. – 134 p.

The present book, in its first part, offers a short account of the earthly life of Bahá'u'lláh. The second part is an essay on the eternal Manifestation of God, that Divine Spirit Who, for a mortal span, occupied the human temple of Bahá'u'lláh, of Jezus of Nazareth, of Muhammad i.a. The author examines His station, His relationship to God and to humanity, His influence on history, and cites from the various scriptures examples of His redemptive power over men.

Model voor een wereldregering

HET BESTUURSSTELSEL

De oorsprong van het bahá'í-bestuursstelsel ligt in de *Kitáb-i-Aqdas* van Bahá'u'lláh en het *Testament van 'Abdu'l-Bahá*. Bahá'u'lláh beschrijft het verkozen Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid en 'Abdu'l-Bahá stelde het benoemde erfelijke behoederschap in en verduidelijkte het verband tussen de twee instituten. In zijn Wil, benoemde 'Abdu'l-Bahá zijn oudste kleinzoon, Shoghi Effendi, als eerste behoeder van het Bahá'í-geloof. Shoghi Effendi vertaalde bahá'í-literatuur; ontwikkelde globale plannen voor de uitbreiding van de bahá'í-gemeenschap; ontwikkelde het Bahá'í Wereldcentrum; onderhield een omvangrijke correspondentie met gemeenschappen en individuen rond de wereld en bouwde de administratieve structuur van de religie, daarmee de gemeenschap voorbereidend voor de verkiezing van het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid. Hij stierf in 1957 onder omstandigheden waarin hij geen opvolger kon benoemen.^[1]

Op plaatselijke, regionale en nationale niveaus, verkiezen bahá'ís Geestelijke Raden, die elk uit negen leden bestaan. Er zijn ook benoemde individuen die op plaatselijk, nationaal en internationaal niveau werken, die als functie het verspreiden van de bahá'í-leringen en het beschermen van de gemeenschap hebben. Zij vormen geen geestelijkheid aangezien het Bahá'í-geloof die niet kent.

Het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid, dat voor het eerst in 1963 werd verkozen, is het hoogste bestuursorgaan van het Bahá'í-geloof. Zijn negen leden worden elke de vijf jaar gekozen door de leden van alle nationale Geestelijke Raden. Iedere mannelijke bahá'í, 21 jaar of ouder, is verkiesbaar in het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid te worden gekozen; alle andere posities zijn open voor mannelijke en vrouwelijke bahá'ís.

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Buddhism and the Bahá'í Faith : An Introduction to the Bahá'í Faith for Theravada Buddhists / Moojan Momen. – 114 p.

Over the course of thousands of years there have been, from time to time and in different parts of the world, a small number of fully-enlightened ones. Their mission has been to guide humanity in its spiritual and social affairs. Bahá'ís believe that Bahá'u'lláh was the most recent of these teachers.

Many of the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh are similar to those of Lord Buddha. *Buddhism and the Bahá'í Faith* examines these teachings and the prophecies of Buddha, the life of Bahá'u'lláh and the history of the Bahá'í Faith.

The Chinese Religion and the Bahá'í Faith / Phyllis Ghim Lian Chew. – 244 p.

Although the origins of the religious traditions of China and the Bahá'í Faith are separated in time by thousands of years, still the teachings of these two major belief systems share many similarities. The author explores the development of the Chinese religion, its roots in Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism and its spiritual and social teachings. She compares the Chinese religion with the teachings of the Bahá'í Faith and finds a number of fascinating parallels.

Divine Educators / Farnaz and Bijan Masumian. – 161 p.

In a world where terrorism has led to misunderstandings about the true nature of religion, many people are either becoming entrenched in religious fundamentalism of one kind or another or are turning away from religion altogether. This book provides scriptural and historical evidence for commonalities in the lives, characters, and teachings of the central figures of seven world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam and the Bahá'í Faith.

The Eternal Quest for God : An Introduction to the Divine Philosophy of 'Abdu'l-Bahá / Julio Savi. – 261 p.

Profoundly conceived, meticulously researched, a book which ranges over the whole field of Bahá'í sacred texts to explore the deepest questions of existence: God, evolution, the human soul.

Gems of Guidance : Selections from the Scriptures of the World / comp. and introd. by David Journey. – 118 p. – Later uitg. als: **Gems from the World's Great Scriptures**. – 154 p.

Powerful insights into the scriptures of the six world religions that all have offered hope and solace since the beginning of time and have given answers to questions like creation, prayer and faith. An expertly arranged selection of scriptures taken from six major religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, and the Bahá'í Faith. Each chapter covers a different theme and offers insight and inspiration assembled from the sacred writings of different faiths.

The Golden Rule : A Universal Ethic / H.T.D. Rost. – 196 p.

The golden rule as it is variously expressed in each of the major religious systems in the world today. To the author, who approaches his subject from the Bahá'í viewpoint of the fundamental oneness of religions, the golden rule is a prime tool for the increase of understanding and dialogue among the different faiths. It has particular relevance to today's world where more and more people find themselves challenged by life in a multi-racial, multi-religious society, and where the true challenge is increasingly perceived as the evolution of such society into a unified, diverse and peaceful world civilization.



Zetel van het wereldbestuur van de Bahá'í-gemeenschap—Het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid, Berg Karmel, Haifa, Israël.



Dr. Moojan Momen was born in Iran, but was raised and educated in England, attending the University of Cambridge. He is an MD and has a special interest in the study of the Baha'i Faith and Shi'i Islam, both from the viewpoint of their history and their doctrines. In recent years, his interests have extended to the study of the phenomenon of religion.

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http://bahai.haifa.ac.il/Momen/Moojan_Momen_CV.doc.pdf

He Cometh with Clouds : a Bahá'í View of Christ's Return / Gary L. Matthews. – 396 p.

No event is more keenly awaited than the Second Coming. A hundred generations of Christians have implored God to hasten the day when - as scripture foretells - the stars will fall, the dead will rise, and the saints will be caught up in the clouds to reign with their Lord over a new heaven and a new earth. This book investigates the Bible's teachings about the Second Coming, gives the Bahá'í view on the meaning of these promised events, and explores the relationship between Christ and Bahá'u'lláh.

Hinduism and the Bahá'í Faith / by Moojan Momen. – 84 p.

