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Countries opened to the Faith of Bahá’u’lláh  
during the first Bahá’í century

Period of the Báb’s Ministry (1844–1853)

1. ‘Iráq 2. Persia

Period of Bahá’u’lláh’s Ministry (1853–1892)

3. Burma\*[[1]](#footnote-1) 7. Lebanon†[[2]](#footnote-2) 11. Turkey[[3]](#footnote-3)

4. Caucasus\* 8. Palestine† 12. Turkistán\*

5. Egypt 9. Sudan\*

6. India 10. Syria†

Period of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s Ministry (1892–1921)

13. Arabia 20. Germany 27. Russia

14. Australia 21. Great Britain 28. South Africa

15. Austria 22. Hawaii Islands\* 29. Switzerland

16. Brazil 23. Hungary 30. Transjordania†[[4]](#footnote-4)

17. Canada 24. Italy 31. Tunisia\*

18. China 25. Japan 32. United States of America

19. France 26. Netherlands

Period Since ‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s Ascension (1921–1944)

33. Abyssinia 49. Denmark 65. Paraguay

34. Afghánistán 50. Ecuador 66. Peru

35. Alaska\* 51. El Salvador 67. Philippine Islands\*

36. Albania 52. Finland 68. Poland

37. Argentina 53. Guatemala 69. Porto Rico\*

38. Bahrayn Island\* 54. Haiti 70. Rumania

39. Balúchistán\* 55. Honduras 71. San Domingo

40. Belgium 56. Iceland\* 72. South Rhodesia\*

41. Belgian Congo\* 57. Ireland 73. Sweden

42. Bolivia 58. Jamaica\* 74. Tahiti\*

43. Bulgaria 59. Java\* 75. Tasmania\*

44. Chile 60. Mexico 76. Uruguay

45. Colombia 61. New Zealand 77. Venezuela

46. Costa Rica 62. Nicaragua 78. Yugoslavia

47. Cuba 63. Norway

48. Czechoslovakia 64. Panama

Countries in which Bahá’ís have established their residence

1. Abyssinia\*[[5]](#footnote-5) 28. El Salvador\* 55. Persia\*

2. Afghánistán 29. Finland 56. Peru\*

3. Alaska\* 30. France\* 57. Philippine Islands\*

4. Albania 31. Germany\* 58. Poland

5. Arabia 32. Great Britain\* 59. Porto Rico\*

6. Argentina\* 33. Guatemala\* 60. Rumania

7. Australia\* 34. Haiti\* 61. Russia\*

8. Austria\* 35. Hawaii Islands\* 62. San Domingo

9. Bahrayn Island\* 36. Holland 63. South Africa\*

10. Baluchistan\* 37. Honduras\* 64. South Rhodesia

11. Belgian Congo 38. Hungary 65. Sudan

12. Belgium 39. Iceland 66. Sweden

13. Bolivia 40. India\* 67. Switzerland

14. Brazil\* 41. ‘Iráq 68. Syria\*

15. Bulgaria\* 42. Ireland 69. Tahiti

16. Burma\* 43. Italy 70. Tasmania

17. Canada\* 44. Jamaica\* 71. Transjordania\*

18. Caucasus\* 45. Japan\* 72. Tunisia\*

19. Chile\* 46. Java 73. Turkey\*[[6]](#footnote-6)§

20. China 47. Lebanon\* 74. Turkistán\*

21. Colombia\* 48. Mexico\* 75. United States of America\*

22. Costa Rica\* 49. New Zealand\*

23. Cuba\* 50. Nicaragua 76. Uruguay\*

24. Czechoslovakia 51. Norway 77. Venezuela

25. Denmark 52. Palestine\* 78. Yugoslavia

26. Ecuador\* 53. Panama

27. Egypt\* 54. Paraguay\*

Bahá’í Centers in Latin America

**North America**

*Mexico*: 1. Cananea 6. Tacuba

2. Coxcatlán D.F. 7. Tepetlaxtoc

3. Coyoacán D.F. 8. Veracruz†

4. Mexico City[[7]](#footnote-7) 9. Zacualtipán

5. Puebla†

**Central America**

*Costa Rica*: 1. Alajuela 3. San José\*

2. Puntarenas\*

*El Salvador*: 1. Apopa 4. San Salvador†

2. Ayutuxtepeque 5. Sta Tecla

3. Mejicanos 6. Villa Delgado

*Guatemala*: Guatemala City†

*Honduras*: Tegucigalpa†

*Nicaragua*: Managua

*Panama*: 1. Ancon 3. Christobal

2. Balboa

**South America**

*Argentina*: 1. Buenos Aires† 3. Marmol

2. Lanus

*Bolivia*: 1. La Paz 4. Tarija

2. Potosi 5. Villa Montes

3. Sucre

*Brazil*: 1. Bahia† 3. Rio de Janeiro

2. Recife 4. Sao Paulo

*Chile:* 1. Colli Pulli 3. Temuco

2. Punta Arenas de 4. Santiago†

Magallanes

*Colombia*: 1. Barranquilla 2. Bogota\*

*Ecuador*: 1. Ambato 3. Quito\*

