

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE

# Baha'i Faith

A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

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## **PREFACE**

This booklet is an effort to highlight some of the interesting aspects of the Baha'i Faith as is taught or known to us. In this booklet we will discuss some important aspects of Baha'ism that every individual who is a Baha'I, or is interested in the Baha'i faith should know. This booklet contains many questions and are answered appropriately in brief, in order to do justice to the questions. Readers are requested to read the full booklet and ponder over it and investigate more about the Baha'i faith and find the truth.

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## Question 1

Is the equality of men and women practiced by the Baha'i Faith?

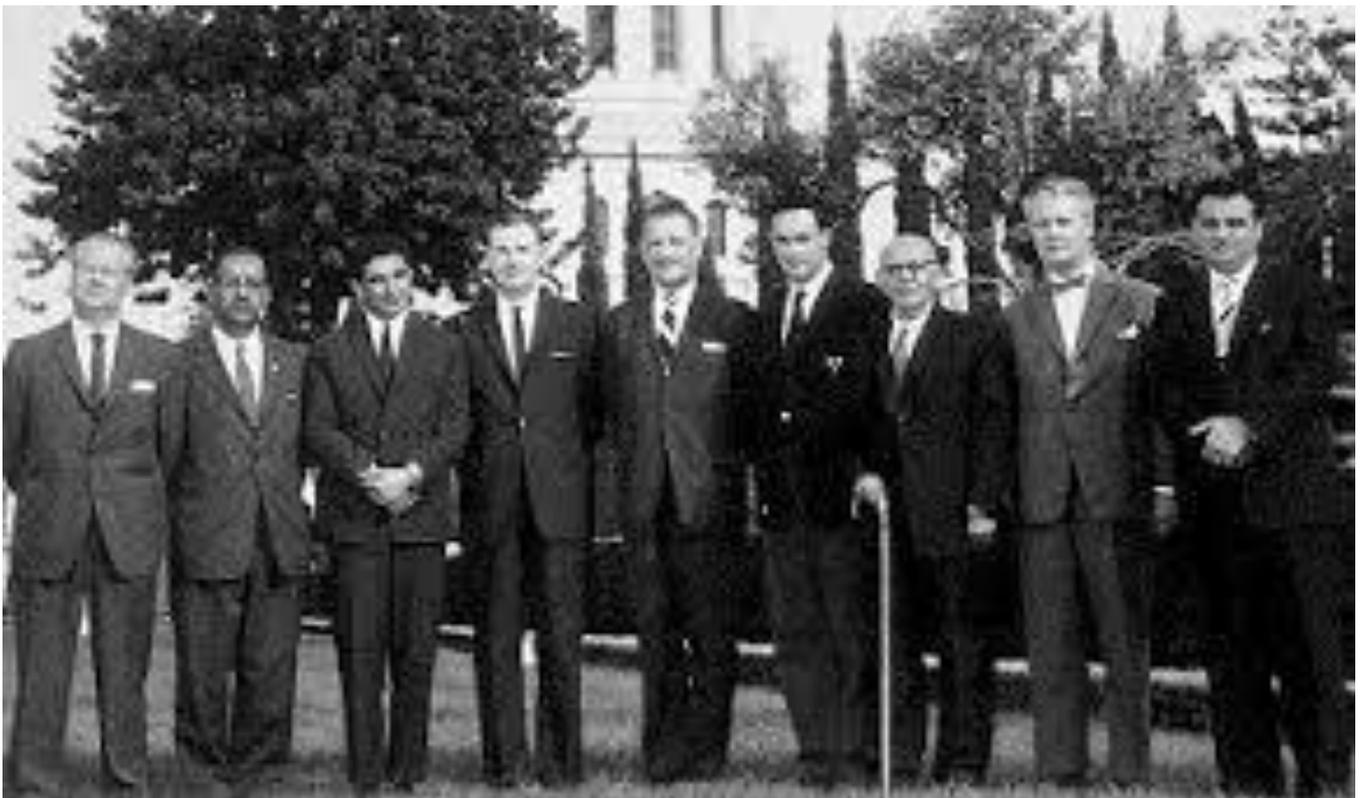
**Answer) NO**

### Explanation:

There are 12 principles of the Baha'i Faith, which are supposed to define the spirit of the religion. The sixth principle is that of "Equality of Men and Women". The sad irony, however, is that the supreme Body of the Baha'i Faith - "The Universal House of Justice" does not follow this grand principle. Allow me to explain, The UHJ was formed in 1963 and has 9 members and these members are elected for a 5 year term. As of 2013 that would mean about 10 terms would have completed with 90 theoretical members (9 per term x 10 terms). But sadly, all of them are / have been MALEs, and the highest seat of the Baha'i Faith fails to follow the principles set by itself. Now the question arises as to why females are not elected as members to the UHJ. I shall leave it to the members to answer for themselves.