Examination of the Bahá'í approach to Darshana, Dharma, Moksha and an account of significant Hindu prophecies, the Bahá'í social teachings, laws, history and the Bahá'í community. Hinduism is one of the most ancient of the existing religious traditions; the Bahá'í Faith is the most modern. Here is an introduction to the Bahá'í Faith for those of the Hindu tradition. Most presentations of the Bahá'í Faith have been from Western, Christian or Islamic viewpoint.

Islam and the Bahá'í Faith / Moojan Momen. – 293 p.

The Bahá'í Faith has its roots in Islam yet many Muslims do not have accurate information about this fast-growing religion. As well as the Qur'an, the author uses the authoritative Sunni collections of Traditions and draws on Islamic prophecies to explain the Bahá'í Faith from a Muslim perspective. He describes the Bahá'í view of the Prophet Muhammad and of Islam, the spiritual and ethical teachings of the Bahá'í Faith in comparison to Islam, the claim of Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'í spirituality, Bahá'í law, social teachings and community life, and provides a brief history of the Bahá'í Faith.

The Law of Love Enshrined : Selected Essays / John S. and William S. Hatcher. – 285 p.

Collection of nine essays organized around the idea that all social enterprises and all laws regulating them, are really expressions of God's love for human creation. It concludes with broad perspective on the "concept of spirituality" – an essay of great personal usefulness and longstanding acclaim.

The Light Shineth in Darkness / Udo Schaefer. – 193 p.

A collection of five separate studies of the Bahá'í Faith, Christianity and Islam. Translated from the German, they deal with many popular misconceptions which arise from the religious and intellectual traditions of the West.

The Phenomenon of Religion : A Thematic Approach / Moojan Momen. – 626 p.

Innovative, thematic presentation of the role of religion in human society, from traditional cultures to the modern world, drawing from all the major religious traditions and from psychology, philosophy and sociology. This major study includes chapters on faith, belief and conversion, suffering, sacrifice and salvation, fundamentalism and liberalism, religion and gender, and religion in the modern world.



William Sears (1911-1992)
Hand van de Zaak Gods
Amerikaans radio- en televisie-
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Spirituality in the Land of the Noble : How Iran Shaped the World's Religions / Richard C. Foltz. – 204 p.

A tribute to Iran's rich spiritual heritage, of its influence on the beliefs, practices, and scriptures of the world's religious traditions. Following the paths of the Jews who migrated to Iran in 7 BCE, and the Iranian merchants who carried Buddhism along the Silk Road to China, this informed and informative account explores the impact of Persian culture on Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, and the Bahá'í Faith. The author probes beneath the surface of world history, uncovering a wealth of Iranian ideas and influences, from the sacred formulas of the ancient Aryan inhabitants to the spectacular architecture of Iran's holiest cities. Spanning the full spectrum of Persian history from the earliest settlers right up to the present age, it offers an invaluable insight not only into Iranian identity, but also the way in which religious traditions grow and change.

The Stations and Claims of Bahá'u'lláh / Michael Sours. 231 p.

One of the fundamental verities of the Bahá'í teachings is the oneness of the world's great religions and that all the Founders of the world's great religions revealed, with ever-increasing intensity and in successive stages, the light of one common Faith. Such is the unalterable foundation and central tenet of the Faith founded by Bahá'u'lláh. Bahá'ís believe the Message of Bahá'u'lláh is God's guidance for humanity to press through the difficulties of this present age of transition and to go to the next stage of its evolution.

Thief in the Night, or the Strange Case of the Missing Millenium / William Sears. – 304 p.

In the first half of the nineteenth century there was world-wide a fervent expectation that during the 1840's the return of Christ would take place. Did anything happen or was it all a dream? The author presents his fully detailed "conduct of the case" in an easy style which enthuses the reader with the excitement of the chase.

Without a Syllable or Sound / Michael Sours. – 208 p.

In this study, the author examines Bahá'í teachings concerning the sacred books and scriptures of five world faiths - Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. It is an exploration of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings concerning the spiritual qualities that enable all seekers to understand and benefit from sacred scriptures, the symbolic meaning and mystical significance of key terms, and a discovery of the principles involved in Bahá'u'lláh's defence of past scriptures.

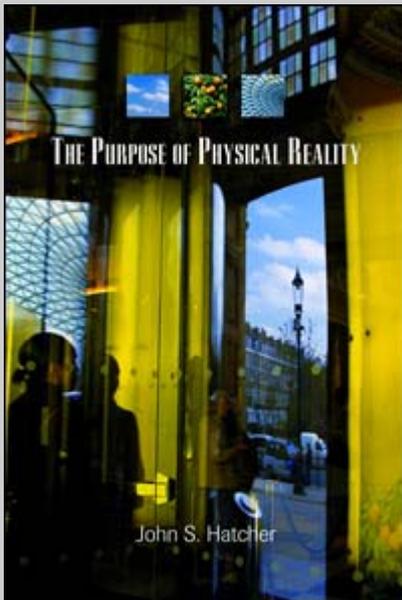
Bahá'í Leringen Leven als Bahá'í

Een Vesting voor Welzijn : Bahá'í Leringen over het Huwelijk / samengest. onder leiding van Daniel Jordan. – 66 p. – Vert. van: Marriage : A Fortress for Well-being.

Waardevolle visies op het toepassen van geestelijke principes in de praktische werkelijkheid van de huwelijksband.

Ageing : Challenges and Opportunities / A.-M. Ghadirian. 129 p.

A combination of inspiration from the Bahá'í teachings and professional knowledge as a psychiatrist discusses the process of ageing, and how it affects different individuals. It looks particularly at the challenges of advancing age, the opportunities open to the aged, coping with stress and Alzheimer's disease. It explores the spiritual dimension of ageing and explodes some of the myths about the process of ageing and being old.



Closer Than Your Life-vein : An Insight into the Wonders of Spiritual Fulfilment / by Henry A. Weil. – 114 p.

With the aid of quotations from Bahá'í scripture, the author examines some of those age-old questions which have long troubled humanity down through the ages: What is the relation of mind, body and soul? What is the relation of the soul to its Creator? Indeed, what is the reality of the human condition? This insight into the processes of spiritual fulfilment discusses the nature of body, mind and soul, not merely as theory, but as the basis of personal transformation.

Dimensions in Spirituality : Reflections on the Meaning of Spiritual Life and Transformation in the Light of the Bahá'í Faith / Jack A. McLean. – 324 p.