2. Guayaquil

*Paraguay*: Asunción†

*Peru*: Lima†

*Uruguay*: Montevideo†

*Venezuela*: Caracas

**West Indies**

*Cuba*: Havana†

*Dominican Republic*: Trujillo

*Haiti*: Port-au-Prince†

*Jamaica*: Kingston†

*Porto Rico*: 1. Arecibo 3. Rio Grande

2. Juncos 4. San Juan†

Bahá’í Spiritual Assemblies in the United States of America

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Albuquerque, N.M. | 42. | Geneva, N.Y. |
| 2. | Alexandria, Va. | 43. | Geyserville, Calif. |
| 3. | Alhambra, Calif. | 44. | Glendale, Calif. |
| 4. | Anchorage, Alaska | 45. | Grand Rapids, Mich. |
| 5. | Ann Arbor, Mich. | 46. | Greensboro, N.C. |
| 6. | Arlington, Va. | 47. | Greenville, S.C. |
| 7. | Atlanta, Ga. | 48. | Helena, Mont. |
| 8. | Baltimore, Md. | 49. | Honolulu, T.H. |
| 9. | Berkeley, Calif. | 50. | Houston, Tex. |
| 10. | Beverly Hills, Calif. | 51. | Huntington Park, Calif. |
| 11. | Beverly, Mass. | 52. | Indianapolis, Ind. |
| 12. | Binghamton, N.Y. | 53. | Jackson, Miss. |
| 13. | Birmingham, Ala. | 54. | Jacksonville, Fla. |
| 14. | Boise, Idaho | 55. | Jamestown, N.Y. |
| 15. | Boston, Mass. | 56. | Jersey City, N.J. |
| 16. | Brookline, Mass. | 57. | Kansas City, Mo. |
| 17. | Brattleboro, Vt. | 58. | Kenosha, Wis. |
| 18. | Buffalo, N.Y. | 59. | Lansing, Mich. |
| 19. | Burbank, Calif. | 60. | Laramie, Wyo. |
| 20. | Burlingame, Calif. | 61. | Lima, O. |
| 21. | Cabin John, Md. | 62. | Little Rock, Ark. |
| 22. | Cedar Rapids, Iowa | 63. | Los Angeles, Calif. |
| 23. | Charleston, W.Va. | 64. | Louisville, Ky. |
| 24. | Chevy Chase, Md. | 65. | Madison, Wis. |
| 25. | Chicago, Ill. | 66. | Maywood, Ill. |
| 26. | Cincinnati, O. | 67. | Memphis, Tenn. |
| 27. | Cleveland, O. | 68. | Miami, Fla. |
| 28. | Colorado Springs, Colo. | 69. | Milwaukee, Wis. |
| 29. | Columbus, O. | 70. | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| 30. | Danville, Ill. | 71. | Montclair, N.J. |
| 31. | Dayton, O. | 72. | Muskegon, Mich. |
| 32. | Denver, Colo. | 73. | Nashville, Tenn. |
| 33. | Detroit, Mich. | 74. | Newark, N.J. |
| 34. | East Cleveland, 0. | 75. | New Haven, Conn. |
| 35. | East Orange, N.J. | 76. | New Orleans, La. |
| 36. | East Phoenix Rural, Ariz. | 77. | New York, N.Y. |
| 37. | Eliot, Me. | 78. | Oakland, Calif. |
| 38. | Evanston, Ill. | 79. | Oklahoma City, Okla. |
| 39. | Fargo, N.D. | 80. | Omaha, Neb. |
| 40. | Flint, Mich. | 81. | Pasadena, Calif. |
| 41. | Fort Wayne, Ind. | 82. | Peoria, Ill. |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Philadelphia, Pa. | 105. | Spokane, Wash. |
| 2. | Phoenix, Ariz. | 106. | Sprecklesville, Maui, T.H. |
| 3. | Pittsburgh, Pa. | 107. | Springfield, Ill. |
| 4. | Portland, Ore. | 108. | Springfield, Mass. |
| 5. | Portsmouth, N.H. | 109. | St. Augustine, Fla. |
| 6. | Providence, R.I. | 110. | St. Paul, Minn. |
| 7. | Racine, Wis. | 111. | Syracuse, N.Y. |
| 8. | Red Bank, N.J. | 112. | Tacoma, Wash. |
| 9. | Reno, Nev. | 113. | Teaneck, N.J. |
| 10. | Richmond Highlands, Wash. | 114. | Toledo, O. |
| 11. | Rochester, N.Y. | 115. | Topeka, Kans. |
| 12. | Sacramento, Calif. | 116. | Urbana, Ill. |
| 13. | Salt Lake City, Utah | 117. | Washington, D.C. |
| 14. | San Diego, Calif. | 118. | Waukegan, Ill. |
| 15. | San Francisco, Calif. | 119. | Wauwatosa, Wis. |
| 16. | Santa Barbara, Calif. | 120. | West Chester, Penn. |
| 17. | San Juan, P.R. | 121. | West Haven, Conn. |
| 18. | Scranton, Pa. | 122. | Wilmette, Ill. |
| 19. | Seattle, Wash. | 123. | Wilmington, Del. |
| 20. | Shorewood, Wis. | 124. | Winnetka, Ill. |
| 21. | Sioux Falls, N.D. | 125. | Worcester, Mass. |
| 22. | South Bend, Ind. | 126. | Yonkers, N.Y. |