Below are some photos of the elected members of UHJ:





**If there are / have been no female members of the UHJ, how does the Baha'i Faith declare the equality between man and woman, without practicing it first?**

## Question 2

**Are Israelis / Jews permitted to adopt the Baha'i Faith?**

**Answer) NO**

### **Explanation:**

While the Universal House of Justice may claim that the Baha'i faith is a universal religion with Baha'is living around the globe, a very odd anomaly is that there are no permanent Baha'is living in Israel. In fact, if you live in Israel, you are not permitted to adopt the baha'i faith !!!

One can obtain more information about this strange phenomenon by referring the below link:

<https://bahaifact.wordpress.com/2009/01/18/baha'ism-and-israel/>

**The Baha'i faith is not permitted to preach in, or convert the citizens of Israel !!**

**Any Israeli wanting to adopt the Baha'i Faith has to leave the country !!**

## Question 3

**Is the Baha'i Faith a universal religion of peace and acceptance?**

**Answer) NO**

### **Explanation:**

Baha'i faith is restricted or banned in most countries of the world for reasons as scandalous as spying or promoting sexual promiscuity. If it is universal religion then why do most of the countries disallow propagation of the Baha'i faith?

<http://thebahaiinsider.com/2012/02/20/bahai-faith-is-banned-in-most-of-the-countries-bahai-faith-is-banned-in-most-of-the-countries-bahai-faith-is-banned-in-most-countries/>

After reading above link you will come to know the countries where the Baha'i faith is banned and why.

**The Baha'i faith is not accepted by a lot of countries as a true religion. Its officials have been found spying, engaged in frauds, or promoting promiscuous behaviour across the planet.**

## Question 4

**Is the Baha'i Faith a religion of unity, devoid of sects?**

**Answer) NO**

### **Explanation:**

This is a number one fact which is concealed by the faith worldwide. While blowing trumpets of unity, the absolute oneness ,and absence of sects, a closer look indicates a controversial fact. This faith is today divided into sects like:

- Unitarian Baha'is
- Baha'is under the Provision of the Covenant
- Orthodox Baha'is
- Free Baha'is,
- Reform Baha'is
- Gay Baha'is

and many more. if one is desirous to read more about their sects, one can click the below link:

<http://www.bahaiawareness.com/sects.html>

**The Baha'i faith is the fastest growing faith in terms of making sects. in a short span of 75 years it has managed to split into more than 8 sects**

## Question 5

**Is the Will of Abdul Baha calling for the formation of a Universal House of Justice an Authentic one?**

**Answer) NO**

### **Explanation:**

Before his death, Abdul- Baha had written a will defining the succession of the Guardian of the baha'i faith. Abdul- Baha in this will supposedly appointed Shogi Effendi as the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith.

However, according to a thorough investigation by a faithful and God fearing Baha'i, the Will was found to be fraudulent. It was concluded that alterations in the will after Abdul-Baha had been made after his passing away. This investigation was spearheaded by the lady Ruth White, a God fearing and devoted Baha'i, who had the Will of Abdul- Baha examined and analysed by a handwriting expert to find the truth. This report is archived in the Library of the Congress. The conclusion that was derived was that the will of Abdul- Baha is Fraudulent. Below is the link where you can find more about the will and its report.

Link: [https://www.fglaysher.com/bahaicensorship/CAMitchell\\_Report.htm](https://www.fglaysher.com/bahaicensorship/CAMitchell_Report.htm)

Also please consider reading the scans appended below as part of research -



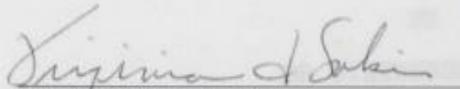
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R E P O R T

ON THE WRITING SHOWN ON THE PHOTOGRAPHS  
OF THE ALLEGED WILL OF ABDUL BAHA.

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I have made a minute examination of the writing in the photographs and photographic enlargements of the alleged will of Abdul Baha, and have compared it with the authenticated writing of Abdul Baha in a series of photographs and photographic enlargements received from Mrs. H. Lawrence White.

In the absence of an opportunity to examine the original document, any conclusions to be drawn from an examination of the photographic enlargements must necessarily be of a provisional character contingent upon the accuracy of the photographic records. Moreover, some of the facts which are taken into consideration in the scientific examination of an original document cannot be perfectly studied in a photographic reproduction, such as, for example, the ink, paper, penstrokes, and so on.