Faced with the spiritual bankruptcy of contemporary society, increasing numbers of thoughtful people are searching for a path to spirituality in order to discover their true selves, find deeper meaning in life, and secure real and lasting happiness. The author offers the readers personal reflections and analysis of the Bahá'í Faith, combined with insights gleaned from spiritual psychology, philosophical theology and the world's religions in order to map out dimensions in spirituality.

The Glorious Journey : A Bahá'í Approach to Work and Service / W. Craig Weaver & Helen M. Bond. – 119 p.

Ideas and thoughts – from materialistic and spiritual points of view – on the manifold aspects of work.

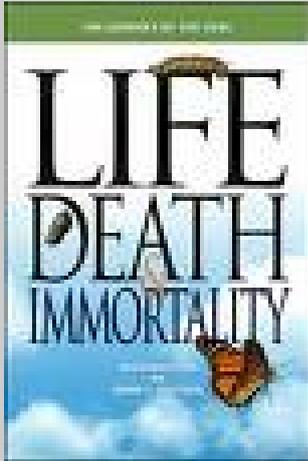
In Search of Nirvana : A New Perspective on Alcohol and Drug Dependency / A.-M. Ghadirian. – Later uitg. als: Alcohol and Drug Abuse : A Psychosocial and Spiritual Approach to Prevention. 77 p.

An account of the extensive research on the issue. It focuses on primary prevention and explores the roles and responsibilities of individuals, families and society in addressing the worldwide crisis in drug abuse. Both prevention and recovery have profoundly spiritual dimensions, and Dr. Ghadirian explores these in the light of the Bahá'í teachings.

It's Not Your Fault : How Healing Relationships Change Your Brain & Can Help You Overcome a Painful Past / Patricia Romano McGraw. – 268 p.

Simply put, you can't think your way to happiness if you're suffering the effects of trauma or abuse.

This book is based on the author's professional experience in treating those who suffer from the devastating effects of emotional trauma. Dr. McGraw describes how trauma affects the brain and, therefore, one's ability to carry out "good advice". She explains the subtle and largely hidden processes of attunement and attachment that take place between parents and children, exams their impact on all future relationships, tells what is needed for healing to occur, discusses the profound health benefits of spirituality and a relationship with God in assisting and accelerating the healing process, and suggests how members of the helping professions can begin to tap the deepest, most authentic parts of themselves to touch the hearts of those they seek to help.



A Key to Loving / Betty Frost. – 66 p.

Why is it so difficult to maintain a loving, creative relationship with the person we have chosen as a life partner, or to have harmonious relationships with our own family or colleagues at work? If love is the 'first principle of the divine teaching' ('Abdu'l-Bahá), why is it such a feat to be able to love? How can we deal with anger and hurt feelings? This book offers solutions from the Writings of the Bahá'í Faith, whose primary aim is the realization in the world of the oneness of humanity. This depends on harmony and agreement between people, both as individuals and in society as a whole.

Meditation / Wendi Momen. – 138 p.

In many places in the Bahá'í writings we are to 'meditate upon this', 'to ponder', 'to reflect'. Meditation is a requisite for spiritual growth. Through meditation 'the doors of deeper knowledge and inspiration' are opened. Such an important feature of life surely merits development. However, many of us do not know what meditation is or how to go about it. This book uses the Bahá'í scriptures as the focus for meditation. It briefly describes a number of techniques and practices that one might employ to develop this faculty and provides verses from the Bahá'í writings upon which to meditate.

Overcoming Difficulties : Wisdom from the Bahá'í Writings / Ginny Tod. – 67 p.

Slim and compact, this book of guidance and verses can go anywhere with you. Great for immediate assistance with the challenges of daily life. A collection of verses from the Bahá'í writings for those engaged in the challenging yet enormously satisfying 'real' work of this world: to grow spiritually.

Partners in Spirit : What Couples Say About Marriages That Work / Heather Cardin. – 273 p.

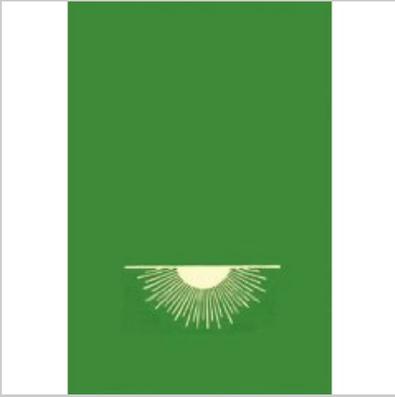
Interviews with over twenty married couples who share what has worked to strengthen their relationships during their years together. Their stories, hints, and advice illustrate the Baha'i perspective on marriage, which involves an equal partnership in the spiritual development of both husband and wife. This provides a strong foundation for a happy and prosperous family life.

Prayer : A Bahá'í Approach / William and Madeline Hellaby. – 117 p.

To Bahá'ís, prayer is indispensable, a mystic feeling which unites man with God. This state of spiritual communion can be brought about and maintained by means of meditation and prayer. Questions are posed like why we need to pray, the relationship of the soul of man to the Word of God, the power of prayer, the qualities required for prayer, prayer and action, prayer in the community and effective prayer.

Psyche and Eros : Bahá'í Studies in a Spiritual Psychology / by Rhett Diessner. – 203 p.

Freud used the Oedipus myth as a metaphor for the development of a psychology of love in which the limitations of jealousy and self-destruction are never fully overcome. Diessner's proposition is to use the Bahá'í writings to explore the spiritual dimensions of the myth of Psyche and Eros as a root metaphor for spiritual transformation. Here the negative forces of the personality, though powerful, do not ultimately prevail, but are transcended in the final union of love and beauty.



The Dawnbreakers(Japanese editie)

The Psychology of Spirituality : From Divided Self to Integrated Self / H.B. Danesh. – 270 p.

What is the nature of human reality? What is the purpose of human life? What is love? Through case histories, in-depth analysis and practical examples, the author (Bahá'í and psychologist) offers new ways of addressing these and other important questions and helps us to look at ourselves, our relationships, our problems and our world from a totally new perspective.

The Pupil of the Eye : African Americans in the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh : Selections from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, the Báb, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Shoghi Effendi and the Universal House of Justice / selected by Bonnie J. Taylor. – 200 p.

'Abdu'l-Bahá has likened the African American community to the 'pupil of the eye'. This compilation of scripture and passages includes quotations on the need for race unity, the dangers of racism, the contributions of African Americans to the Faith and the destiny of the African people.