Bahá’í Spiritual Assemblies in Canada

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Edmonton, Alta. | 6. | Regina, Sask. |
| 2. | Halifax, N.S. | 7. | St. Lambert, P.Q. |
| 3. | Hamilton, Ont. | 8. | Toronto, Ont. |
| 4. | Moncton, N.B. | 9. | Vancouver, B.C. |
| 5. | Montreal, P.Q. | 10. | Winnipeg, Man. |

Localities where Bahá’ís reside in India and Burma

**India**

*Bahawalpur State*—Rahimyarkhan; *Baroda State*—Baroda\*; *Bengal Presidency*—Calcutta\*, Chittagong, Serampore\*; *Bihar*—Chapra (Saran), Cooch-Bihar, Siswan\*;[[8]](#footnote-8)

*Bombay Presidency*—

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Ahmedabad\* | 9. | Kalyan |
| 2. | Andheri\* | 10. | Karvi (Ratnagiri) |
| 3. | Belgaum\* | 11. | Kolhapur\* |
| 4. | Bhaivalli (Ratnagiri) | 12. | Panchgani\* |
| 5. | Bombay\* | 13. | Poona\* |
| 6. | Deolali | 14. | Sholapur\* |
| 7. | Hubli | 15. | Surat\* |
| 8. | Igatpuri |  |  |

*Central States*—Jaipur, Jodhpur

*Delhi*—Delhi\*, New Delhi

*Gwalior State*—Ujjain\*

*Hyderabad State*—Hyderabad\*, Secunderabad

*Kashmir State*—Srinagar\*, Jammu

*Madras Presidency*—Kulitalai, Madras\*, Vellore\*

*Mysore State*—Bangalore\*, Mysore

*Rajputana*—Ajmer, Kotah\*

*Sind*—Hyderabad\*, Karachi\*, Sukkur

*The Punjab*—

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Amritsar | 6. | Shadikhan (Attock) |
| 2. | Hoshiarpur | 7. | Simla |
| 3. | Kiriafghanan\* (Qadian) | 8. | Sirsa (Hissar) |
| 4. | Lahore\* | 9. | Siwani (Hissar) |
| 5. | S. Lyallpur |  |  |

*United Provinces*—

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Agra | 6. | Cawnpore |
| 2. | Aligarh\* | 7. | Dehradun |
| 3. | Allahabad | 8. | Gorakhpur\* |
| 4. | Bareilly | 9. | Lucknow |
| 5. | Bulandshahr | 10. | Meerut |

**Burma**

Deedanaw\*, Kawlin, Mandalay\*, Rangoon\*, Taunngyi

Incorporated Bahá’í Assemblies

**National Spiritual Assemblies**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the United States and Canada | 1927 |
| 2. | National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of India and Burma | 1933 |
| 3. | National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of Egypt and the Sudan | 1934 |
| 4. | National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of Australia and New Zealand | 1938 |
| 5. | National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the British Isles | 1939 |

**Local Spiritual Assemblies**

*United States of America*—

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Berkeley, Calif | 19. | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| 2. | Binghamton, N.Y. | 20. | New York, N.Y. |
| 3. | Boston, Mass. | 21. | Oakland, Calif. |
| 4. | Chicago, Ill. | 22. | Pasadena, Calif. |
| 5. | Cincinnati, O. | 23. | Peoria, Ill. |
| 6. | Cleveland, O. | 24. | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 7. | Columbus, O. | 25. | Phoenix, Ariz. |
| 8. | Detroit, Mich. | 26. | Portland, Ore. |
| 9. | Flint, Mich. | 27. | Racine, Wis. |
| 10. | Helena, Mont. | 28. | San Francisco, Calif. |
| 11. | Honolulu, T.H. | 29. | Seattle, Wash. |
| 12. | Indianapolis, Ind. | 30. | Springfield, Ill. |
| 13. | Jersey City, N.J. | 31. | St. Paul, Minn. |
| 14. | Kenosha, Wis. | 32. | Teaneck, N.J. |
| 15. | Lima, O. | 33. | Urbana, Ill. |
| 16. | Los Angeles, Calif. | 34. | Washington, D.C. |
| 17. | Miami, Fla. | 35. | Wilmette, Ill. |
| 18. | Milwaukee, Wis. | 36. | Winnetka, Ill. |