Assuming that the authenticated specimens of writing are of approximately the same period as that at which the disputed will is alleged to have been written and signed, the points which can be accurately compared in the photographic enlargements are the mode of formation of the writing, the changes in pressure, the form of individual letters, and the relationship in the size of parts of the letter to the whole.



A fact requiring explanation is the presence of apparent erasures on some of the pages of the will, namely in lines 12 and 13 of page 2, and line 13 of page 4. Without a microscopical examination of the original document it is not possible to state whether a chemical agent has been used, but assuming there have been erasures at these points I think it probable that they were done mechanically, not chemically. The apparent erasure on page 5, line 11, may possibly be the result of an imprint from other written matter while the ink was wet.

The photographic reproductions of authenticated specimens of the writing of Abdul Baha were the following:-

1. Writing from the Book of the Unitarian Church, Montclair, New Jersey.
2. Writing from the Guest Bible for 1912, City Temple, London.
3. Authenticated signatures on two letters to Mrs. Stannard on a photograph, and a possible authentic signature in the possession of Mrs. Devine.  
There is no reason to doubt the authenticity of the signature from Mrs. Devine, since it agrees closely with the other signatures.

The Signatures on the Envelope:- A comparison of the four signatures on the envelope of the alleged will with the four authenticated signatures reveals many striking differences in the mode of formation of the characters, as for example:

In the authentic signatures the width of these characters, compared with their height, is much greater than in the signatures on the envelope. The strokes are also much firmer

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in the envelope signatures than in the authenticated signatures.

*we* In the authenticated signature the entire character is roughly  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times the width of the open space between the uprights; in the disputed signatures the corresponding figure is twice as great. In the authentic signatures the cusp is rounded; in the disputed signatures it is pointed. In the authenticated signatures the relationship between the depth of the gap and its breadth is as 1 : 1.4 to 1.6, whereas in the disputed signatures it is as 1 : 2.3 to 2.6. Thus the ratio is totally different. In my opinion these differences are not consistent with the signatures upon the envelope being in the writing of the writer of the authenticated signature.

The Body of the Will:- A comparison of the formation of the writing on the envelope with that on pages 9 and 10 of the will shows so many points of resemblance that there is no reason to doubt that they were written by the same person.

I have also studied minutely the photographic enlargements of the writing on the other pages of the will, and have formed the following conclusions:-

Page 2, with the exception of the last two lines, agrees with Page 3.



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The last two lines of Page 2 agree with Page 4.

The other pages, namely 5, 6, 7 and 8, agree in the characteristics of writing with the writing on Page 4. That is to say, the writing does not agree with the hypothesis that it was all written by one person.

The writing of Abdul Baha has certain distinctive features, among which are a sudden change of pressure in some of the strokes, wavering formation of some of the curves, and the formation of sharp angles in some of the characters. These characteristics are sharply indicated in the enlarged photographs of the writing in the City Temple, London, and in the Montclair writing.

A minute comparison of the authenticated writing with the writing on every page of the alleged will, and in particular with the lines 10, 11 and 12 on page 5, has failed to detect in any part of the will the characteristics of the writing of Abdul Baha, as shown in the authenticated specimens.

In addition to these differences in writing habits, there are also differences in the shapes of many of the parallel characters in the body of the document compared with the authenticated writing, as in the case of the signatures mentioned above.

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*Presented to the  
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*Ruth White*

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**After reading the above report, one will have little doubt about the authenticity of the Will of Abdul- Baha!**

## Question 6

**Is the Baha'i Faith profoundly spiritual?**

**Answer) Absolutely no!**

### Explanation:

While Spiritualism defines the way of life for most religions and is also the divine drink which soothes the thirst of the spirit, this exact spiritualism is what is missing in the Baha'i faith. A closer look at the function and activity of this faith will make one understand the spiritual emptiness it carries within itself. Its charter resembles that of an NGO, Its activities as a social club, and most surprisingly, their prayer meetings are nothing less than parties with raging dances and flower drinks. For references one can check out

Link: <http://bahaiculture.blogspot.in/>



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**After seeing the above, one can easily judge the character and spirituality in the Baha'i faith.**

## Question 7

### Is the Universal House of Justice Infallible ?

**Answer) No**

#### **Explanation:**

One of the major propagations by the Baha'i faith today is that the Universal House of Justice is infallible. I'm Sure by now my dear readers are aware that the **Universal House of Justice** is the supreme governing institution of the Baha'i Faith. It comprises of nine members who are elected every some other years (although there are reasons to believe that the elections are a big farce) . These members of the UHJ are regarded as infallible in the Baha'i Faith.

