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SELECT BABI-BAHA'I RELATED, BIBLIOGRAPHIES, NOTES AND PAPERS

Background and Centrality of Apophatic Theology in Bābī-Bahā'ī Scripture

ABRAHAMIC AND BABI-BAHA'I THEOLOGY

- * Some notes on the Arabic term al-Mashiyya ("The Divine Will") and associated cosmogonical-theological hypostases in Islamic, Shī'ī-Shaykhī and Bābī-Bahā'ī literatures.
- * The Babi-Baha'i Mazhariyya (Theophanology) : Some Aspects of the person of the Manifestation of God (mazhar-i ilahi) and their Shī'ī/Shaykhi and Abrahamic Background.

Central Figures and Successors of the Baha'i Religion after 1892 CE

`Abbas Effendi, `Abd al-Baha' (1844-1921 CE)

- * Biography
- * Bibliography
- * Writings
- * `Abd al-Baha' on Abrahamic, Islamic and other world religions
- * Pilgrims notes

Shoghi Effendi Rabbani (c. 1896-1957), the Guardian of the Cause of God (Vali-yi Amr-Allah)

- * Biography
- * Bibliography
- * Pilgrims notes

Greatest Name of God: Biblical, Jewish, Christian, Islamic and Babi-Baha'i views

ESCHATOLOGICAL DOXOPHANY: The Motif of the Divine theophanic Radiance and its Messianic Associations

Letters to Kings and Rulers' of Muhammad, the Bab (d. 1850) and Baha'-Allah (d. 1892)

- * Alleged Letters of Jesus addressed to Rulers
- * The Mysteries of the Light Verse (Q. 24:35) in Islamic and Bābī-Bahā'ī literatures
- * The Bābī Bahā'ī transcendence of khātamiyya (Q.33:40b), the "finality" of prophethood

- * A Note upon the year 1844/1260 and the Bābī-Bahā'ī interpretation of the isolated letters of the Qur'ān
- * Qā'im (Ariser) and Qayyūm (Deity Self-Subsistent): the background and significance of twin messianic advents in Bābī-Bahā'ī scripture
- * Shi'ī and Babi-Baha'i Imamology: Some introductory Notes on the Twelver Imams and traditions attributed to them in Shi'ī and Babi-Baha'i scriptural sources
- * The Bābī-Baha'i Demythologization of Shī'ī messianism: On the question of the reality of the twelfth Imam
- * The Messianic Roots of Babi-Baha'i Globalism
- * Some Notes on the Islamic Background and Bābī-Baha'i use of the phrase arḍ kathīb al-aḥmar ("The Land of the Red Sand-Dune")
- * Some Notes upon the Bābī and Bahā'ī Interpretations of portions of the Qur'ānic Sūrat al-Kahf (Surah of the Cave), Q. 18
- * Immortal Heroines (Sarah, Asenath / Āsiya / Āsiyah, Mary / Maryam, Fātima, Ṭāhira, Bahiyya)
- * No Veiling (ḥijāb) save Light (al-nur): Some aspects of Abrahamic and Bābī-Bahā'ī theological-aesthetics
- * Kaleidoscope: Some Aspects of Angelology, Light, and Throne-Color Mysticism in Bābī and Bahā'ī Scripture
- * Angelology: Abrahamic and Babi-Baha'i Angelology: Some Introductory Notes
- * Cherubim, Seraphim and Demythologization: Some aspects of Bābī-Bahā'ī angelology and the malā' al-a`lā (Supreme Concourse)
- * Alchemy
- * The Talbiya or... لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ Labbayka ("Here am I") in Abrahamic, Islamic and Babi-Baha'i Literatures
- * "Progressive Revelation": Some Thoughts on a Bābī-Bahā'ī Doctrine of the Succession of Divine Religions
- * Gnosticism and the Babi-Baha'i Religions
- * World Religions and Babi-Baha'i Concepts of Wisdom
- * Dimensions of Bahā'ī Soteriology: Some Notes on the Bahā'ī theology of the Salvific and Redemptive role of Bahā'-Allāh
- * The Epistemology of `Abdu'l-Bahā and the Four Criterion of Truth
- * A Scriptural Tablet of `Abd al-Bahā' commenting upon Qur'an 53:11: "The inmost heart (al-fū'ād) lieth not about what it envisions"

BABI-BAHA'I BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTES AND STUDIES

Palestine-Israel, Western Galilee

* Acre (Akko = `Akka')

* Haifa, Mount Carnel

Thomas K. Cheyne (1841-1915)

