

# Bahá'u'lláh's Life: Mission of Peace Divine Physicians

## The Life of Bahá'u'lláh

The highlighted  
area marks the time  
in which this story  
takes place.

### 1817 November 12

Birth of Bahá'u'lláh  
in Tíhrán, Iran

### 1844

Recognizes the Báb as  
a new Messenger of God

### 1852

Imprisonment in the  
"Black Pit" of Tíhrán

### 1853–1863

Exile in Baghdád, Iraq.  
From 1854–1856, He  
goes into the mountains  
to pray in solitude.

### 1863 April

Declares Divine Mission  
as Prophet-Founder  
of the Bahá'í Faith

### 1863–1868

Exile in Constantinople  
(Istanbul), then Adrianople  
(Edirne), Türkiye. Begins  
writing letters to kings  
and rulers in 1867,  
urging world unity

### 1868

Last exile, to prison-city  
of 'Akká, Israel

### 1877

Finally free to live in  
countryside homes  
of Mazra'ih and then  
Bahjí, outside 'Akká

### 1892 May 29

Bahá'u'lláh passes  
away at Bahjí.

“Regard the world as the human body,” wrote Bahá'u'lláh, “which, though at its creation whole and perfect, hath been afflicted . . . with grave disorders and maladies.”

Bahá'u'lláh explained that the Messengers of God—including Moses, Jesus, Muhammad, the Báb, and Bahá'u'lláh—are like physicians sent to “heal the sickness of a divided humanity.” Bahá'u'lláh said They and other Messengers were sent by one God, like the rays of one Sun.

These divine educators shared important teachings and remedies for Their time in history. Each age has its own problems and needs its own healing. But the essence of each religion is the same: to bring peace, love, and unity to our human family. Bahá'u'lláh said that's the *main purpose* of religion.

The oneness of humanity is the pivot, or central truth, of the Bahá'í Faith. The Faith's guidance revolves around this truth, like spokes around the center of a wheel.

The spiritual disease of prejudice causes intense suffering. Bahá'u'lláh's eldest son, 'Abdu'l-Bahá, said, “All prejudices, whether of religion, race, politics or nation, must be renounced, for these prejudices have caused the world's sickness.” Women and men also need equal rights.

Bahá'u'lláh said all religions are part of one faith that unfolds over time, like chapters of a book. When this truth is accepted, religious conflicts and war will cease, which is a vital step toward building world peace.

All of these teachings are centered on the oneness of humanity. When they're fully adopted, the Bahá'í writings



Youth in Boston, U.S., in 2013, at one of 114 youth conferences called by the Universal House of Justice to encourage service around the world.

say “the structure of present-day society” will change, “a change such as the world has not yet experienced.” Only God can create such a dramatic improvement.

Of course, change won't come easily. The Universal House of Justice, the global governing body of the Faith, said, “the process of healing centuries-old wounds will also take time.”

Bahá'ís and friends work to build communities of faith, love, and trust. Neighborhood groups gather to pray and study spiritual guidance. They encourage kids and youth to help the world.

The House of Justice urges us to offer everyone the “healing remedy of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings.” If people of diverse races become loving friends, in time all racial prejudice will end.

With patience and perseverance, we can help change the world. Bahá'u'lláh said, “So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.”

“The Prophets of God should be regarded as physicians whose task is to foster the well-being of the world and its peoples . . .” —Bahá’u’lláh

Fill in the blanks to find key teachings of the Bahá’í Faith.

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