

**BAHAISM.** The Bahá'í faith was founded in nineteenth-century Persia. It emphasises spiritual unity of all humankind. Bahá'í teachings stress the parallels of the major religions, as well as concerning themselves with social and ethical issues; service to humanity is valued as highly as prayer and worship. Religious history is seen to have unfolded through a series of teachers, who all established a religion that was suited to the needs of their time - these teachers included Zoroaster, Abraham, Buddha, Moses, Jesus, Muhammad and Bahauallah. Bahatism is of Abrahamic religious lineage; and as humanity evolves, a new manifestation of God comes while science & religion evolve hand in hand (the principle of progressive revelation). In the Bahá'í belief humanity is involved in a process of collective evolution. The need of the present time is for the establishment of peace, justice and unity on a global scale.

*Defining principles of the Bahá'í philosophy are:  
The independent search for truth - unfettered  
by superstition or tradition. Equality of men  
and women - oneness of the entire human race.*

*Abolition of the extremes of wealth and poverty.  
Condemnation of all forms of prejudice, wheth-  
er religious, racial, class or national. Harmony  
shall exist between all religions and science.*

*Introduction of a world tribunal to adjudicate  
disputes between nations. Justice must be the  
ruling principle in society. Establishment of  
peace shall be the supreme goal of all mankind.*



the nine-pointed Bahá'í star

*The Bahá'í International Community had offices  
at the League of Nations and now at the UN in  
New York, the UHJ, Universal House of Justice\*,  
and representations to UN regional commissions.*

*While the Bahá'í community works on improv-  
ing international relations, recently offices of  
the Environment and the Advancement of  
Women were established at its UN office.*

*In the 2000 UN Millennium Forum a Bahá'í  
was invited as the only non-governmental  
speaker during the summit. Bahá'ís are  
persecuted in Islamic countries, especially Iran.*

*\*go to [universalhouseofjustice.bahai.org](http://universalhouseofjustice.bahai.org)*