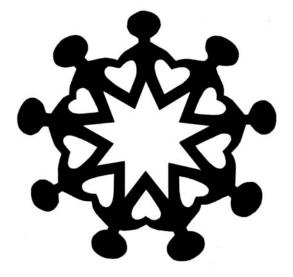
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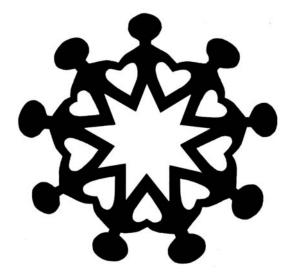


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#### **Student Attendance Record**

Class Description

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### CORE CURRICULUM FOR SPIRITUAL EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND JUNIOR YOUTH SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

**Purpose** – The Core Curriculum Scope and Sequence, a table found on the following pages, is designed to assist teachers and communities in planning curriculum for Bahá'í classes. It creates an integrated sequential program across all published Core Curriculum strands. Following this tool throughout the nine years of instruction ensures that the full range of content is covered, and will:

- Assist Local Spiritual Assemblies and Education Committees in providing guidance for structuring a systematic spiritual education program
- Provide teachers with a tool for sequencing curricular units of study in Bahá'í education (A Teacher's Spiritual Education Planning document may be ordered from Louhelen Bahá'í School, 810-653-5033, or email Louhelen@usbnc.org)
- Keep parents informed through a feedback tool that shows what a child or junior youth has studied or will study (The Student's Spiritual Education Record may also function as a transcript. This tool can be ordered from Louhelen Bahá'í School, 810-653-5033, or email Louhelen@usbnc.org)

Ensure consistency in quality and content of spiritual educational program throughout the Bahá'í community Ensure that children and youth maintain a consistent spiritual education program after moving from one community to another

Enable new Bahá'í children and junior youth to be easily incorporated into a systematic Bahá'í educational program

This sequential approach presents a well-balanced division of all available topics of study. In a community where the majority of students are children, the following age range is suggested for each level: Level 1: six – eight year olds; Level 2: nine – eleven year olds; Level 3: twelve – fourteen year olds.

The levels may also apply to an individual's general knowledge and understanding of the Core Curriculum topics as well as to chronological age. For instance, level one is applicable to a new believer of any age. The objectives are therefore ageless and apply equally to adults and children. Lessons may be planned for mixed age groups by adapting the activities to the needs of the group.

**Structure –** The Core Curriculum organizes the content of spiritual education curriculum into strands, including The Central Figures of the Faith, The Principle of Oneness, and The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh. Each strand may have several curriculum booklets or Lesson Planning Guides.

The Scope and Sequence is reproduced on pages 188–89. Reading across the page from left to right, the contents of the curriculum are listed in rows. Going down the table, the content of each strand is displayed across levels. **Learning Goals** are listed in bold type; <u>Topics</u> are listed in regular type. Although it is possible to find the same goal of a given booklet mentioned in more than one level, a specific topic is only assigned to one level.

For example, under the booklet *The Báb*, the goal of "Historical Context" appears in both Level One and Level Two, but the topics of that goal covered in Level One are different from those covered in Level Two. Every topic from every strand booklet is placed in this table; thus a student who completes this course of study will have been introduced to every topic of the entire curriculum set.

This table allows a community to plan their whole curriculum at a glance, to see where they have been and where they are going. For each strand, classes should cover the topics sequentially from one level to the next.

**Examples of Implementation** – The following three examples illustrate several ways that communities organize their classes.

*Example 1:* Community A, a small but growing community begins their classes with 14 children, organizes classes by age, and plans Level One class content for ages 6–8; Level Two for ages 9–11; and Level Three for ages 12–14. Two teachers are assigned to each age group. They determine how to divide the topics in their Level over a three-year span, ensuring that by the end of three years all of the topics in their Level will be addressed.

*Example 2:* Community B, a larger community with 57 children at the beginning of the year, also organizes classes by age, and uses class content Level One for ages 6–8; Level Two for ages 9–11; and Level Three for ages 12–14. However, they have different classes for each age. A school committee has divided the topics of each level into 3 years of study. For instance, they noted that there are 27 topics in Level One, so 9 topics have been assigned to the 6-year-old class; 9 topics to the 7-year-old class; and 9 topics to the 8-year-old class.