Pure Gold : Encouraging Character Qualities in Marriage / Susanne M. Alexander and Craig A. Farnsworth. – 152 p.

Texts from various religions and philosophies, arranged by subjects, with a list of questions and practical counsels.

Sexual Morality in the World Religions / Geoffrey Parrinder. – 276 p.

An exploration of sex and religion, covering a wide range of issues from marriage and celibacy, passion and love, to veiling, mystical union and symbolism.

Spiritual Enterprise : Building Your Business in the Spirit of Service : Lessons in Moral Leadership and Management from the Teachings of the Bahá'í Faith / Lawrence Miller. – 340 p.

Explanation of the conviction that there is not necessarily any contradiction between pursuing material progress, whether in the form of a nation's economy or personal wealth, and the teachings of religion. In fact, it is the great challenge of one's personal spiritual struggle to remain centered in spiritual reality while pursuing success in business.

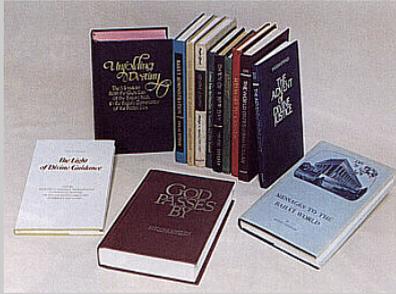
Unlocking the Gate of the Heart : Keys to Personal Transformation : A Bahá'í Approach / Lasse Thoresen. – 336 p.

The greatest need of our time is to restore human dignity and honour to the whole human race. A spiritual revival of the individual and society is the greatest challenge facing humanity. Through an examination of the Bahá'í writings and suggestions for spiritual exercises based on them, Lasse Thoresen helps readers to gain an understanding of their place in creation. They learn, step by step, how to change their attitudes and life styles, to discover the methods to use in their search for greater perfection. Then they will be empowered to serve humankind and to help create a world society based on spiritual and moral values.

The Violence-free Family : Building Block of Peaceful Civilization / H.B. Danesh. – 55 p.—Practical guide for families, who want to live in peace with each other and the world around them.

Winning Spiritual Battles / Nathan Rutstein. – 174 p.

Quest for happiness is man's perennial goal. Happiness is a mystery in itself. Some, in their insatiable search, emerge victorious, but the search for true happiness is a never-ending one. *Winning Spiritual Battles* is a portrayal of living examples that tell of the experiences of seekers of true happiness. It tells of renewed spiritual consciousness and the joys and pains of attaining "freedom from the prison of self".



Bahá'í Leringen Opvoeding en Onderwijs

De Eigenschappenboom : Eenvoudige Manieren om het Beste in onze Kinderen en Onszelf te Helpen Ontwikkelen / Linda Kavelin Popov. – 266 p. – Vert. van: The family virtue guide.

Leidraad voor ouders, die met 52 deugden uit wereldreligies eenvoudig gereedschap in handen krijgen om hun kinderen het beste te ontwikkelen.

Het Grote Deugdenboek voor Ouders en Kinderen : Breng het Beste in je Leerlingen en Jezelf naar Boven / Linda Kavelin Popov. – 348 p. – Vert. van: Simple Ways to Bring out the Best in Our Children and Ourselves.

Met 52 deugden uit wereldreligies wordt eenvoudig gereedschap aangeboden om kinderen het beste te ontwikkelen; door de VN uitgeroepen als beste opvoedingsprogramma van de wereld voor alle gezinnen en culturen.

Opvoeding : Een Compilatie uit Boodschappen en Brieven van Bahá'u'lláh, 'Abdu'l-Bahá en Shoghi Effendi / samengest. door de Afdeling Onderzoek van het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid. – 89 p. – Vert. van: Bahá'í education.

Een compilatie uit de bahá'í heilige geschriften over opvoeding.

Bahá'í Parenting Perspectives / Negin and Nima Anvar. – 194 p.

When do you first talk to your child about God, and how do you introduce Him? How do you deal with lying? Should you let your children watch TV? What do you do if your teenager wants to have his nose pierced? Should you go out to work or stay home to look after small children? Focusing on the spiritual upbringing of children, 30 Baha'i couples with over 300 years of collective parenting experience answer these and 50 other questions from their own perspective, using the Baha'i Writings as a guide. A variety of parenting approaches are included in this fascinating compilation so that readers can learn and develop their own style, recognizing that no parenting style fits every family. Every child is different. There are a myriad ways to deal with various issues.

Education in the Bahá'í Family / by Madeline Hellaby. – 164 p. The education of children belongs to the basic principles of the Bahá'í Faith, which starts with a spiritual and moral training.

Education on Trial / Nathan Rutstein. – 218 p.

A plea for reforming education in the light of a changing world civilization.

A Few Minutes a Day / by Dicy Reaugh Hall. – 290 p.

For Bahá'ís it is important to study the teachings of our Faith, to read from the holy Writings every day, to reflect and consult on these teachings and to put them into practice. Simple tools and short lessons are offered, designed for primary school-aged children but which can be adapted for younger and older children.

Growing Towards the Light : A Guide to Encourage Positive Thinking / Juliet Grainger. – 75 p.

Specially written for children and all those who need to learn to value themselves. Each chapter is a guide, full of ideas to help the child realise his own unique value. The Bahá'í Writings are used as a basis. The book is designed to be used by parents with their children, teachers in the classroom, or whenever there is a need to encourage self-esteem.



Doorlopende berichtgeving
over de toestand in Iran:
[http://www.bahai.nl/read/
vervolgingen](http://www.bahai.nl/read/vervolgingen)

Raising Children as Peacemakers / Peggy Goding. – 227 p.
Theoretical knowledge is given and also games, projects and activities in order to help to educate children in an atmosphere of unity and peace.

To Be a Mother : comp. by Wendi Momen. – 178 p.

To Be a Father : comp. by Wendi Momen. – 209 p.

A collection of carefully chosen, beautiful, uplifting quotations from Bahá'í and other scriptures, which explain the special function of these two persons who are most important for children.

Bahá'í Leringen Leven na de dood

Bahá'u'lláh's Teachings on Spiritual Reality : Selections from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, the Báb, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Shoghi Effendi and the Universal House of Justice / comp. by Paul Lample. 204 p.

Quotations from Bahá'í Writings on the purpose of life, trials during this earthly existence and life after death.

Death, the Messenger of Joy / comp. by Madeline Hellaby. 34 p.