Towards a History of Babi-Baha'i Scholarship:

Select Diplomats, Orientalists, Academics and Missionaries and their Attitudes towards the Babi-Baha'i religions

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PART 1 Select Scholars, Diplomats and Orientalists and the Genesis of the study of the Babi-Baha'i Religions

- * RUSSIA
- * FRANCE
- * BRITAIN/ UK
- * GERMANY
- * HUNGARY
- * DENMARK-NORWAY

PART II - ROOTS AND INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP

BABI-BAHA'I STUDIES - ROOTS AND ORIGINS, SOME HISTORICAL NOTES

- * Some learned followers of Sayyid `Ali Muhammad Shirazi, the Bab

INTERNAL BAHA'I SCHOLARSHIP AND APOLOGETICS I (1863-1892)

- * Some learned followers of Mirza Husayn `Ali Nuri, Baha'-Allah and their writings

INTERNAL BAHA'I SCHOLARSHIP AND APOLOGETICS II (1892-1921)

- * Babi-Baha'i Studies during the ministry of `Abd al-Baha' (d.1921)

INTERNAL BAHA'I SCHOLARSHIP AND APOLOGETICS III (1921-1957)

- * The Emergence of Babi-Baha'i Studies during the ministry of Shoghi Effendi (1921-1957)

THE EMERGENCE OF INTERNALLY GENERATED BABI-BAHA'I STUDIES IN THE WEST

- * BRITAIN, THE UNITED KINGDOM
- * FRANCE
- * FURTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
- * USA AND CANADA

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

BIBLICAL SCHOLARS AND MISSIONARIES IN DIALOGUE AND POLEMIC WITH THE BABI-BAHA'I RELIGIONS AND THEIR DEVOTEES

<http://hurqalya.ucmerced.edu/bb-studies/missionaries-dialogue-polemic>

Missionary Anti-Babi-Baha'i Dialogue and Polemic

CATHOLIC INTERACTION AND DIALOGUE

PROTESTANT DIALOGUE AND POLEMIC

BIBLICAL AND RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS

- * Church Missionary Society (CMS)
- * American Clergy Scholars and Missionaries
- * Persian-Iran based missionaries
- * Syria-Palestine based missionaries
- * Germany rooted missionaries in Ottoman Palestine - the Tempelgesellschaft
- * Egyptian based Christians of various denominations

Bahá'í Studies Bulletin (1982-1993)

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Syzygy (from 2017)

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Biography, Claims and Writings of Bahá'-Allāh (1817-1892)

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Biographical and Bibliographical Overviews and Literary Sources

- BIOGRAPHY
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- CLAIMS AND TITLES

The Persian years of the Bābī period (1844-1852)

- * Rashh-i-'Ama'

The Iraq period: Baghdad and beyond (1852-1863)

- * Lawh-i kull al-ta`ām (The Tablet of All Food)
- * Qaṣīdih `izz varqā'iyya (The Mighty Ode of the Dove)
- * Select Alchemical Notes and Scriptural Tablets
- * Tafsir ayat al-Nūr (Commentary upon the Light Verse)
- * Lawh -i-haqq (The Tablet of the Ultimately Real)
- * Lawh al-Raḥmat (The Tablet of the Merciful One)

SELECT EARLY POETICAL WORKS OF BAHA'-ALLAH

THE SEVEN AND FOUR VALLEYS

- Tafsīr-i Hu [Huwa]
- Lawh-i Mulla Muhammad Ja`far Naraqī
- Lawh-i madīnat al-tawḥīd (The Tablet of the City of the Divine Unity)
- Lawh-i madīnat al-rida' (The Tablet of the City of the Radiant Acquiescence)
- Halih, halih, halih, yā bishārat (Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O Glad-Tidings!)
- Kalimat-i Maknunah (The Hidden Words)
- Sahifa-yi Shattiyya (The Scroll of the Torrent)
- Lawh-i Fitna (The Tablet of the Test)
- Lawh-i Shikkar Shikan Shavand
- Lawh-i Muṣībat-i Ḥurūfāt-i `Aliyyīn (The Tablet of the Calamity of the Elevated Letters)
- Lawh-i Subhana Rabbi al-`A`la (Glorified be my Lord, the Most Exalted)
or Lawh-i Harf al-Baqa' (The Tablet of Eternity)
- Lawh-i Subhana Rabbi al-`A`la ('Glorified be my Lord, the Most Exalted')
- Lawh-i Huriyya (Tablet of the Maiden)
- Lawh-i Hur-i `ujab (The Tablet of the Wondrous Maiden)
- Lawh-i Ghulam al-Khuld (The Tablet of the Eternal Youth)
- Lawh-i Mallah al-Quds (The Tablet of the Holy Mariner)
- Surat al-Sabr (The Surah of Patience) or Lawh-i `Ayyub (Tablet of Job)
- Lawh-i Bulbul al-Firaq (The Tablet of the Nightingale of Separation)
- Surat al-Hijr (The Surah of the Departure)
- Surat al-Dhikr (The Surah of the Remembrance)
- Surat-Allah (The Surah of the Godhead)