*India*—

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Ahmedabad | 6. | Calcutta | 11. | Poona |
| 2. | Andheri | 7. | Delhi | 12. | Serampore |
| 3. | Bangalore | 8. | Hyderabad Sind | 13. | Vellore |
| 4. | Baroda | 9. | Karachi |  |  |
| 5. | Bombay | 10. | Panchgani |  |  |

*Burma*—Daidanaw-Kalazoo,[[9]](#footnote-9) Mandalay, Rangoon

*Australia*—Adelaide, Sydney

*Canada*—Montreal, Vancouver

*Germany*—Esslingen

*New Zealand*—Auckland

*Costa Rica*—San José

*Balúchistán*—Quetta

Languages in which Bahá’í literature  
has been translated and printed

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Abyssinian | 5. | Bengali | 9. | Croatian |
| 2. | Albanian | 6. | Bulgarian | 10. | Czech |
| 3. | Arabic | 7. | Burmese | 11. | Danish |
| 4. | Armenian | 8. | Chinese | 12. | Dutch |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 13. | English | 23. | Icelandic | 33. | Russian |
| 14. | Esperanto | 24. | Italian | 34. | Serbian |
| 15. | Finnish | 25. | Japanese | 35. | Sindhi |
| 16. | French | 26. | Kurdish | 36. | Spanish |
| 17. | German | 27. | Maori | 37. | Swedish |
| 18. | Greek | 28. | Norwegian | 38. | Tamil |
| 19. | Gujarati | 29. | Persian | 39. | Tatar |
| 20. | Hebrew | 30. | Polish | 40. | Turkish |
| 21. | Hindi | 31. | Portuguese | 41. | Urdu |
| 22. | Hungarian | 32. | Rumanian |  |  |

Languages in which Bahá’í literature is being translated

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Kinarese | 5. | Malyalam | 9. | Rajasthani |
| 2. | Latvian | 6. | Oriya | 10. | Singhalese |
| 3. | Lithuanian | 7. | Punjabi | 11. | Telugu |
| 4. | Mahratti | 8. | Pushtoo | 12. | Ukrainian |

Languages in which Bahá’u’lláh’s *Hidden Words*  
has been translated and printed

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Albanian | 6. | Esperanto | 11. | Persian |
| 2. | Bulgarian | 7. | French | 12. | Russian |
| 3. | Chinese | 8. | German | 13. | Serbian |
| 4. | Dutch | 9. | Italian |  | *Braille Edition*: |
| 5. | English | 10. | Japanese |  | English |

*In process of translation*—

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Armenian | 4. | Hungarian | 7. | Urdu |
| 2. | Czech | 5. | Polish |  |  |
| 3. | Danish | 6. | Portuguese |  |  |

Languages in which Bahá’u’lláh’s *Kitáb-i-Íqán*  
has been translated and printed

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Albanian | 5. | French | 9. | Spanish |
| 2. | Chinese | 6. | German | 10. | Swedish |
| 3. | Dutch | 7. | Persian | 11. | Urdu |
| 4. | English | 8. | Russian |  |  |

*Braille Edition*: English

*In process of translation*—

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Armenian | 4. | Danish | 7. | Norwegian |
| 2. | Burmese | 5. | Esperanto | 8. | Portuguese |
| 3. | Czech | 6. | Gujarati | 9. | Serbian |

Languages in which ‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s *Some Answered Questions* has been translated and printed

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Arabic | 4. | English | 7. | Persian |
| 2. | Burmese | 5. | French | 8. | Spanish |
| 3. | Chinese | 6. | German | 9. | Urdu |

*In process of translation*—

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Armenian | 4. | Esperanto | 7. | Portuguese |
| 2. | Braille English | 5. | Italian | 8. | Russian |
| 3. | Croatian | 6. | Polish | 9. | Serbian |

Languages in which Dr J. E. Esslemont’s *Bahá’u’lláh and  
the New Era* has been translated and printed

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Abyssinian | 14. | Finnish | 27. | Persian |
| 2. | Albanian | 15. | French | 28. | Polish |
| 3. | Arabic | 16. | German | 29. | Portuguese |
| 4. | Armenian | 17. | Greek | 30. | Rumanian |
| 5. | Bengali | 18. | Gujarati | 31. | Russian |
| 6. | Bulgarian | 19. | Hebrew | 32. | ‘Serbian |
| 7. | Burmese | 20. | Hindi | 33. | Sindhi |
| 8. | Chinese | 21. | Hungarian | 34. | Spanish |
| 9. | Czech | 22. | Icelandic | 35. | Swedish |
| 10. | Danish | 23. | Italian | 36. | Turkish |
| 11. | Dutch | 24. | Japanese | 37. | Urdu |
| 12. | English | 25. | Kurdish |  |  |
| 13. | Esperanto | 26. | Norwegian |  |  |