A small booklet about death, which is a very sensitive subject for most people. Sooner or later it touches us all. This comprehensive guide looks at the different aspects of the subject and helps the reader understand and deal with the deaths of friends and loved ones, as well as with our own eventual passing. It emphasizes death as a "messenger of joy" rather than as a cause of sadness.

Life, Death and Immortality : The Journey of the Soul / comp. by Terrill G. Hayes. – 193 p.

This book begins and ends by answering the weightiest questions we can pose about our reality as human beings: What is the purpose of life? What is death? How do we attain true happiness? What is the soul and how does it develop? What is the nature of the afterlife? Will we know and recognize our loved ones? It combines a clear view of the purpose of life with reassuring explanations about the connection between the physical and spiritual worlds.

Light After Death : A Comparison of the Near-death-experience and the Teachings of the Bahá'í Faith on Life after Death / Alan Bryson. – 84 p.

The phenomenon of near-death-experience has shown itself to be of considerable public interest. *Light After Death* examines this topic by reviewing various works related to the subject.

Life After Death : A Study of the Afterlife in World Religions / Farnaz Masumian. – 154 p.

Lessons from seven world religions on life after death, the nature of the soul, the ideas on heaven and hell, reincarnation and the transmigration of souls.

Bahá'í Leringen **Visie op de samenleving**

De Belofte van Wereldvrede : Een Verklaring van het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid. – 32 p. – Vert. van: The Promise of World peace.

Adviezen van het hoogste bestuurslichaam van de internationale bahá'í-gemeenschap betreffende het bereiken van een mondiale vrede.

Onze Natuurlijke Bronnen : Een Compilatie uit Boodschappen en Brieven van Bahá'u'lláh, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Shoghi Effendi en het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid / samengest. door de Afdeling Onderzoek van het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid. – 48 p. – Vert. van: Conservation of the Earth Resources.

Een compilatie, met principes over onderwerpen die betrekking hebben op de natuur en het milieu. Het uitgangspunt is dat de natuur een goddelijk geschenk is, hoe het door de mensen gebruikt kan worden, de bescherming van het milieu en de vooruitzichten voor de toekomst van de aarde.

Het Vraagstuk van Universele Vrede : De Tafel aan Den Haag / 'Abdu'l-Bahá. – 20 p. – Vert. van: The Question of Universal Peace (eerder uit. als: Tablet to The Hague). agueH

Een brief, geschreven aan de Centrale Organisatie voor een Duurzame Vrede te Den Haag, 17 december 1919, over de voorwaarden tot het vestigen van een duurzame vrede in de gehele wereld.

De Welvaart van de Mensheid : Een Verklaring van de Internationale Bahá'í Gemeenschap. – 32 p. – Vert. van: The Prosperity of Humankind.

Bahá'í-bijdrage aan de V.N. top in Kopenhagen in 1995, in de vorm van een concept voor het bereiken van geestelijke en materiële voorspoed in de gehele wereld.

Wereld Vrede en Wereldbestuur : Van Visie naar Werkelijkheid / J. Tyson. – 74 p. – Vert. van: World Peace and World Government.

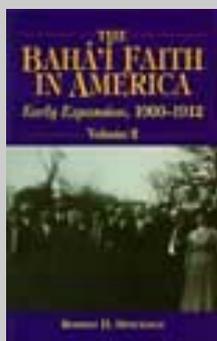
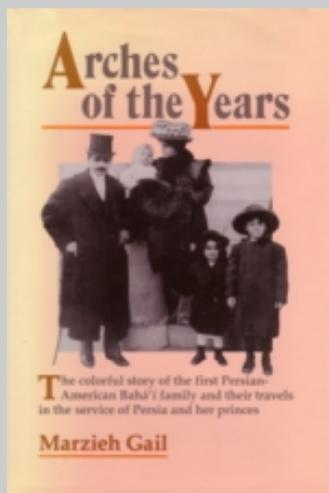
Onderzoek naar het essentiële belang van een wereldbestuur, volgens principes in de bahá'í-leringen, met aandacht voor de gebruikelijke argumenten hier tegen. Behandeld worden de kwestie van ontwapening, nationale soevereiniteit en het geeft een voorstel voor de stichting van een wereldbestuur als enig realistisch alternatief voor het nucleaire dilemma en de internationale anarchie van soevereine staten.

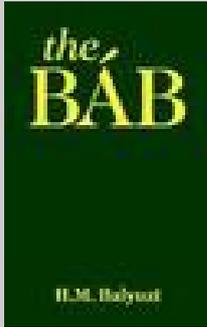
Advancement of Women : A Bahá'í Perspective / Janet and Peter Khan. – 351 p.

The equality of women and men is one of the basic tenets of the Bahá'í Faith. Until now, however, no single volume created for a general audience has provided comprehensive coverage of the Bahá'í teachings on this topic and its many aspects. In this broad survey, husband and wife team Janet and Peter Khan address even those aspects of equality of the sexes that are usually ignored or glossed over in the existing literature. Tactfully treating a subject that often provokes argumentation, contention, polarization of attitudes, and accusations, the authors elevate the discussion to a new level that challenges all while offending none.

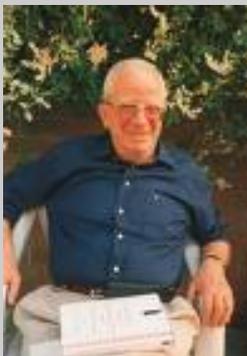
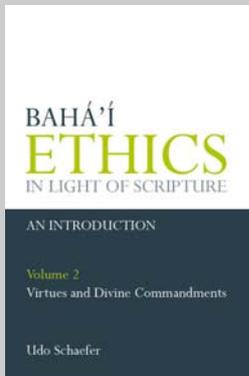
Bahá'í Focus on Human Rights / Philip Hainsworth. – 64 p.

Arguments on the need for an essential change in the structure of the current society, based on the principle of oneness of humanity, in which human rights will be guaranteed.





Hasan Muvaqqar Balyuzi (1908 -1980), Hand van de Zaak van God, historicus, biograaf van de Báb en Baha'u'lláh.



De Duitse jurist Udo Schaefer behoort tot de apologeten van de Bahá'í-religie en heeft de eerste Bahá'í Ethiek op naam staan.

The Eco Principle : Ecology and Economics in Symbiosis / Arthur L. Dahl. – 180 p.

