

# Bahá'u'lláh's Life: Mission of Peace Tablet of the World

## A Brief Timeline

### 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.

“Let your vision be world-embracing, rather than confined to your own self.”

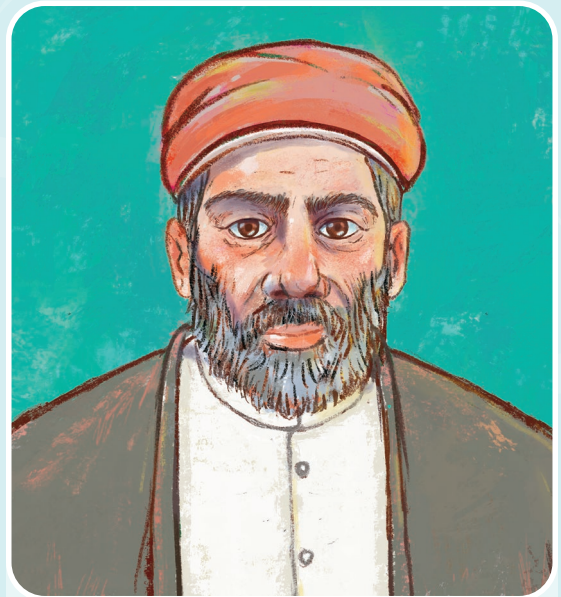
With words such as these, Bahá'u'lláh shared His vision for a peaceful world in thousands of letters, tablets, and books. One of these was the Tablet of the World, written in honor of a Bahá'í called Núru'd-Dín.

Núru'd-Dín was born in 1842 into the family of the Báb, the Messenger of God who prepared the world for Bahá'u'lláh. The Báb's wife, Khadíjih Bagum, was Núru'd-Dín's aunt. She taught Núru'd-Dín about the Báb when he was 13, and he became a Bábí. Later, when Bahá'u'lláh announced that He was the Messenger of God promised by the Báb, Núru'd-Dín joined His followers.

As an adult, Núru'd-Dín visited Bahá'u'lláh for nine months with his family in what is now Israel. In a journal, Núru'd-Dín's 15-year-old son recorded, "It is impossible to describe the sweetness of life and the joy of our souls in those days."\*

During this 1891 visit, Bahá'u'lláh revealed the Tablet of the World. In it, He says His teachings will cause "the advancement of the world and the exaltation of its peoples." He brought this message of peace for the entire world, not just for one group or country.

Throughout history, religious disunity has led to war and conflict. But Bahá'u'lláh urges us to gather with "the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship." He tells us to love the whole world, not just people from our own country. He urges us to uplift others through good deeds, a strong character, kind words, and



Due to prejudice, Núru'd-Dín risked arrest for his faith. Still, he gathered with friends for prayer, feeling "immersed" in "warm love and spirituality."

courtesy, "the prince of virtues."

If people *everywhere* followed Bahá'u'lláh's guidance in this tablet, the world would change in extraordinary ways. War and violence would end. People would respect each other and live as one human family. It would truly be what Bahá'u'lláh calls "the reconstruction of the world."

Bahá'u'lláh shared how to organize this new society. He encouraged promoting the Lesser Peace, a global agreement to end war. Imagine what an amazing leap forward that would be!

He also emphasized the need for education. He said we should all learn a common language. And He encouraged us to pay special attention to agriculture, our source of food.

The Universal House of Justice, the international governing body of the Bahá'í

“The brightness of the fire of your love will no doubt fuse and unify the contending peoples and kindreds of the earth . . .” —Bahá’u’lláh

Faith, shared Bahá’u’lláh’s plan for world harmony. In 1985, a message called *The Promise of World Peace* was addressed to all people and presented to leaders around the globe.

Today, the Universal House of Justice and millions of Bahá’ís worldwide continue to promote peace. Bahá’ís create service projects and welcome everyone to gatherings large and small. In countless homes, neighborhoods, and cities, people are gradually taking steps to establish the “complete and enduring unity” of the whole human race.



In October 2025, about 500 youth from Eastern Europe met in Bucharest, Romania, to explore building a more peaceful society.

Decode the letters to complete a quote from the Tablet of the World.

“Toug ea a e e y o e o t e e ses  
 w i t e Pe o t e Most ig at  
 e eale , t e oo s o lo e a u ity a e  
 ee u lo e a lu g ope . . .” —Bahá’u’lláh