THE ESSENCE OF THE MYSTERIES AND THE BOOK OF CERTITUDE

- * **Jawāhir al-asrār (Gems of the Mysteries) and Kitāb-i Iqān (The Book of Certitude)**
- * **THE KITAB-I IQAN**

The History of the Riḍwān Festival and of Islamic and Babi-Baha'i Scriptural Writings associated therewith.

The Constantinople [Istanbul] period (1863)

- * The Mathnavi-yi Mubārak (The Blessed Mathnavi)
- * Lawḥ-i Nāqūs (The Tablet of the Bell)
- * Lawḥ-i Hawdaj [Samsun] (The Tablet of the Howdah) I
- * Lawḥ-i Hawdaj [Samsun] (The Tablet of the Howdah) II
- * Lawḥ-i Shams-i jamāl-i ilāhī (The Tablet of the Sun of the Divine Beauty)
- * Miscellaneous other Writings of the Constantinople-Istanbul Period

THE AFNAN - FAMILY OF THE BAB - ALL PERIODS (1852-1892)

Scriptural Tablets of Baha'-Allah to the Afnan family of the Bab and to leading members of the Babi religion.

- Khadijah-Sultan Begum, Wife of the Bab from 1258/1842 (b. Shiraz, 1822-d. Sept. 15th, 1300/1882).
- Hajji Mirza Sayyid Muhammad, Khal Akbar ("The Greatest Maternal Uncle") (c. 1798-d. Shiraz, 1876). The recipient of the Kitab-i iqan in c. 1861.
- Hajji Mirza Sayyid `Ali Afnan, Khal-i A`zam (The Most Great Maternal Uncle). One of the seven martyrs of Tehran (d. 1850).
- Hajji Mirza Hasan `Ali Afnan (d. Yazd, c. 187?). Youngest maternal uncle of the Bab.
- Hajji Mirza Sayyid Hasan (d. 1892), known as the Great Afnan, Afnan-i Kabir.
- Hajji Mirza Muhammad Taqi, Vakil al-Dawlih, involved in the building of the Mashriq al-Adhkar in Ishqabad (b. Shiraz, c.1839-d. Haifa, 30th August, 1911).

The Adrianople [Edirne] period (1863-1868)

- * Sūrat al-`Ibad (The Surah of the Servants)
- * Sūrat al-Mursal (The Surah of the Sent Messengers)
- * Sūrat al-Ahsab (The Surah of the Companions) or Lawh-i Habib (Tablet for the Beloved One)
- * Sūrat al-Ma`ani (The Surah of the Sublimities)
- * Surat al-Widad = Lawh-i Sayyah (The Tablet of the Traveler)
- * Sūrat al-Qamis (The Surah of the Robe)
- * Sūrat al-Fath (The Surah of the Opening)
- * Sūrat al-Khiṭāb (The Surah of the Oration)
- * Surat al-Ism (The Surah of the Name)
- * Sūrat al-Fadl (The Surah of the Divine Bounty)
- * Surat al-Zuhur (The Surah of the Manifestation /Theophany)
- * Lawh-i Baha' (The Tablet of Baha' [Splendour])
- * Surat al-Bayan (The Surah of the Exposition)
- * Surat al-Hifz (The Surah of the Preserver)
- * Surat al-Jawad (The Surah for Jawad)
- * Sūrat al-Jawad (The Surah of the Preserver)
- * Sūrat al-Man` (The Surah of the Interdiction)
- * Sūrat al-Damm (The Surah of Blood)
- * Lawh al-Nuqta (The Surah of the Point)
- * Lawh-i Laylat al-Quds (The Tablet of the Sacred Night)
- * Surat al-Amr I (The Surah of the Command [I])
- * Surat al-Amr II (The Surah of the Command [II])
- * Sūrat al-qadīr (The Surah of the Omnipotent)
- * Sūrat al-Qada' (The Surah of the Divine Decree)
- * Surat al-Qalam (The Surah of the Pen)
- * Commentary on the basmala and Q. 68:1""N" (Nun). By the Pen!"