This book not only explains why present economic and political systems are not working but also integrates economic, environmental, social and spiritual dimensions to present a new way of understanding and changing these systems. With references to the Bahá'í Writings, the structure of the Bahá'í community, and the organic systems of the natural world, the author shows how new values, based on a fundamental belief in unity in all aspects of life, can transform the way we live together on our small planet.

Economics, Agriculture and Related Subjects / comp. by the Research Department of the Universal House of Justice. – 37 p.

Bahá'í teachings which set forth principles and guidance for economic readjustment, which provide for the needs of the poor according to his needs, and recognize the fundamental importance of agriculture. The readjustment of the social economy will ensure the stability of the world of humanity.

The Equality of Women and Men : The Experience of the Bahá'í Community of Canada / Deborah and Will van den Hoonaard. – 266 p.

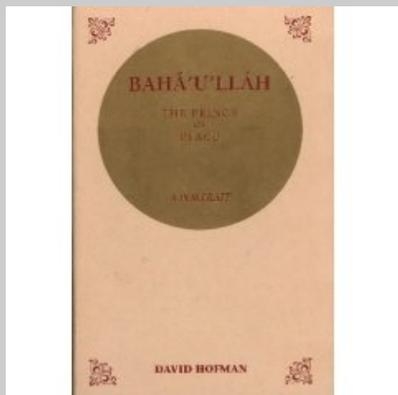
Two sociologists, a wife and husband team, take a bold look at what Bahá'ís are doing to implement one of the most fundamental Bahá'í teachings - the equality of women and men. Their research findings, involving diverse Bahá'í focus groups, reveal insights about what encourages or impedes the achievement of gender equality, and how society at large views the work of Bahá'ís to implement equality.

For the Betterment of the World : the Worldwide Bahá'í Community's Approach to Social and Economic Development / prepared by the Office of Social and Economic Development. – 31 p.

Freedom to Believe : Upholding the Standard of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights : Statement on the Freedom of Religion or Belief / Bahá'í International Community. – 20 p.

Growing Into Peace : A Manual for Peace-builders in the 1990s and Beyond / Mary Perkins. – 145 p.

A challenge to think constructively about the future of the human race and of the planet by looking at the true nature of humanity, our changing attitude to the environment, developments in world affairs and the steps we can take to ensure the survival of the planet. It shows us how we can prepare to live in a peaceful world.



David George Ronald Hofman (1908–2003), Engelse uitgever (George Ronald), Was de eerste tv-presentator van de BBC. Lid van het Huis van Gerechtigheid in Haifa (1863-1888).

Healing the Body Politic : Bahá'í Perspectives on Peace and Conflict Resolution / ed. by Charles O. Lerche. – 316 p.

Everyone is aware of, and concerned about, conflict. Many conflicts have proved resistant to traditional methods of containment and resolution, and this has stimulated the search for more innovative, more comprehensive and more fully human approaches to dealing with conflict. This volume reflects an effort by a group of scholars from around the world, united by common convictions, to contribute to this search.

The Last War : Racism, Spirituality and the Future of Civilization / M.L. Perry. – 338 p.

Overcoming racism, respiritualizing society, establishing the unity of all people and creating true civilization is the last war. To fight it, we need to understand how society got to this point. The author uses the analogy of an archaeological dig to survey the historical roots of racism and the despiritualization of society, century by century, back from the modern day to their primitive, prehistoric past. Holding out a vision provided by Bahá'u'lláh, he explains how humanity can lay the groundwork for a new civilization.

Processes of the Lesser Peace / ed. by Babak Bahador and Nazila Ghanea. – 276 p.

Is peace possible? This compilation of essays, by Bahá'í academics and practitioners in the fields of international law, the environment, government and economics, examines the global system envisioned by Bahá'u'lláh in His descriptions of the Most Great Peace.

Racial Unity : An Imperative for Social Progress / Richard W. Thomas. – 129 p.

Information on historical and contemporary race relations. The book covers events from the ancient world to the modern one, as well as roles that Bahá'í teachings and community practices have played in racial unity in the United States.

The Spirit of Agriculture / ed. by Paul Hanley. – 226 p.

Contributions of several workers and officials in the agrarian sector, which emphasize this vital and important matter which concerns everyone living in this world, with principles and reports from projects in several parts of the world.

Spiritual Solution of Economic Problems / Hooshmand Badí'í. – 206 p.

It is the general understanding of people that religion deals with moral and spiritual aspects of life and economics with the material aspect. What is, then, the role of religion in solving economic problems? This book provides answers to this and many other questions.

Taking Action in a Changing World / by Aaron Emmel. – 192 p.

How do we turn our ideals into concrete actions that can improve the world? A simple premise is: people everywhere can create better material, emotional and spiritual lives for themselves. This is a book about social action. It's about ways to promote prosperity and justice. It has a dual focus: the ideals found in the teachings of the Bahá'í Faith and how these relate to the real world and its challenge, and what people are doing with these ideals right now in social and economic development projects around the world.



David S. Ruhe (1914-2005), Amerikaanse medicus en kunstenaar. Lid van het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid op de Berg Karmel 1968-1993.



Alí-Akbar Furútan (1905-2003), Perzische pedagoog, Hand van de Zaak van God.

De Bahá'í-literatuur omvat een scala aan onderwerpen en vormen, inclusief Heilige Boeken, interpretatie, geschiedenis en biografieën, introducties, studiematerialen en apologie.

Veel van de vroege werken van het Bahá'í-geloof zijn in de vorm van brieven aan individuen of gemeenschappen. Deze worden "tafelen" genoemd en zijn in de loop van de tijd door bahá'ís verzameld in compilaties. Tegengwoordig gebruikt het Universele Huis van Gerechtigheid nog steeds brieven als belangrijkste manier van communicatie.

Toward the Most Great Justice : Elements of Justice in the New World Order / ed. by Charles O. Lerche. – 211 p.

A new world order is coming into being, confronting commonly held assumptions about identities, loyalties, and our collective future as citizens of this ailing planet. Among these perplexing changes, the challenge looms large to preserve and extend justice when faced with continuing unfair distribution of wealth, shameless exploitation of natural resources, inequitable relations among members of the international community, and the impotence of the great military powers to protect victims of war. The nine contributors to this book, specialists in a variety of disciplines, explore Bahá'u'lláh's treatment of justice as it applies to relations between the sexes, the restructuring of the international economy along more equitable lines, human rights, and the problems of a global society.