*Braille Translations*: English, Esperanto, Japanese

*In process of translation*—

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Kinarese | 6. | Oriya | 11. | Tamil |
| 2. | Latvian | 7. | Punjabi | 12. | Telugu |
| 3. | Lithuanian | 8. | Pushtoo | 13. | Ukrainian |
| 4. | Mahratti | 9. | Rajasthani |  |  |
| 5. | Malyalam | 10. | Singhalese |  |  |

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March, 1930 2,000 November, 1938 (Rev. Edn) 5,000

June, 1931 2,000 August, 1940 (Rev. Edn) 7,500

June, 1932 5,000 August, 1942 (Rev. Edn) 5,500

Total copies 37,000

Bahá’í literature in Braille

*The Hidden Words* by Bahá’u’lláh

*The Kitáb-i-Íqán* by Bahá’u’lláh

*The Seven Valleys* by Bahá’u’lláh

*The Súratu’l-Haykal* by Bahá’u’lláh

*The Ishráqát* by Bahá’u’lláh

*Words of Wisdom* by Bahá’u’lláh

*Some Answered Questions*, by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

*Divine Philosophy*, by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

*Some Discourses of Countries During the First Bahá’í Century* by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

*Will and Testament of* ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

*Excerpts from the Promulgation of Universal Peace* by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

*Book of Prayers*

*Bahá’í Prayers and Meditations of Bahá’u’lláh and ‘Abdu’l-Bahá*

*Bahá’í Peace Program*

*Wisdom of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá*

*Messages from Shoghi Effendi*

*The Goal of a New World Order* by Shoghi Effendi

*The Dispensation of Bahá’u’lláh* by Shoghi Effendi

*The Golden Age of the Cause of Bahá’u’lláh* by Shoghi Effendi

*The Advent of Divine Justice* by Shoghi Effendi

*Bahá’u’lláh and the New Era*

(English, Esperanto and Japanese transcriptions)

*Essai sur le Behaisme*

*Security for a Failing World*

*Bahá’í Teachings on Economics*

*A Letter to the Blind Women in Japan*

*Seek and It Shall Be Given You*

*The Bahá’í House of Worship*

*What Is the Bahá’í Movement?*

*La Bahaa Revelacio*

*Bahá’u’lláh—A 19th Century Prophet and His Message*

*The Laboratory of Life*

*Revelation of Bahá’u’lláh*

*The Manifestation*

*Bahá’u’lláh and His Message*

*Observations of a Bahá’í Traveller*

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| --- | --- |
| *The Meaning of Life*  *Oneness of Mankind*  *Path to God*  *Tests, Their Spiritual Value*  *Divine Art of Living*  *Why I Believe in God and Pray*  *Work Is Worship* | *Radiant Acquiescence*  *Homoculture*  *‘Abdu’l-Bahá in America*  *The White Silk Dress*  *A Bus Ride*  *Principles of the Bahá’í Faith*  *The Reality of Man* |

Races represented in the Bahá’í World Community

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 1. | Abyssinian | 12. | Finnish | 23. | Persian |
| 2. | Albanian | 13. | French | 24. | Polish |
| 3. | Arab | 14. | German | 25. | Red Indian |
| 4. | Armenian | 15. | Hungarian | 26. | Russian |
| 5. | British | 16. | Irish | 27. | Scandinavian |
| 6. | Bulgarian | 17. | Indian | 28. | Spanish |
| 7. | Burmese | 18. | Italian | 29. | Sudanese |
| 8. | Chinese | 19. | Japanese | 30. | Turkish |
| 9. | Czech | 20. | Kurdish | 31. | Yugoslavian |
| 10. | Dutch | 21. | Maori |  |  |
| 11. | Eskimo | 22. | Negro |  |  |