*Example 3:* Community C, a Bahá'í community totaling 23 members, plans 3 multi-age classes. Each class studies the same strand, but one class covers Level One topics, another class covers Level Two topics and a third class covers Level Three topics. Thus the entire community may study the Báb in the spring of the year; Bahá'u'lláh in the summer; 'Abdu'l-Bahá in the fall; and Oneness of Humanity during the winter. Since each class will cover only a few topics of their Level in each strand, the cycle will repeat with new topics for the Báb in the spring of the following year; new topics for Bahá'u'lláh in the summer; new topics for 'Abdu'l-Bahá in the fall; and a study of The Covenant during winter.

**Embracing a Rapid Cycle of Growth –** As more and more individuals and families become attracted to the regenerating Teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'í schools of all sizes must be ready to welcome these individuals with open arms. The example communities above illustrate different methods for integrating new members into existing Bahá'í classes.

In both examples 1 and 2, which divide classes by age, various solutions can be employed to ensure that students newly placed in classes can still learn topics their classmates have previously explored in previous classes. For example, a 10-year-old child of a new Bahá'í family will need to learn content elements of Level One, although the child enters a Level Two class. It is important, for instance, that every Bahá'í child study the Level One topic, "Prayers and Meditations of Bahá'u'lláh." Community A has appointed a youth mentor to work weekly with this new Bahá'í outside of class. Community B has a formal home-study program and an adult home-study teacher to serve entering children. In example 3, the 10-year-old child of a new Bahá'í family is easily integrated into the multi-age Level One class along with other family members.