Bahá'í Leringen Visie op de wetenschap

For the Good of Mankind : August Forel and the Bahá'í Faith / John Paul Vader. – 114 p.

Biography of the Swiss psychiatrist en philosopher, who got interested in the Bahá'í Faith in about 1920 because of the teachings related to science and religion. He corresponded about the subject with 'Abdu'l-Bahá and received one of the most weighty Tablets ever written by 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

Logic and Logos : Essays on Science, Religion and Philosophy / William S. Hatcher. – 147 p.

Essays linking modern mathematics and logic with issues that traditionally are the concern of philosophy and theology. An exciting and intellectually stimulating book at the interface of disciplines which are now approaching each other after centuries of mutual suspicion.

Manna From Heaven : From Divine Speech to Economic Science / Dalton Garis. – 248 p.

Is it legitimate to discuss religious and divine topics in terms and contexts normally reserved for purely scientific discussions? What is the relationship between economics and the teachings of the religions that have appeared in the Middle East? Why is it important to understand the difference between ideology and rational inquiry? The author, an economist with a deep knowledge of Middle Eastern religions, explores the answers to these questions.

On the Shoulder of Giants / by Craig Loehle. – 201 p.

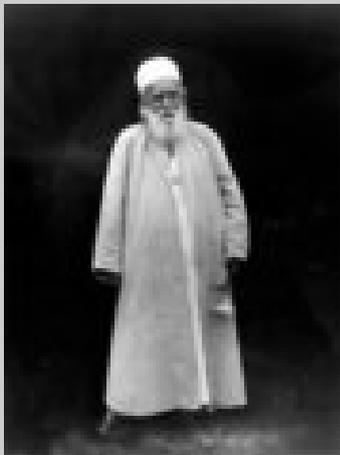
Isaac Newton is famous for his statement that if he had seen farther than others it was because he stood on the shoulders of giants. The theme of this book is the same: what we might see when our perspective is elevated. The giants on whose shoulders Loehle asks us to stand to obtain a new perspective are Newton's, representing science and technology, and Bahá'u'lláh's, representing the world of religion and divine guidance. If we can combine science and religion in a genuine partnership, we will be able to solve problems that have bedevilled humanity for thousands of years.

A Theory for Almost Everything : A Scientific and Religious Quest for Ultimate Answers / Robert Barry. – 200 p.

An exploration of such complexities as the nature of reality and the purpose of life.



'Abdu'l-Bahá en zijn (gerestaureerde) huis aan de Perzenstraat 10 aan de voet van de Berg Karmel in Haifa.



Bahá'í Leringen Toekomstbeeld

Keerpunt Voor Alle Naties : Een Verklaring van de Bahá'í International Community ter Gelegenheid van het 50-jarig Bestaan van de Verenigde Naties. – Vert. van: Turning Point For All Nations. Presentatie van een toekomstvisie als oproep aan wereldleiders, waarin de boodschap doorklinkt van de noodzaak tot samenwerken in een internationale orde en het bevorderen van rechtvaardigheid en gelijkwaardigheid voor alle burgers, met als gevolg dat hun krachten zullen worden vrijgemaakt.

De Welvaart van de Mensheid : Een Verklaring van de Internationale Bahá'í Gemeenschap. – 32 p. – Vert. van: The Prosperity of Humankind.

Bijdrage aan de V.N. top in Kopenhagen in 1995, in de vorm van een concept voor het bereiken van geestelijke en materiële voor-spoed in de gehele wereld.

Blueprint for a New World : Using the Power of the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh to Revitalize the Individual and Society / by Craig Loehle. – 176 p.

What does it mean to build the 'Kingdom of God on earth'? Why a building process and not a miraculous process, a snap of God's fingers? Is there a model for the future society? And if so, is it something we would want? Craig Loehle suggests that a new world view is needed for society to take the next steps of social and material progress. Such a world view, he proposes, can only be provided by a new revelation of guidance from God. He thus explores the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, as this new divine revelation and examines the role Bahá'ís play as builders in the development of the new social and economic systems that will form the pattern for a peaceful, united and just future society.

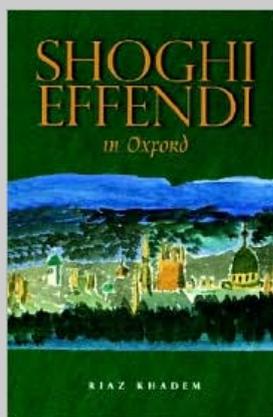
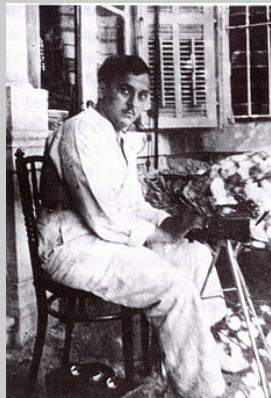
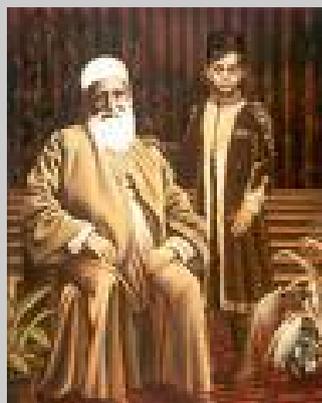
Collective Security Within Reach / Sovaida Ma'ani Ewing. 260 p.

The world is failing in the face of successive threats to its peace and security. It is beleaguered by a set of recurring and intensifying crises. What can we do? Building upon the principles of the Bahá'í Faith, concrete, practical, and high impact recommendations are offered for action by the international community to build a system of collective security that will ensure the peace of the world.

Emergence : Dimensions of a New World Order / ed. by Charles Lerche. – 180 p.

New dimension to the debate over our collective future. It reveals the emergence of a new model of world order, built on a practical plan of action which puts the individual at the centre of global transformation. It is inspired by the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh. He foresaw the inadequacy of state sovereignty and urged world leaders to compose their differences to reduce expenditure on arms, to guarantee the rights of citizens, and to commit themselves to collective security. He warned of the chaos and destruction which would follow if his counsels were neglected. He also outlined a plan for a new world order devoted to justice, equality, dignity, freedom and self-determination. Six specialists in conflict resolution, development, law, economics, history and ecology present various dimensions of this unique world order model, and of society as we know it: the diagnosis is a common one but Dr. Schaefer's presentation of it is not. Taking stock of the traditions of modern European thought from Marx, Nietzsche and the "death of God" to the present day, and making extensive use of quotations and statistics, he discusses some of the vital issues at the heart of this

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Hope for a Global Ethic : Shared Principles in Religious Scriptures / Brian D. Lepard. – 233 p.