Now what does infallible mean?

In simple language, being infallible means that one cannot commit any error, mistake, lacuna, or is absolutely sinless. If you think, ponder and contemplate over it, you will not find anyone on the face of this dear earth who has not committed an error or a mistake

But, Surprisingly, the members of the UHJ claim infallibility for themselves. Below is the link to find out more about the UHJ and its infallibility

Link: <http://bahairants.com/is-the-universal-house-of-justice-infallible-part-ii-206.html>

**After seeing the above, it is difficult to accept such wishful claims from a body which comprises of sinful mortals selected by other sinful mortals**

## Question 8

**Is the baha'i population a little exaggerated ?**

**Answer) No, it is highly exaggerated!**

**Explanation:**

For some very strange reasons, best know to the Baha'is themselves, the population of the Baha'is is always exaggerated. Many times these claims have served to shoot them in the feet, when they are actually challenged to bring proof about their claims.

For example, in the U.S., the Baha'i faith claims to have about 175000 adherents. But the official census gives a complete different picture. Here is what I have found in my research

**Table 75. Self-Described Religious Identification of Adult Population  
(www.census.gov)**

	<b>Religious Groups</b>	<b>1990 (1000)</b>	<b>2001 (1000)</b>	<b>2008 (1000)</b>
<b>53</b>	<b>Baha'i</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>49</b>

The official census of United States says that “there were 28,000 Baha’is in US in 1990, then in 2001 it figure went up to 84,000 **(entry by troops?)** Then again in 2008, it dropped down to 49000 **(exodus by troops!)**”.

If this claim worries a person, then what I found next will leave you downright confused. While the Baha'i faith claims an astounding 2 million adherents in India, the official census reports some 5800 Baha'i! Yes, you read it correct. If you don't believe me (even if you do) then please visit this website:

Link: <http://bahaicensusindia.blogspot.com/>

**Why would any entity, less alone a faith, use such deceptions. After all it is not a corporation that it has to cook numbers to meet targets (or is it ??)**

## Question 9

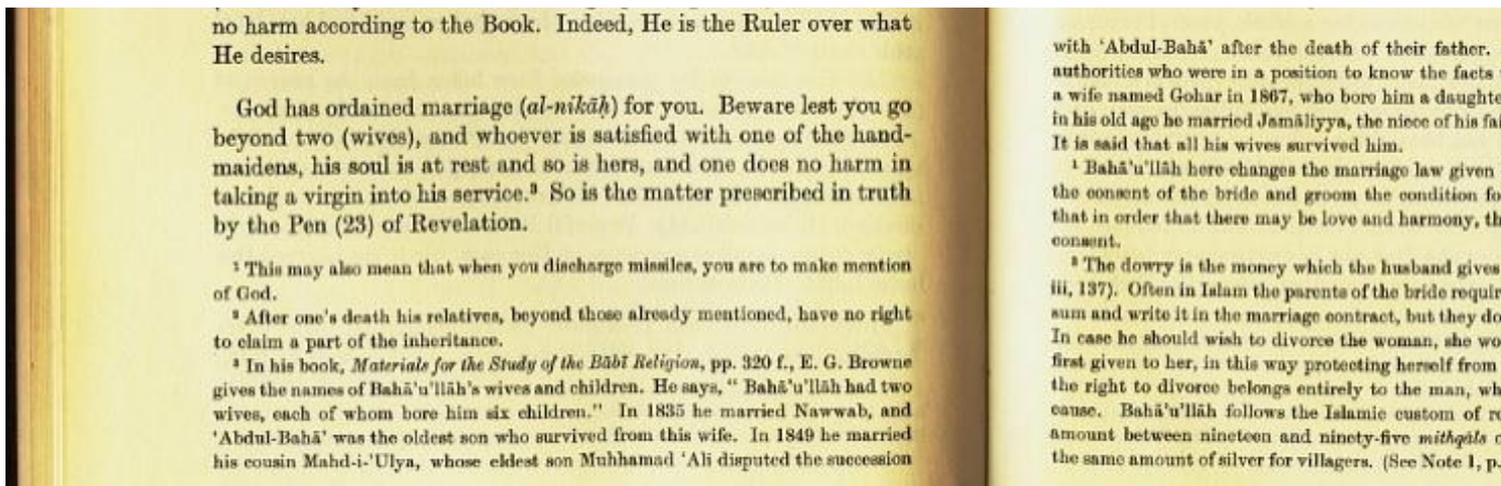
**Did Baha'ullah have several wives ?**

**Answer) Yes!**

**Explanation:**

While the religion only permits marrying two wives, as a matter of fact, Baha'ullah married more than two women. He had four wives !!