The Arabic and Persian Tablets for persons named Ahmad:

- * Lawh-i Ahmad (The Arabic Tablet of Ahmad)

- * Lawh-i Ahmad (The Persian Tablet of Ahmad)
- * Lawh-i Sayyah (The Tablet of the Traveler) or Surat al-Widad (The Surah of Love) I
- * Lawh-i Sayyah (The Tablet of the Traveler) or Surat al-Widad (The Surah of Love) II
- * Lawḥ-i tuqā : (The Tablet of the Fear of God)
- * The Lawh-i Sarraj [Siraj]
- * Lawh-i Nasir, The Tablet to Hajji Muhammad Nasir Qazvini
- * The Tablets of the Hair

The Scriptural Tablets for Pilgrimage to Shiraz and Baghdad:

- * Surat al-Hajj I (The Tablet of Pilgrimage) to the House of the Bab in Shiraz
- * Surat al-Hajj II (The Tablet of Pilgrimage) to the House of the Baha'-Allah in Baghdad
- * Lawh-i-Salman (Tablet of Salman) I
- * Lawh-i-Salman (Tablet of Salman) II
- * Commentary on Qur'ān 36:14a "And We strengthened [the two of] them with a third"
- * Lawḥ-i Qā'im (messianic Ariser) and Qayyūm (Deity Self-Subsistent)
- * Tablet of Bahā'-Allāh to `Abd al-Razzāq al-Kashānī, the Lawḥ-i qabl az Ādam (Tablet regarding the Pre-Islamic Era)

The West Gailean or `Akka = Acre period (1868-1892)

TO THE KINGS, RULERS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS (c.1867-1873)

Individually:

- * Lawḥ-i `Abd al-Azīz wa wukala (Tablet to `Abd al-Azīz and his ministers)
- * Lawh-i Nasir al-Din Shah
- * Tablets to `Ali Paşa [Pasha]
- * The Surat al-Ra'is or Tablet of the Premier (Chief)
- * Lawh-i [Keçecizade Mehmed] Fu'ad Pasha
- * Lawh-i Ra'is (Tablet to the Premier-Leader)
- * Lawh-i Pāp (Tablet to the Pope Pius IX)
- * Lawh-i Napuliyun I (The First Tablet to Napoleon III)
- * Lawh-i Napuliyun II (The Second Tablet to Napoleon III)
- * Lawḥ-i Malik-i Rūs. (The Tablet to the Czar of Russia)
- * Lawḥ-i Vikturiya (The Tablet to Queen Victoria)

Collectively :

- * Sūrat al-mulūk (The Surah of the Kings)
- * Surat al-haykal (Surah of the Temple)

THE NINETEEN APOSTLES

- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 1: Mirza Musa, brother of Baha'-Allah known as Aqa-yi Kalim

- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 2: Mirza Aqa Buzurg-i Nishapuri , entitled Badi`
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 3
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 4: Mulla Abu'l-Hasan Ardikani, known as (the second) Hajji Amin
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 5
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 6
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 7
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 8
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 9 = Muhammad Nabil-i Zarandī, entitled Nabil-i A`zam
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 10
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 11
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 12
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 13: Muhammad Kazim Qazvini, known as Kazim-i Samandar
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 14
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 15, Mirza Husayn Isfahani, entitled Mishkin Qalam
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 16
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 17
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 18
- * Alwah (Scriptural Tablets) of Baha'-Allah to Apostle 19

TO THE FOUR HANDS OF THE CAUSE OF GOD

Appointed by Baha'-Allah:

- (1) Hajji Mulla `Alí-Akbar (1842–1910), known as Hajji Akhund (The Pilgrim Cleric).
- (2) Hajji Mirza Muhammad-Taqi (d.1917), known as Ibn-i Abhar (The Son of Abhar).
- (3) Mirza Muhammad Hasan (1848–1919), known as Adib (The Cultured).
- (4) Mirza `Ali-Muhammad (d.1928), known as Ibn-i Asdaq (The Son of the Most Holy).