Minority groups and races with which  
contact has been established by Bahá’ís

Cherokee Indians in North Carolina

Eskimos in Alaska

Inca Indians in Peru

Laps in Scandinavia

Maoris in New Zealand

Mayans in Yucatan

Mexican Indians in Mexico

Oneida Indians in Wisconsin

Patagonian Indians in Argentina

Data concerning National and  
International Bahá’í endowments

|  |  |
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| Estimated value of Bahá’í national endowments in the United States of America | $1,768,539.33 |
| Area of land purchased as the site of the first Mashriqu’l-Adhkár of Persia | 3,589,000 m2 |
| Area of land surrounding and dedicated to the Shrine of the Báb on Mt. Carmel | 140,600 m2 |
| Area of land dedicated to the Shrine of Bahá’u’lláh in ‘Akká | 1,000 m2 |
| Area of land dedicated to the Shrine of Bahá’u’lláh in the district of Gaza, Palestine | 10,530 m2 |
| Area of land dedicated to the Shrines of Bahá’u’lláh and the Báb in the Jordan Valley | 2,354.108 m2 |
| Area of land dedicated to the Shrines of Bahá’u’lláh and the Báb in Palestine and registered in the name of the Palestine Branch of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá’ís of the United States of America and Canada | 50,000 m2 |
| Total cost of the structure of the Mashriqu’l-Adhkár in Wilmette, Ill. (1921–1943) | $1,342.813 |

**American Bahá’í properties held in trust**

Mashriqu’l-Adhkár*, Wilmette, Illinois*

Temple

Caretaker’s Cottage

Land

*Ḥaẓíratu’l-Quds, Wilmette, Illinois*

National Bahá’í Office

Supplementary Administrative Office  
 Bahá’í Publishing Committee Office

*Green Acre Bahá’í School, Eliot, Maine*

Bahá’í Hall

Dormitory and Dining Room

Studio

Three Cottages, Supplementary Dormitories

Arts and Crafts Studio

Schopflocher Cottage

Rogers Cottage

Lucas Studio

Fellowship House

Reeves Camp

Nine Gables, Schopflocher Estate; House, Studio, Farm Buildings 138 acres of land, including area on Monsalvat

*Wilhelm Property, West Englewood, New Jersey*

Wilhelm House

Evergreen Cabin

Cottage, Garage

Land, including pine grove where ‘Abdu’l-Bahá gave the unity feast in 1912

*Geyserville Bahá’í School, Geyserville, California*

Bosch House

Bahá’í Hall

Dormitory

Ranch buildings

Land

*International Bahá’í School, Pine Valley, Colorado*

Mathews House  
 Ranch Buildings  
 20 acres of land

*Wilson Property, Malden, Massachusetts*

Wilson House, where ‘Abdu’l-Bahá rested in 1912

Land

*Muskegon, Michigan*

Land

Estimated value of American Bahá’í properties

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| Mashriqu’l-Adhkár | $1,482,012.91 |
| Ḥaẓíratu’l-Quds | $21,526.42 |
| Green Acre | $89,000 |
| Wilhelm property | $75,000 |
| Geyserville School | $42,000 |
| International School | $51,500 |
| Wilson property | $7,000 |
| Muskegon land | $500 |
| Total | $1,768,539.33 |

Data regarding the Bahá’í Temple in Wilmette, Ill.

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| Cost of Temple property | $51,500 |
| Area of Temple property | 6.97 acres |
| Materials used in ornamentation: crystalline quartz, opaque quartz and white Portland cement |  |
| Total cost of the structure of the Mashriqu’l-Adhkár in Wilmette, III. (1921–1943) | $1,342,813 |
| Height from floor of basement to culmination of the dome ribs | 191 feet |
| Depths of caissons | 120 feet |
| Diameter at the foundation floor | 204 feet |
| Height of dome | 49 feet |
| Outside diameter of dome | 90 feet |
| Inside diameter of dome | 72 feet |
| Number of sections of ornamentation, comprising the dome and ribs | 387 |
| Perforation of dome surface | 30% |
| Height of main story pylons | 45 feet |
| Seating capacity of Auditorium | 1,600 |
| Number of Temple visitors from June 1932–October 1941 | 130,000 |
| Letter addressed by Bahá’ís of ‘Ishqábád to the Bahá’ís of Chicago | 1902 |
| Petition addressed to ‘Abdu’l-Bahá by the “House of Spirituality” of the Bahá’ís of Chicago, appealing for permission to construct a Bahá’í Temple in America | March 1903 |
| ‘Abdu’l-Bahá gives His approval through a Tablet dated | June 1903 |
| Delegates of various American Bahá’í Assemblies meet in Chicago and choose a site for the Temple | Nov. 1907 |
| First two building lots purchased | April 1908 |
| First American Bahá’í Convention establishes “Bahá’í Temple Unity” | March 1909 |
| ‘Abdul-Bahá lays dedication stone of the Temple | May 1912 |
| Purchase of Temple property completed | 1914 |
| Bahá’í Convention selects design of L. J. Bourgeois | April 1920 |
| Contract awarded for the sinking of nine caissons (completed 1921) | Dec. 1920 |

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| Contract awarded for the construction of the basement structure (completed 1922) | Aug. 1921 |
| Contract awarded for the erection of the super-structure (completed May 19311 | Aug. 1930 |
| Contract awarded for the ornamentation of the dome (completed January 1934) | June 1932 |
| Ornamentation of the clerestory completed | July 1935 |
| Ornamentation of the gallery unit completed | Nov. 1938 |
| Ornamentation of the main story begun | April 1940 |
| Ornamentation of the main story completed | July 1942 |
| Steps placed in position | Dec. 1942 |

**Passages inscribed over the nine entrances of the Temple**

1. *The earth is but one country; and mankind its citizens*.