In the Baha'i Holy book, Kitab i Aqdas ,on page 40 (translated by Elder and Miller), it is gloriously stated that: "Beware lest you go beyond two wives." And surprisingly Baha'ullah has married four wives. Below is the link to know more about it.



no harm according to the Book. Indeed, He is the Ruler over what He desires.

God has ordained marriage (*al-nikāh*) for you. Beware lest you go beyond two (wives), and whoever is satisfied with one of the hand-maidens, his soul is at rest and so is hers, and one does no harm in taking a virgin into his service.<sup>9</sup> So is the matter prescribed in truth by the Pen (23) of Revelation.

<sup>9</sup> This may also mean that when you discharge missiles, you are to make mention of God.

<sup>8</sup> After one's death his relatives, beyond those already mentioned, have no right to claim a part of the inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> In his book, *Materials for the Study of the Bābī Religion*, pp. 320 f., E. G. Browne gives the names of Bahā'u'llāh's wives and children. He says, "Bahā'u'llāh had two wives, each of whom bore him six children." In 1835 he married Nawwab, and 'Abdul-Bahā' was the oldest son who survived from this wife. In 1849 he married his cousin Mahd-i-'Ulya, whose eldest son Muhhamad 'Ali disputed the succession

with 'Abdul-Bahā' after the death of their father. authorities who were in a position to know the facts a wife named Gohar in 1867, who bore him a daughter in his old age he married Jamāliyya, the niece of his father. It is said that all his wives survived him.

<sup>1</sup> Bahā'u'llāh here changes the marriage law given by the consent of the bride and groom the condition for the consent that in order that there may be love and harmony, the consent.

<sup>2</sup> The dowry is the money which the husband gives to the bride (iii, 137). Often in Islam the parents of the bride require a sum and write it in the marriage contract, but they do not first given to her, in this way protecting herself from the right to divorce belongs entirely to the man, who cause. Bahā'u'llāh follows the Islamic custom of requiring an amount between nineteen and ninety-five *mithqāls* of silver the same amount of silver for villagers. (See Note 1, p. 137.)

Shocking isn't it ?

here is some more that i found from my research

Link: [http://bahaiface.com/Bahai\\_Faith\\_Wives\\_Of\\_Bahauallah.html](http://bahaiface.com/Bahai_Faith_Wives_Of_Bahauallah.html)

**Very sadly, here we see a fact that is often hidden from the Baha'is. This appears to be a leader who does not practice what he preaches!**

## Question 10

Does the Baha'i faith respect non Baha'is ?

Answer) **No, in fact it calls them names**

Explanation:

The Baha'i faith considers Non-Baha'is as Animals.

The Baha'ullah refers to those who denied him and his enemies as pigs, donkeys, and dogs. He also calls the followers of the Great Bab (peace and blessings) who refused to acknowledge him, as donkeys!

Below is the copy of the book of Baha'is in which non Baha'is are regarded as donkeys!

من الله بايد تخلف نكند و خلق در ظل او خلق شود و كل  
فرياشات او چه از مقامات عاليه و چه از فروعات دينيه  
نظير و رايه و الاظهر و حين شخصي لعنوا خواهد بود و حبا  
كه از حق است كل كذب خواهد بود انهي قل يا انبيا  
الحمير انچه بفرمايد حق است و كلمات مشركين باطل  
نشد بلكه انچه اليوم بطلان نشاظهر من الثمرات است انفس خود

Here is the link for you to check more about this.

Link: <http://www.bahaibahai.com/eng/index.php/articles?id=86>

There are no words for me to add here. This ends it. These statements are a personal insult to every person who is not a Baha'i

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to present you this small research of mine, on this quest for the truth.

While it may seem to appear as if this small booklet criticises the Baha'i faith extensively, I would want to make an appeal to justice.

" The Questions are derived from the claims made by the Baha'is preaching as well as their well published fundamentals of religion. All claims made should be verified.

And oft those who are scared of verification, either make false claims or hide the real truths. This is nothing less than an independent investigation of truth guided by the divine light of the heavens ".

**To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

**The Holy Bible, John 8:31-32**

**... those who believe in the Lord and His Prophets, these it is that are the truthful and the faithful ones in the sight of their Lord: they shall have their reward and their light...**

**The Holy Quran, Hadid 57:19**

**It is this emphasis for truth that makes us strive towards research and helps us uncover the truth, nothing but the whole truth.**

**Thanking you once again.**

**Professor David D'Mello,Ph.D.**