What are the prospects for a world traumatized by terrorism, war, and gross human rights violations? In the economic realm, the materialistic culture pervading the West has been able to gain a widespread foothold. The disparity between the rich and poor throughout the world continues to grow. Against this numbing backdrop, international human rights law specialist Brian Lepard suggests that only a global ethic—a relatively specific set of shared ethical principles—will ultimately be sufficient to support the incipient positive, unifying and harmonizing forces operating in the world today. Surprisingly, the most promising source for a workable global ethic is based on the scriptures of the various world religions—the same belief systems that are so often viewed as the cause of major disagreements and discord.

The Imperishable Dominion : The Bahá'í Faith and the Future of Mankind / Udo Schaefer. – 301 p. – Vert. van: Der Bahá'í in der Modernen Welt.

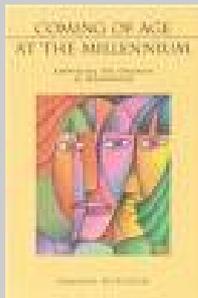
A world beset by intractable problems leading to the breakdown of society as we know it: the diagnosis is a common one but Dr. Schaefer's presentation of it is not. Taking stock of the traditions of modern European thought from Marx, Nietzsche and the "death of God" to the present day, and making extensive use of quotations and statistics, he discusses some of the vital issues at the heart of this global upheaval. He proposes solutions drawn from the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh and examines the emergence of new ideas and structures in this world religion as a possible model for the renewal of society.

One World, One People : How Globalization is Shaping our Future / Gregory Dahl. – 410 p.

Globalization and its impact are of foremost concern in today's world. The media reports that planet Earth is rapidly becoming smaller and more interconnected. Many government policies, ideas, and institutions of the past are weakening in the face of the new challenges of globalization. The author, with many years of experience as an economist and senior official of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), offers a penetrating look at issues surrounding globalization and provides refreshing solutions to the many complex questions it raises.

Roadmaps to the Future : Getting the Most out of Group Decision-making / John Kolstoe. – 107 p.

There has always been an interest in predicting the future. *Roadmaps to the Future* touches on a parade of predictions. It starts with Plato, includes references to some brilliant and talented people throughout history who have made startling predictions and compares the Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith Shoghi Effendi's 1936 predictions about the future civilization with subsequent developments in each of the following areas: collective security, economics, personal matters, political factors, social issues and technical and scientific advances. The accuracy of his predictions provides a sound basis for an optimistic outlook on what is yet to come, despite the chaos of the current state of world affairs.



Mensbeeld

Zichzelf worden : hoe het bahá'í geloof de potentiële mogelijkheden van de mens tot ontplooiing brengt / Daniel C. Jordan. – Vert. van: Becoming your true self.

Bahá'í Ethics in Light of Scripture / Udo Schaefer. – 2 vols., 409 + 800 p.

There is a fundamental discrepancy between man "as he is" and man "as he could be", if only he recognized his true being and purpose. Building upon the basic structure of this discipline, Udo Schaefer analyzes the Bahá'í moral system in a thought-provoking exploration of Bahá'í Ethics.

Coming of Age at the Millennium : Embracing the Oneness of Humankind / by Nathan Rutstein. – 211. – 1999

The last hundred years have witnessed changes in the social, economic and political condition of the human race that would have been unimaginable to those living at the beginning of the twentieth century. We stand at the threshold of a reality that has only been dimly glimpsed by the most far-sighted and has never been recognized by the masses: the oneness of humanity. This explains why so many people have been unable to grasp this truth. This book exposes myths that have long fractured the human family and shows how each one of us can develop our capacity for the daily living out of unity in diversity with our fellow citizens of the world.

Drops from the Ocean : The Inner Meaning of Words, Terms, and Phrases Relating to Man's Spiritual Needs, with Procedures for Applying the Information to Everyday Situations, Derived from a Study of the Bahá'í Writings / Henry A. Weil.

The inner meaning of terms and phrases relating to man's spiritual needs. As well as the procedures to apply the information to everyday situations.

The Odyssey of the Soul / Arthemus Lamb.

Our soul comes into being at the moment of conception and begins an eternal journey throughout the worlds of God. Where are we going? When will we arrive at our destination? What will it be like? What experiences will happen to us on the way? What possible perils will we encounter on our road, and what can we do to avoid them or, at least, soften them? What preparations can we make for our journey? Drawing on the literature of the Bahá'í Faith, Arthemus Lamb directly answers these age-old questions simply and directly. He charts the progress of the soul from its birth, through the physical world and to the end of its odyssey in the world of the spirit, looking particularly at: the nature of the soul, the value of prayer and meditation, the purpose of hardships and tests and dreams as a proof of immortality.

Pathways to Transformation : Selections from the Bahá'í Writings / comp. by John Donaldson.

Here is a guide directly from the Bahá'í writings that outlines the potential path of personal, spiritual and social transformation found in the Bahá'í teachings. As such, this book constitutes an invaluable selection of statements on individual spiritual development, Bahá'í history and administration, and bahá'í approaches to revitalizing the social order.

The Purpose of Physical Reality : The Kingdom of Names / John S. Hatcher. – 159 p.

Why do spiritual beings, human souls, begin their lives in the physical world? According to well-known Bahá'í author, scholar, and educator John Hatcher, the world is a classroom designed by God to instigate and nurture mental and spiritual growth. *The Purpose of Physical Reality* examines the components of this classroom to show how everyday experience leads to spiritual insight. Viewing life in this way, we can learn to appreciate the overall justice of God's plan and the subtle interplay between human free will and divine assistance in unleashing human potential. The idea of physical reality as a divine teaching device not only prepares us for further progress in the life beyond, it also provides practical advice about how to attain spiritual and intellectual understanding while we are living on earth.

The Arc of Ascent : The Purpose of Physical Reality II / by John S. Hatcher. – 385 p.

Examinations of the relationship between individual spiritual development and the progress of the global society in its mission to carry forward an "ever-advancing civilization".

The Universe Within / Anjam Khursheed. – 192 p.

An exploration of the human spirit.