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	9	STRAND: PRINCIP		STRAND: THE CENTRAL			
	ONENESS OF Religion	ONENESS OF HUMANITY	RACE UNITY	EQUALITY OF WOMEN AND MEN	THE BÁB	Bahá'u'lláh	
LEVEL 1	of the Past: The Nature and Purpose of Religion	<ul> <li>The Prime and Pivotal Teaching:</li> <li>The Prime and Pivotal Principle</li> <li>To Know that Human Reality Is Spiritual:</li> <li>No Distinction or Separation</li> <li>All Are Born With Potential</li> </ul>	Understanding the Principle of Unity in Diversity: O Beauty and Purpose of Diversity in the Realm of Creation The Elimination of Racial Prejudice: O Following the Example of 'Abdu'l-Bahá	<ul> <li>Equality and How It Differs from Being the Same:</li> <li>Equal in Value, not Appearance</li> <li>Equality In Family &amp; Community:</li> <li>Roles of Fathers, Mothers, Wives and Husbands</li> <li>Examples of Heroes and Heroines:</li> <li>The Holy Family</li> </ul>	Historical Context: O Religious Awakening in Anticipation O Mulla Husayn's Search The Station of the Báb: O The Titles of the Báb The Life of the Báb O Early Life of the Báb O Youth and Early Manhood O Declaration of the Báb The Writings of the Báb O Prayers of the Báb	<ul> <li>Love for Bahá'u'lláh:</li> <li>Prayers and Meditations</li> <li>Loving Acts</li> <li>Children of His Household</li> <li>The Station of Bahá'u'lláh:</li> <li> as Stated By 'Abdu'l-Bahá</li> <li>His Life &amp; Ministry:</li> <li>The Childhood of Bahá'u'lláh</li> <li>Youth and Early Manhood</li> <li>The Principles of Bahá'u'lláh:</li> <li>Oneness of God and of Humanity</li> </ul>	
LEVEL 2	<ul> <li>The Mission of the Prophets</li> <li>The History, Laws, and Teachings of Major Religions</li> <li>The Greatest Means for Unity:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Prime and Pivotal Teaching:</li> <li>O For the Peoples of the World</li> <li>The Diversity of Humanity:</li> <li>O Appreciating Diversity</li> <li>The Importance of the Principle of the Elimination of All Prejudices:</li> <li>O A Barrier to Oneness and World Peace</li> </ul>	The Unity and Equality of the Races: O Created from the Same Dust O A Composite of Harmony and Beauty	Equality and How It Differs from Being the Same: O Equality in Nature The Principle of Equality as it is Reflected in Bahá'í Teachings O The History of Equality and Inequality Equality In Family & Community: O Collaborative Family Life Examples of Heroes and Heroines: O Expressing Equality	<ul> <li>Historical Context:</li> <li>The World of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century</li> <li>Iran in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century</li> <li>The Station of the Báb:</li> <li>The Herald of Bahá'u'lláh</li> <li>The Life of the Báb:</li> <li>The Letters of the Living</li> <li>The Ministry of the Báb After His Declaration</li> <li>Conference at Bada<u>sht</u></li> <li>The Writings of the Báb:</li> <li>The Development of the Bahá'i Calendar</li> </ul>	Love for Bahá'u'lláh: <ul> <li>The Suffering and Sacrifices</li> <li>Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá</li> <li>The Holy Family</li> </ul> <li>The Station of Bahá'u'lláh: <ul> <li> as Stated by the Báb</li> <li> as Stated by His Own Pen</li> </ul> </li> <li>His Life &amp; Ministry: <ul> <li>Bahá'u'lláh in the Síyáh-Chál</li> <li>Banishment to Iraq</li> <li>Declaration in the Garden of Ridván</li> </ul> </li> <li>Proofs &amp; Evidences of His Station <ul> <li>Progressive Revelation</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Principles of Bahá'u'lláh: <ul> <li>The Social Principles</li> </ul> </li> <li>Writings of Bahá'u'lláh: <ul> <li>The Significance of the Writings</li> </ul> </li>	
		<u></u>	Junioi	R YOUTH: COMING	OF AGE	-	
LEVEL 3	The Greatest Means for Unity: O Religious Prejudice as Cause of War and Hatred O Religion Must Be	<ul> <li>The Diversity of Humanity:</li> <li>The Principle of Unity in Diversity</li> <li>The Importance of the Principle of the Elimination of All Prejudices:</li> <li>All Must Strive to Overcome their Prejudices</li> <li>True Unity as the Outcome of the Elimination of All Prejudices</li> </ul>	The Elimination of Racial Prejudice: The Most Vital and Challenging Issue The Spiritual Qualities and Responsibilities Needed The Promised Outcomes	<ul> <li>The Principle of Equality as it is Reflected in Bahá'í Teachings</li> <li>The Role of the Institutions</li> <li>Equality In Family and Community:</li> <li>Development of Human Economy</li> <li>World Peace</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Station of the Báb:</li> <li>The Islamic Prophecies</li> <li>The Life of the Báb:</li> <li>The Martyrdom of the Báb</li> <li>Upheavals Associated with the Ministry of the Báb</li> <li>The Shrine of the Báb</li> <li>The Writings of the Báb:</li> <li>The Major Writings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Station of Bahá'u'lláh:</li> <li> as Stated in the Holy Books of Previous Religions</li> <li> as Stated by Shoghi Effendi</li> <li>His Life &amp; Ministry:</li> <li>Exiles - Constantinople, Adrianople</li> <li>Exile to the Holy Land</li> <li>Proofs and Evidences of His Station</li> <li>Proofs and Evidences Found in Divine Religions of the Past</li> <li>The Principles of Bahá'u'lláh:</li> <li>The Personal Principles</li> <li>Laws of Bahá'u'lláh:</li> <li>The Need for Laws</li> <li>The Kitáb-i-Aqdas</li> <li>Writings of Bahá'u'lláh:</li> <li>Mysteries and Hidden Meanings</li> <li>Major Texts</li> </ul>	

