



## 5 Facts You Need to Know About Bahá'í Faith

1. The principal Bahá'í tenets are the essential unity of all religions, Oneness of God, the unity of humanity, equality of the sexes, the harmony between religion and science, the centrality of justice to all human endeavors. There are over 20,000 local spiritual assemblies in the world today with an estimated 5 million adherents, with 84,000-514,000 in the US, the variation due to the fact that there is no central organization collecting data.
2. Baha'ís believe God revealed himself to humanity through a series of Divine Messengers that brought teachings to address the needs and condition of humanity. Messengers are known by different names, such as Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Zoroaster, Jesus, and Muhammad, but all reflect the same divine purpose and are the chief educators of mankind.
3. There are nine annual Bahá'í holy days plus an annual fast. With the exception of New Year, Bahá'í holidays commemorate major events in the lives of the founders of the Bahá'í Faith
4. The faith has no priesthood and no clergy. The governance of the Bahá'í community is with local spiritual assemblies, which have jurisdiction over all local affairs of the Bahá'í community.
5. The most holy text is the Kitab-i-Aqbas, written by Bahá'u'lláh. This text forms the book of laws in the Bahá'í Faith. A historical account of the Bábí movement ([\*The Dawn-Breakers\*](#)) is considered one of three books that every Bahá'í should "master" and read "over and over again".

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<http://www.bahai.org/beliefs/>

<http://bahaiteachings.org/bahai-faith>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahá%27%C3%AD\\_statistics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bahá%27%C3%AD_statistics)

*These five points are not meant to be comprehensive or authoritative. We hope they will encourage you to explore this tradition more deeply and seek out members of this community to learn about their beliefs in action. It is our firm belief that in understanding our differences we will better understand our common humanity*

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