2. *The best beloved of all things in My sight is Justice; turn not away therefrom. if thou desirest Me*.

3. *My love is My stronghold; he that entereth therein is safe and secure*.

4. *Breathe not the sins of others so long as thou art thyself a sinner*.

5. *Thy heart is My home; sanctify it for My descent*.

6. *I have made death a messenger of joy to thee; wherefore dost thou grieve?*

7. *Make mention of Me on My earth that in My heaven I may remember thee*.

8. *O rich ones on earth! The poor in your midst are My trust; guard ye My trust*.

9. *The source of all learning is the knowledge of God, exalted be His glory*.

**Comparative measurements of famous domed structures**

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| St. Peter’s in Rome | { | Total height 452 feet  Inside diameter of dome 137 feet |
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| St. Paul’s in London | { | Total height 366 feet  Inside diameter of dome 112 feet |
| St. Sophia in Constantinople | { | Total height 180 feet  Inside diameter of dome 107 feet |
| Pantheon in Rome | { | Inside height 144 feet  Inside diameter of dome 142 feet |

Principal Bahá’í historic sites in  
Persia owned by the Bahá’í Community

House of the Báb in Shiraz and several adjoining houses.

Ancestral Home of Bahá’u’lláh in Tákur, Mázindarán.

House of Bahá’u’lláh in Ṭihrán.

House owned by the Báb’s maternal uncle in Shiraz.

Shop belonging to the Báb in Búshihr.

A quarter of the village of Chihríq in Adhirbáyján.

House of Ḥájí Mírzá Jání in Káshán, where the Báb stayed on His way to Tabriz.

Public bath used by the Báb in Shiraz and some adjacent houses.

Half of the house owned by Vaḥíd in Nayríz.

Part of the house owned by Ḥujjat in Zanján.

The three gardens rented by Bahá’u’lláh in Badasht.

Burial-place of Quddús in Bárfurúsh, Mázindarán.

House of Maḥmúd Khán-i-Kalántar in Ṭihrán, where Ṭáhirih was confined.

Public bath visited by the Báb when in Urúmíyyih, Adhirbáyján.

House owned by Mírzá Ḥusayn-‘Alíy-i-Núr in Ṭihrán, where the Báb’s remains were concealed.

The Bábíyyih in Mashhad, Khurásán.

The house owned by Mullá Ḥusayn in Mashhad, Khurásán.

The residence of the Sulṭánu’sh-Shuhadá (King of Martyrs) and of the Maḥbúbu’sh-Shuhadá’ (Beloved of Martyrs) in Iṣfahán.

Apartments occupied by the Báb in Urúmíyyih, Adhirbáyján.

Spot where the heads of two hundred martyrs were buried in Ábádih, Fárs.

House where the Báb’s remains were concealed in Qum.

Site of martyrdom and burial-place of the “Seven Martyrs” of ‘Iráq, in Sulṭán-Ábád, ‘Iráq.

Site of martyrdom and burial-place of the “Four Martyrs” of ‘Iraq, in Sulṭán-Ábád, ‘Iráq.

Caravanserai occupied by the Báb in Zanján.

Burial-place of Ashraf and his mother Zanján.

House where the Báb’s remains were concealed in Kirmánsháh.

Room occupied by Vaḥíd and other rooms in the Fort of Khájih in Nayríz.

Land adjoining the Fort of Khájih, site of the martyrdom of Vaḥíd and some of his companions.

Cities visited by ‘Abdul-Bahá in the  
course of His three year travels, 1911–1913

United States of America and Canada

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| 1. | Baltimore, Md. | 21. | Milford, N.H. |
| 2. | Berkeley, Calif. | 22. | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| 3. | Boston, Mass. | 23. | Montclair, N.J. |
| 4. | Brooklyn, N.Y. | 24. | Montreal, P.Q. |
| 5. | Buffalo, N.Y. | 25. | Morristown, N.J. |
| 6. | Cambridge, Mass. | 26. | New York, N.Y. |
| 7. | Chicago, Ill. | 27. | Oakland, Calif. |
| 8. | Cincinnati, O. | 28. | Omaha, Neb. |
| 9. | Cleveland, O. | 29. | Palo Alto, Calif. |
| 10. | Denver, Colo. | 30. | Pasadena, Calif. |
| 11. | Dublin, N.H. | 31. | Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 12. | Eliot, Me. | 32. | Pittsburgh, Pa. |
| 13. | Fanwood, N.J. | 33. | Sacramento, Calif. |
| 14. | Glenwood Springs, Colo. | 34. | Salt Lake City, Utah |
| 15. | Jersey City, N.J. | 35. | San Francisco, Calif. |
| 16. | Kenosha, Wis. | 36. | St. Paul, Minn. |
| 17. | Lincoln, Neb. | 37. | Washington, D.C. |
| 18. | Los Angeles, Calif. | 38. | West Englewood, N.J. |
| 19. | Malden, Mass. | 39. | Worcester, Mass. |
| 20. | Medford, Mass. |  |  |

