God Passes By

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STUDY OUTLINE for GOD PASSES BY

In God Passes By the Guardian has given the Bahá'ís a work which combines and correlates exposition of the Teachings, summary of the historical events, presentation of the Persons of the Báb, Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá in their spiritual significance, and statements on their principal Tablets and Works. To grasp so great a range of material, frequent reading and rereading are essential, for the essence of this book lies in its unity of treatment of diverse aspects of all that constituted the origin and development of the Faith in its first century.

There are, however, recurrent themes and subjects which can be brought together for purposes of closer study and fuller understanding - great avenues down which we can proceed in order to concentrate attention upon the organic themes one at a time.

This Study Outline attempts to provide access to six different themes which are dominant in all sections of the book. It is therefore a subjects index which can be used for continuous study and discussion by a group, or occasional reference by the individual student. In addition, the outline supplies a list of supplementary references, as for example those which indicate the successive passages in which the Guardian deals with the enemies who have assailed the Cause from within.

Experience has shown that attempts to conduct study classes on <u>God Passes By</u> find it a formidable undertaking. Some type of outline is needed to facilitate assimilation of this great work by the Bahá'í community, and the present treatment is offered as an assistance.

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