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'Abdu'l-Bahá	THE COVENANT	THE Guardianship	Huqúqu'lláh / Bahá'í Funds	INSTITUTIONS OF THE Bahá'í Faith	A LIFE OF SERVICE				
<ul> <li>The Life of</li> <li>'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>The Childhood of</li> <li>'Abdu'l-Bahá</li> <li>'Abdu'l-Bahá's Life of Service</li> <li>The Mother Temple of the West</li> <li>The Writings of</li> <li>'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>Tablets and Talks Addressed to Children</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A Divine Covenant:</li> <li>The Definition of a Divine Covenant</li> <li>The Greater Covenant:</li> <li>How the Manifestations have been Received by Mankind</li> </ul>	The Life of the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi Lineage and Early Life, Childhood, Early Youth, Schooling Guardian's Contributions Development of the World Center	'The Bahá'í Fund: O The Bahá'í Fund	The Structure and Function of the Administrative Order: The Nineteen Day Feast	The Purpose of Living a Life of Service The Purpose of Life Care for One's Body The Relationship between physical cleanliness and spirituality Develop One's Intellectual Faculties Excellence and Education Develop Spiritual Capacity Spiritual Foundations Develop One's Social Life Daily Deeds of Service	LEVEL 1			
<ul> <li>Station of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>'Abdu'l-Bahá as Exemplar</li> <li>'Abdu'l-Bahá as Interpreter</li> <li>Life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>Youth of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>Youth of 'Abdu'l-Bahá</li> <li>The Sacrifices of 'Abdu'l-Bahá</li> <li>The Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>Major Topics and Titles</li> <li>Major Topics and Titles</li> <li>Memorials of the Faithful</li> <li>Journeys and Talks in the West:</li> <li>Significance to the Western Believers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Greater Covenant:</li> <li>The Covenant of the Báb</li> <li>The Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh</li> <li>The Lesser Covenant:</li> <li>First of Its Kind in Religious History</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Life of the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi</li> <li>Character of the Guardian and His Excellence in All Things</li> <li>Guardian's Contributions</li> <li>Translation and Interpretation of the Writings, Correspondence with the Baha'is of the World, and His Writings</li> <li>The Appointment of Shoghi Effendi as Guardian of the Baha'i Faith</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Bahá'í Fund:</li> <li>The Importance of Contributing</li> <li>The History and Purpose of the Law of Huqúqu'lláh:</li> <li>Reciprocity, Mutual Assistance and Cooperation</li> <li>Building the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh</li> <li>Personal Aspects of the Law and Outcomes for the Individual</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Significance and Distinction of the Institutions:</li> <li>The Administrative Order</li> <li>Administrative Systems of the Past</li> <li>The Covenant</li> <li>Development of the Administrative Order:</li> <li>Heroic and Formative Ages</li> <li>Institution of the Learned</li> <li>The Baha'i World Centre</li> <li>Structure and Function of the Administrative Order:</li> <li>Structure and Form</li> <li>The Learned and the Rulers</li> <li>Local and National Institutions</li> <li>Citizenship:</li> <li>Individual's Relationship to Institutions</li> </ul>	The Purpose of Living a Life of Service The Power of Action Care for One's Body Chastity and Purity Develop One's Intellectual Faculties: The Needs of our Time Develop One's Spiritual Capacity: Spiritual Habits Develop One's Social Life: Serving the World and Humanity Teaching through Words and Deeds	LEVEL 2			
	<u> </u>	JUNIOR	YOUTH: COMING OF	AGE					
<ul> <li>The Station of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>The Kiláb-l-'Ahd</li> <li>The Center of the Covenant</li> <li>The Reactions of Others</li> <li>Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>Themes in</li> <li>Bahá'í Administrative Order</li> <li>The Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>Some Answered Questions</li> <li>Public Addresses</li> <li>Style and Presentation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Lesser Covenant:</li> <li>Its Purpose to Preserve Unity</li> <li>The Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>The Guardianship and the Universal House Of Justice</li> <li>Individual &amp; the Covenant:</li> <li>Complete Loyalty to Bahá'u'lláh</li> <li>Participation and Obedience</li> <li>Covenant- Breakers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Life of the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi</li> <li>Family Relationships: Marriage, Greatest Holy Leaf, Covenant Breakers</li> <li>Passing of the Guardian</li> <li>Guardian's Contributions</li> <li>Expansion and Implementation of the Bahá'í Administrative Order, Design, Implementation</li> <li>The Institution of the Guardianship</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Bahá'í Fund:</li> <li>Distinction Between the Bahá'í Fund and Huqúqu'lláh</li> <li>The History and Purpose of the Law of Huqúqu'lláh:</li> <li>The Development of the Institution of Huqúqu'lláh and Its Trustees</li> <li>The Disbursement of Huqúqu'lláh</li> <li>Application of Law of Huqúqu'lláh:</li> <li>The Features of Huqúqu'lláh</li> <li>Calculating Huqúqu'lláh</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development of the Administrative Order:</li> <li>O'Abdu'l-Bahá's Role as Architect</li> <li>Structure and Function of the Administrative Order:</li> <li>O The Universal House of Justice</li> <li>O Bahá'i Elections</li> <li>Consultation:</li> <li>O The Role of Consultation</li> <li>O Spiritual Prerequisites</li> <li>O Decision Making</li> <li>O The Steps Used in Consultation</li> <li>Citizenship:</li> <li>O America's Spiritual Destiny</li> <li>The Mission and Future of the Faith:</li> <li>O Purpose and Mission of Bahá'u'lláh</li> <li>O Unfolding Destiny</li> </ul>	Develop One's Intellectual Faculties: O The Kitáb-i-Aqdas Heroes and Heroines Develop One's Spiritual Capacity: O Spiritual Practices Develop One's Social Life: O Community Service O Preparation for Marriage O Teaching our Peers	LEVEL 3			

