

The Bahá'í Faith

The Bahá'í Faith is a religion whose pivotal teaching is the oneness of humanity — that we are all equal members of a single human family, who share this planet as our common home.

The Prophet-Founder of the Bahá'í Faith was Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892).

He taught that all the world's religions stem from the same divine source and represent the progressive unfoldment of God's guidance to humanity.

Bahá'í Principles

Bahá'u'lláh's revelation sets out principles that guide Bahá'ís in our individual and collective lives, and in working towards a more united, peaceful and prosperous world.

These principles include:

- ✧ every person has the capacity and obligation to seek out truth and to contribute towards the advancement of society
- ✧ women and men are equal
- ✧ community decisions should be made through a consensus-based process, known as consultation, in which all voices can be heard
- ✧ religion and science are essential and complementary systems of knowledge and practice
- ✧ unity must lie at the heart of any enduring endeavour for positive social change

The Bahá'í teachings address the nature and purpose of Revelation, and humanity's interactions with the natural world.

There are more than five million Bahá'ís worldwide, who come from all backgrounds and walks of life. The Bahá'í Faith is established in virtually every country and territory across the world.

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