

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN BAHÁ'Í HISTORY

(for personal reference only)

- 1817 Birth of Baha'u'llah, Nov. 12 (Mirza Husayn Ali).
1819 Birth of The Bab, Oct. 20 (Mirza Ali Muhammad).
*** 1844 Declaration of The Bab in Shiraz; birth of Abdu'l-Baha, May 23.
Baha'u'llah espoused the Babi Faith.
1847 The Bab imprisoned 9 months in the Fortress of Mah-Ku. Wrote The Bayan.
1848 Conference of Badasht. Formal end of Muslim Dispensation by Tahirih.
The Bab publicly declared His Mission.
The Bab imprisoned in the Fortress of Chihriq.
1850 Martyrdom of The Bab, July 9, in Tabriz.
1852 Attempt on the life of the Shah by Sadiq, Aug. 15.
Baha'u'llah imprisoned in Siyah-Chal (Tehran).
Martyrdom of Tahirih.
*** 1853 Baha'u'llah received His Revelation (Siyah-Chal).
Abdu'l-Baha recognized Baha'u'llah's station.
Baha'u'llah exiled to Baghdad after refusing Russian invitation.
1854-55 Baha'u'llah retired to Sulaymaniyyih.
1856 Baha'u'llah returned to Baghdad, March 19.
1858 Baha'u'llah wrote The Hidden Words.
1860c. Baha'u'llah wrote The Seven Valleys and The Four Valleys.
1861c. Baha'u'llah offered to perform a miracle for the Muslim clergy.
1862 Baha'u'llah wrote The Kitab-i-Iqan. (In 2 days and 2 nights)
1863 Baha'u'llah's Declaration in Garden of Ridvan (Baghdad), April 22.
1863 Baha'u'llah exiled to Constantinople; made public Declaration.
1863 Baha'u'llah banished to Adrianople; arrived Dec. 12.
1864 Rebellion of Mirza Yahya; poisoned Baha'u'llah.
1865c. Baha'u'llah wrote the Tablets to the Kings. "Allah'u'Abha" used
as salutation.
1868 Baha'u'llah imprisoned in Akka, Aug. 31.
1870 Baha'u'llah transferred to House of Malik. His son died in June.
1873 Baha'u'llah transferred to House of Udi-Khammar.
1873c. Baha'u'llah wrote The Kitab-i-Aqdas.
1877 Baha'u'llah moved outside of Akka to the Garden of Namayn.
1879 Baha'u'llah moved to palace of Udi-Khammar at Bahji.
1879 Abdu'l-Baha visited Beirut.
1890 Baha'u'llah visited by E.G. Browne at Bahji. Baha'u'llah made four
visits to Haifa; camped on Mt. Carmel; picked site of Bab's tomb.
Baha'u'llah wrote The Epistle to the Son of the Wolf (last major work).
*** 1892 Ascension of Baha'u'llah, May 29.
1893 Baha'i Faith first mentioned in U.S. (Chicago) Sept. 23.
1894 Thornton Chase became first American believer. Sarah Farmer
initiated summer conferences at Green Acre.
1897 Phoebe Hearst party visited Abdu'l-Baha.
1898 First Western pilgrims arrived in Akka.
1899 Abdu'l-Baha laid cornerstone of Bab's Shrine; Bab's Remains arrived
in Holy Land.
1900 Council Board (House of Spirituality) established in Chicago.
1901 Abdu'l-Baha's incarceration in Akka renewed for seven years.
1902 Baha'i Publishing Society established in Chicago; May Bolles became
first Canadian Baha'i. First Mashriqu'l Adhkar in Ishqabad started.
1903 Abdu'l-Baha approved building of House of Worship in Wilmette.
1907 First publication of Baha'i Writings in English. Temple Committee
of nine appointed in Chicago.
1908 Two lots purchased for House of Worship site, Wilmette. Abdu'l-Baha
released.
1909 First American Baha'i Convention held; Constitution framed for the
Temple of Unity; first Baha'i Publishing Comm. established.
1909 Bab's remains placed in Shrine on Mt. Carmel by Abdu'l-Baha.

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 1910 First Baha'i News published; Temple Fund grew to \$20,000
 1910-11 Abdu'l-Baha visited Egypt.
 1911 Abdu'l-Baha visited England and France.
 1911-12 Abdu'l-Baha returned to Egypt.
 1912 Abdu'l-Baha visited the U.S. and Canada; laid Temple cornerstone.
 1914 Abdu'l-Baha became prisoner of the Turkish government.
 1918 Abdu'l-Baha freed from Turks by the British.
 1919 Tablets of the Divine Plan unveiled by Abdu'l-Baha.
 1920 U.S. Temple design by Louis Bourgeois selected; construction began.
 1920 Abdu'l-Baha knighted by the British.
 1921 Abdu'l-Baha died, Nov.28; Shoghi Effendi appointed Guardian of Faith.
 1923 NSA's created in India, Germany, and British Isles.
 1924 NSA established in Egypt.
 1925 NSA established in U.S.; Egypt recognized Baha'i Faith as an independent religion.
 1926 Martha Root interviewed Queen Marie of Rumania.
 1927 U.S./Canada Baha'i National Constitution framed and adopted; Geyserville Summer School established.
 1929 U.S./Canada NSA incorporated; Green Acre Summer School established.
 1931 NSA established in Iraq.
 1931 Louheler Summer School established; First LSA By-laws adopted (N.Y.).
 1932 Chicago LSA incorporated; Greatest Holy Leaf died.
 1934 NSA's established in Persia (Iran) and Australia.
 1937 First Seven Year Plan initiated.
 1939 First State in U.S. legalized Baha'i marriage ceremony (Illinois).
 1942 U.S. War Dep't. approved use of Greatest Name symbol on grave stones.
 1943 Wilmette Temple exterior construction completed.
 1944 First Seven Year Plan completed.
 1946 Second Seven Year Plan launched.
 1948 NSA of Canada established.
 1949 Construction of the Shrine of the Bab started.
 1949-50 Period of austerity to complete Temple (Wilmette).
 1950 World Religion Day established.
 1951 NSA's in So.America and Central America established; International Baha'i Council instituted.
 1952 Interior ornamentation of the U.S. Baha'i Temple completed.
 1953 Second Seven Year Plan completed; Ten Year Crusade launched.
 1954 Auxiliary Boards to the Hands of the Cause established by Guardian.
 1957 Shoghi Effendi died in London (Nov.4); appointed 8 new Hands of Faith; Race Unity Day established; International Archives Bldg. completed.
 1958 Monument in memory of the Guardian completed in London.
 1960 Chas. Mason Remey claimed to be second Guardian.
 1961 Baha'i Temples in Uganda and Australia dedicated.
 1963 Ten Year Crusade completed; World Congress held in London; first UHJ elected; UHJ proclaims no Guardians to succeed Shoghi Effendi.
 1964 Nine Year International Teaching Plan launched; Baha'i Temple in Frankfurt dedicated.
 1966 Covenant breakers' attempted suit to gain control of Wilmette Temple dismissed by court; World Order Magazine republished.
 1966-67 Centenary of Tablets to the Kings held.
 1968 Continental Boards of Counsellors appointed; second UHJ elected; First Oceanic Conference held (Palermo).
 1968-69 First U.S.million dollar budget.
 1969 Flow of pilgrims to Holy Shrines increased.

*** beginning of a new ministry.