### Continuum Level I Core Curriculum for Spiritual Education of Children and Junior Youth

THE BÁB	DATE	ONENESS OF RELIGION	DATE
<ul> <li>Historical Context:</li> <li> Religious Awakening in Anticipation</li> <li> Mulla Husayn's Search</li> </ul>		Understanding of the Oneness of God: O The Meaning of Divine Unity	
The Station of the Báb:OThe Titles of the Báb		Understanding of the Major Religions of the Past: O The Nature and Purpose of Religion	
<ul> <li>The Life of the Báb:</li> <li>Æarly Life of the Báb</li> <li>Declaration of the Báb</li> </ul>			
<b>The Writings of the Báb:</b> <i>O</i> Prayers of the Báb			
BAHÁ'U'LLÁH	Date	ONENESS OF HUMANITY	DATE
Love for Bahá'u'lláh: O Prayers and Meditations O Loving Acts		The Prime and Pivotal Teaching:         O         The Prime and Pivotal Principle	
<ul> <li>Children of His Household</li> </ul>		<b>To Know that Human Reality Is Spiritual:</b>	
The Station of Bahá'u'lláh: O as Stated By 'Abdu'l-Bahá			
<ul> <li>His Life &amp; Ministry:</li> <li>The Childhood of Bahá'u'lláh</li> <li>Youth and Early Manhood</li> </ul>			
The Principles of Bahá'u'lláh: O Oneness of God and of Humanity			
'Abdu'l-Bahá	Date	RACE UNITY	DATE
<ul> <li>The Life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> <li>The Childhood of 'Abdu'l-Bahá</li> <li>'Abdu'l-Bahá's Life of Service</li> <li>The Mother Temple of the West</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Understanding the Principle of Unity in</li> <li>Diversity:</li> <li>O Beauty and Purpose of Diversity in the Realm of Creation</li> </ul>	
The Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá: <i>O</i> Tablets and Talks Addressed to Children		<b>The Elimination of Racial Prejudice:</b> <i>O</i> Following the Example of 'Abdu'l-Bahá	
		EQUALITY OF WOMEN AND MEN	DATE
		Equality and How It Differs from Being the Same: Q Equal in Value, not Appearance -	
		<ul> <li>Equality In Family and Community:</li> <li>Roles of Fathers, Mothers, Wives and Husbands</li> </ul>	
		Examples of Heroes and Heroines: <i>O</i> The Holy Family	

THE COVENANT	DATE	NOTES
A Divine Covenant: O The Definition of a Divine Covenant		
The Greater Covenant: O How the Manifestations have been Received by Mankind		
THE GUARDIANSHIP	Date	
The Life of the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi <i>O</i> Lineage and Early Life, Childhood, Early Youth, Schooling		
<ul><li>Guardian's Contributions</li><li>O Development of the World Center</li></ul>		
HUQÚQU'LLÁH / BAHÁ'Í FUNDS The Bahá'í Fund:	Date	
INSTITUTIONS OF THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH	DATE	
The Structure and Function of the Administrative Order: O The Nineteen Day Feast		
A LIFE OF SERVICE	DATE	
<b>The Purpose of Living a Life of Service</b> <i>O</i> The Purpose of Life		
Care for One's Body O The Relationship between physical cleanliness and spirituality		
<b>Develop One's Intellectual Faculties</b> O Excellence and Education		
<b>Develop Spiritual Capacity</b> O Spiritual Foundations		
Develop One's Social Life O Daily Deeds of Service		