**Europe**

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| 1. | Bad Mergentheim | 8. | Marseilles |
| 2. | Bristol | 9. | Oxford |
| 3. | Budapest | 10. | Paris |
| 4. | Edinburgh | 11. | Stuttgart |
| 5. | Geneva | 12. | Thonon-les-Bains |
| 6. | Liverpool | 13. | Vienna |
| 7. | London |  |  |

**Egypt**

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| 1. | Abúqír (now Abú Qír) | 5. | Manṣúrih |
| 2. | Alexandria | 6. | Port Said |
| 3. | Cairo | 7. | Zaytún |
| 4. | Ismá‘ílíyyih |  |  |

Dates of historic significance during the first Bahá’í century

Declaration of the Mission of the Báb in Shíráz May 23, 1844

Departure of the Báb on His pilgrimage to Mecca September 1844

Arrival of the Báb in Máh-Kúh, Adhirbáyján Summer 1847

Incarceration of the Báb in Chihríq, Adhirbáyján April 1848

Conference of Badasht June 1848

Interrogation of the Báb in Tabriz, Adhirbáyján July 1848

Martyrdom of the Báb in Tabríz, Adhirbáyán July 9, 1850

Attempt on the life of Náṣiri’d-Dín Sháh August 15, 1852

Imprisonment of Bahá’u’lláh in the Síyáh-Chál of Ṭihrán August 1852

Banishment of Bahá’u’lláh to Baghdád January 12, 1853

Withdrawal of Bahá’u’lláh to Kurdistán April 10, 1854

Return of Bahá’u’lláh from Kurdistán March 19, 1856

Declaration of the Mission of Bahá’u’lláh April 22, 1863

Arrival of Bahá’u’lláh in Constantinople August 16, 1863

Arrival of Bahá’u’lláh in Adrianople December 12, 1863

Departure of Bahá’u’lláh from Adrianople August 12, 1868

Arrival of Bahá’u’lláh in ‘Akká August 31, 1868

Death of the Purest Branch June 23, 1870

Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh May 29, 1892

First public reference to the Faith in America September 23, 1893

Establishment of the first Bahá’í center in the West February 1894

Arrival of the first group of Western pilgrims in ‘Akká December 10, 1898

Arrival of the Báb’s remains in the Holy Land January 31, 1899

Re-incarceration of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá in ‘Akká August 20, 1901

Commencement of the construction of the Mashriqu’l-Adhkár  
of ‘Ishqábád 1902

Release of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá from His incarceration September 1908

Interment of the Báb’s remains on Mt. Carmel March 21, 1909

Opening of the first American Bahá’í Convention March 21, 1909

‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s departure for Egypt September 1910

‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s arrival in London September 4, 1911

‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s arrival in America April 11, 1912

Laying of the corner-stone of the Mashriqu’l-Adhkár in  
Wilmette, Ill., by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá May 1, 1912

‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s return to the Holy Land December 5, 1913

Unveiling of the *Tablets of the Divine Plan* April 1919

Commencement of the construction of the Mashriqu’l-Adhkár  
in Wilmette. Ill. December 1920

Passing of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá November 28, 1921

Verdict of the Islamic Court in Egypt denouncing  
the Faith to be an independent religion May 10, 1925

Martha Root’s first interview with Queen Marie of Rumania January 30, 1926

Resolution of the Council of the League of Nations upholding  
the claim of the Bahá’í community to the House of  
Bahá’u’lláh in Baghdád March 4, 1929

Passing of the Greatest Holy Leaf July 1932

Inception of the Seven Year Plan April 1937

Completion of the Mashriqu’l-Adhkár in Wilmette, Ill December 1942

Centenary celebration and opening of first All-American  
Bahá’í Convention May 19–25, 1944

1. Dependency [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Mandated territory [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Either Anatolia, a part of the Ottoman Empire at that time, or the empire. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Transjordan (French Transjordania) is the name given to the near-eastern region of the Mediterranean Levant located east of the Jordan River, located mostly within the territory of present-day Jordan. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Local Spiritual Assembly established. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. § Either Anatolia, a part of the Ottoman Empire at that time, or the empire. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Spiritual Assembly. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Spiritual Assembly. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Day Da Naw (16.465353, 96.04076). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)