Significant events in Bahá’í history [[1]](#footnote-1)

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|  | 1817 | Birth of Bahá’u’lláh, 12 Nov. (Mírzá Ḥusayn ‘Alí). |
|  | 1819 | Birth of the Báb, 20 Oct. (Mírzá ‘Alí Muḥammad). |
| \*\*\* | 1844 | Declaration of the Báb in Shiraz; birth of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, 23 May. Bahá’u’lláh espoused the Bábí Faith. |
|  | 1847 | The Báb imprisoned 9 months in the Fortress of Máh-Kú. Wrote The Bayán. |
|  | 1848 | Conference of Badasht. Formal end of Muslim Dispensation by Ṭáhirih. The Báb publicly declared His Mission. The Báb imprisoned in the Fortress of Chihríq. |
|  | 1850 | Martyrdom of the Báb, 9 July, in Tabriz. |
|  | 1852 | Attempt on the life of Náṣir ad-Dín Sháh by Ṣádiq-i-Tabrízí, 15 Aug. Bahá’u’lláh imprisoned in Síyáh-Chál (Ṭihrán). Martyrdom of Ṭáhirih. |
| \*\*\* | 1853 | Bahá’u’lláh received His Revelation (Síyáh-Chál). ‘Abdu’l-Bahá recognized Bahá’u’lláh’s station. Bahá’u’lláh exiled to Baghdad after refusing Russian invitation. |
|  | 1854–55 | Bahá’u’lláh retired to Sulaymáníyyih. |
|  | 1856 | Bahá’u’lláh returned to Baghdad, March 19. |
|  | 1858 | Bahá’u’lláh wrote The Hidden Words. |
|  | 1860 c. | Bahá’u’lláh wrote The Seven Valleys and The Four Valleys. |
|  | 1861 c. | Bahá’u’lláh offered to perform a miracle for the Muslim clergy. |
|  | 1862 | Bahá’u’lláh wrote the Kitáb-i-Íqán. (in 2 days and 2 nights) |
|  | 1863 | Bahá’u’lláh’s Declaration in Garden of Riḍván (Baghdad), 22 April. |
|  | 1863 | Bahá’u’lláh exiled to Constantinople; made public Declaration. |
|  | 1863 | Bahá’u’lláh banished to Adrianople; arrived 12 Dec. |
|  | 1864 | Rebellion of Mírzá Yaḥyá; poisoned Bahá’u’lláh. |
|  | 1865 c. | Bahá’u’lláh wrote the Tablets to the Kings. “Alláh’u’Abhá” used as salutation. |
|  | 1868 | Bahá’u’lláh imprisoned in ‘Akká, 31 Aug. |
|  | 1870 | Bahá’u’lláh transferred to House of Malik. His son, Mírzá Mihdí, died 22 June. |
|  | 1873 | Bahá’u’lláh transferred to the House of ‘Údí-Khammár in ‘Akká (later ‘Abbúd). |
|  | 1873 c. | Bahá’u’lláh wrote the Kitáb-i-Aqdas. |
|  | 1877 | Bahá’u’lláh moved outside of ‘Akká to the Garden of Na’mayn. |
|  | 1879 | Bahá’u’lláh moved to palace of ‘Údí-Khammár at Bahjí. |
|  | 1879 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá visited Beirut. |
|  | 1890 | Bahá’u’lláh visited by E. G. Browne at Bahjí. Bahá’u’lláh made four visits to Haifa; camped on Mt. Carmel; picked site of the Báb’s tomb. |
|  | 1891 | Bahá’u’lláh wrote the Epistle to the Son of the Wolf (last major work). |
| \*\*\* | 1892 | Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh, May 29. |
|  | 1893 | Bahá’í Faith first mentioned in US (Chicago) 23 Sept. |
|  | 1894 | Thornton Chase became first American believer. Sarah Farmer initiated summer conferences at Green Acre. |
|  | 1897 | Phoebe Hearst party visited ‘Abdu’l-Bahá. |
|  | 1898 | First Western pilgrims arrived in ‘Akká. |
|  | 1899 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá laid cornerstone of the Báb’s Shrine; the Báb’s remains arrived in Holy Land. |
|  | 1900 | Council Board (House of Spirituality) established in Chicago. |
|  | 1901 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá’s incarceration in ‘Akká renewed for seven years. |
|  | 1902 | Bahá’í Publishing Society established in Chicago; May Bolles became first Canadian Bahá’í. First Mashriqu’l-Adhkár in Ishqábád started. |
|  | 1903 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá approved building of House of Worship in Wilmette. |
|  | 1907 | First publication of Bahá’í Writings in English. Temple Committee of nine appointed in Chicago. |
|  | 1908 | Two lots purchased for House of Worship site, Wilmette. ‘Abdu’l-Bahá released. |
|  | 1909 | First American Bahá’í Convention held; Constitution framed for the Temple of Unity; first Bahá’í Publishing Comm. established. The Báb’s remains placed in Shrine on Mt. Carmel by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá. First American Bahá’í Convention. |

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|  | 1910 | First *Bahá’í News* published; Temple Fund grew to $20,000 |
|  | 1910–11 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá visited Egypt. |
|  | 1911 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá visited England and France. |
|  | 1911–12 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá returned to Egypt. |
|  | 1912 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá visited the US and Canada; laid Temple cornerstone. |
|  | 1914 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá became prisoner of the Turkish government. |
|  | 1918 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá freed from Turks by the British. |
|  | 1919 | Tablets of the Divine Plan unveiled by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá. |
|  | 1920 | US Temple design by Louis Bourgeois selected; construction began. |
|  | 1920 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá knighted by the British. |
|  | 1921 | ‘Abdu’l-Bahá died, 28 Nov.; Shoghi Effendi appointed Guardian of Faith. |
|  | 1923 | NSAs created in India, Germany, and British Isles. |
|  | 1924 | NSA established in Egypt. |
|  | 1925 | NSA established in US; Egypt recognized Bahá’í Faith as an independent religion. |
|  | 1926 | Martha Root interviewed Queen Marie of Rumania. |
|  | 1927 | US/Canada Bahá’í National Constitution framed and adopted; Geyserville Summer School established. |
|  | 1929 | US/Canada NSA incorporated; Green Acre Summer School established. |
|  | 1931 | NSA established in Iraq. |
|  | 1931 | Louhelen Summer School established; first LSA By-laws adopted (NY). |
|  | 1932 | Chicago LSA incorporated; Greatest Holy Leaf died. |
|  | 1934 | NSAs established in Persia (Iran) and Australia. |
|  | 1937 | First Seven Year Plan initiated. |
|  | 1939 | First state in US legalized Bahá’í marriage ceremony (Illinois). |
|  | 1942 | US Dept. of War 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 Flan launched. |
|  | 1948 | NSA of Canada established. |
|  | 1949 | Construction of the Shrine of the Báb started. |
|  | 1949–50 | Period of austerity to complete Temple (Wilmette). |
|  | 1950 | World Religion Day established. |
|  | 1951 | NSAs in South America and Central America established; International Bahá’í Council instituted. |
|  | 1952 | Interior ornamentation of the US Bahá’í Temple completed. |
|  | 1953 | Secord 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 (4 Nov.); 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 | Charles Mason Remey claimed to be second Guardian. |
|  | 1961 | Bahá’í 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; Bahá’í Temple in Frankfurt dedicated. |
|  | 1966 | Covenant-breakers’ attempted law 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 US million dollar budget. |
|  | 1969 | Flow of pilgrims to Holy Shrines increased. |

\*\*\* beginning of a new ministry.

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