### Continuum Level II Core Curriculum for Spiritual Education of Children and Junior Youth

THE BÁB	Date	ONENESS OF RELIGION	DATE
Historical Context: O The World of the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century O Iran in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century		Understanding of Oneness of God: O To Be a True Seeker Understanding of Main Palinians of the Post	
The Station of the Báb: O The Herald of Bahá'u'lláh		<ul> <li>Understanding of Major Religions of the Past:</li> <li>O The Mission of the Prophets</li> <li>O The History, Laws, and Teachings of Major Religions</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>The Life of the Báb:</li> <li>The Letters of the Living</li> <li>The Ministry of the Báb After His Declaration</li> <li>Conference at Bada<u>sht</u></li> </ul>		<ul> <li>The Greatest Means for Unity:</li> <li>O The Essential Foundation of All Religions</li> </ul>	
The Writings of the Báb: O The Development of the Bahá'í Calendar		_	
Bahá'u'lláh	DATE	ONENESS OF HUMANITY	DATE
Love for Bahá'u'lláh: O The Suffering and Sacrifices O Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá		The Prime and Pivotal Teaching: O For the Peoples of the World	
O The Holy Family		<ul> <li>The Diversity of Humanity:</li> <li>O Appreciating Diversity</li> </ul>	
The Station of Bahá'u'lláh:O as Stated by the BábO as Stated by His Own Pen		The Importance of the Principle of the Elimination of All Prejudices:	
His Life & Ministry: O Bahá'u'lláh in the Síyáh- <u>Ch</u> ál O Banishment to Iraq O Declaration in the Garden of Ridván		• A Barrier to Oneness and World Peace	
Proofs & Evidences of His Station <i>O</i> Progressive Revelation		-	
<b>The Principles of Bahá'u'lláh:</b> <i>O</i> The Social Principles		_	
Writings of Bahá'u'lláh: O The Significance of the Writings			
'Abdu'l-Bahá	Date	RACE UNITY	DATE
Station of 'Abdu'l-Bahá: O 'Abdu'l-Bahá as Exemplar O 'Abdu'l-Bahá as Interpreter		The Unity and Equality of the Races: O Created from the Same Dust O A Composite of Harmony and Beauty	
Life of 'Abdu'l-Bahá: O Youth of 'Abdu'l-Bahá O The Secrificae of 'Abdu'l Bahá		EQUALITY OF WOMEN AND MEN	DATE
<ul> <li>The Sacrifices of 'Abdu'l-Bahá</li> <li>The Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá:</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Equality and How It Differs from Being the Same:</li> <li>O Equality in Nature</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Major Topics and Titles</li> <li>Memorials of the Faithful</li> </ul>		The Principle of Equality as it is Reflected in Bahá'í Teachings	
Journeys and Talks in the West: O Significance to the Western Believers O Important Principles Emphasized		<ul> <li>O The History of Equality and Inequality</li> <li>Equality In Family and Community:</li> <li>O Collaborative Family Life</li> </ul>	
		Examples of Heroes and Heroines: O Expressing Equality	

THE COVENANT	DATE	A LIFE OF SERVICE	DATE
The Greater Covenant:         O The Covenant of the Báb         O The Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh		The Purpose of Living a Life of Service The Power of Action Care for One's Body	
The Lesser Covenant: O First of Its Kind in Religious History		<ul> <li>O Chastity and Purity</li> <li>Develop One's Intellectual Faculties:</li> <li>O The Needs of our Time</li> </ul>	
THE GUARDIANSHIP	DATE	Develop One's Spiritual Capacity:	
The Life of the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi Character of the Guardian and His Excellence in All Things		<ul> <li>O Spiritual Habits</li> <li>Develop One's Social Life:</li> <li>O Serving the World and Humanity</li> <li>O Serving the world and Humanity</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Guardian's Contributions</li> <li>Translation and Interpretation of the Writings, Correspondence with the Bahá'ís of the World, and His Writings</li> <li>The Appointment of Shoghi Effendi as Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith</li> </ul>			
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