Appointed by `Abd al-Baha':

- (1) Aqa Muhammad-i Qa'ini (1829–1892), known as Nabil-i-Akbar
- (2) Mirza 'Alí Muhammad Varqa (d. 1896), the father of the child martyr Rúhu'lláh
- (3) Mullā Šādiq Muqaddas Khurāsānī (d. 1889), was entitled Ism-Allāh al-Asdaq
- (4) Shaykh Muhammad Rida'-yi Yazdi

FURTHER ALWAH OF BAHA'-ALLAH

- * Lawḥ-i qinā' (The Tablet of the Veil)
- * Lawh-i tibb (The Tablet of Medicine)
- * Asl-i hull al-khayr ('The Source of All Good'), The Words of Wisdom
- * Lawḥ-i Basīṭ al-Haqīqa (The Tablet about Uncompounded Reality)
- * Lawh-i ru'yā (The Tablet of the Vision)
- * Lawh-i zuhūr [1] (The Tablet regarding the divine theophany)
- * Lawḥ-i baqā' (The Tablet of Eternity)

* Lawḥ-i amvāj (The Tablet of the Waves)

THE KITAB-I AQDAS AND RELATED WRITINGS

* al-Kitāb al-aqdas = (Persian) Kitāb-i aqdas (The Most Holy Book)

* Lawḥ-i Hikmat (The Tablet of Wisdom)

* Lawḥ-i Maqsud (The Tablet for Maqsud)

* Lawḥ-i Tarazat (Ornaments)

* Lawḥ-i Tajalliyat (Effulgences)

* Lawḥ-i Burhan (The Tablet of the Proof)

* Surat al-Wafa' /Vafa (The Tablet of Fidelity)

* Lawḥ-i `Abd al-Wahhab

SCRIPTURAL TABLETS TO ZOROASTRIANS

* Hātaryā- Mānekjī Līmjī Hūshang - Lawḥ-i Mānekjī

* Lawḥ-i haft Pursish *Tablet of the Seven Questions)

SCRIPTURAL TABLETS TO JEWS

* Lawḥ-i ba`ath-i mūsā (A Tablet to Khalīl about the Call of Moses)

* The Ṣaḥīfat Allāh (The Scroll of God)

* Tablet to an Oriental Jew

* Further Scriptural Tablets of Baha'-Allah to Persian and other Middle Eastern Jews

* Lawḥ-i Jawhar-i Hamd (The Tablet of the Quintessence of Laudation)

SCRIPTURAL TABLETS (ALWAH) ADDRESSED TO CHRISTIANS

* The Tablet to the Priest of Istanbul or the `Tablet of the Son of Man' (Jesus)

* The Tablet of Baha'-Allah to Pope Pius IX

* Lawḥ-i Hartik (Scriptural Tablet to [Georg David] Hardegg)

* Lawḥ-i aqdas (Most Holy Tablet)

* Tablets to Fāris Effendi

* Lawḥ-i Karmil (Tablet of Carmel)

* Lawḥ-i Bisharat (Tablet of Glad-Tidings)

SCRIPTURAL WRITINGS RELATING TO BAHA'I HOLY DAYS

* Lawḥ-i mawlūd (The Tablet for the Birthday of the Bāb)

* Lawḥ-i milād (1) (The Tablet for the Birthday of Bahā'-Allāh)

SOME EXEGETICAL SCRIPTURAL WRITINGS OF VARIOUS DATES

* Tafsir Surat al-Shams (Commentary upon the Surah of the Sun, Q. 91)

* Lawḥ-i Ta`wil (The Tablet regarding Exegesis-Interpretation)

* Lawḥ-i Masjid al-Aqsā (Tablet interpreting the "Furthermost Mosque", Q. 17:1)

* Lawḥ-i Muhammad Ibrahim Khalil, Muballigh-i Shirazi

* Du`ā al-saḥar (Dawn Prayer) and the Greatest Name of God

* From a Tablet of Baha'u'llāh to Mīrzā `Abbās Āstarābadī

* A Tablet On the Night of Destiny (Laylat al-Qadr) and the Greatest Name of God (al-ism al-a`zam)

- * Lawh-i Hajji Mulla Hadi Qazvini with an explanation of the Hadith, "He who hath known himself hath indeed known his Lord"
- * The Sun of Reality (āftāb-i ḥaqīqī) is the Divine Word (kalimat-i ilāhī)
- * Lawh-i Liqa' (Tablet of the Meeting with God)

SELECT ZIYARAT-NAMA (VISITATION SUPPLICATIONS)

- * Ziyārat-namah of Baha'-Allah for Imam Husayn
- * Ziyārat-namah of Baha'-Allah for Ṭāhirih
- * Ziyārat-namah of Baha'-Allah for Hajji Mirza Sayyid Muhammad, Afnan Khal-i A`zam, uncle of the Bab
- * Ziyārat-nāmah of Baha'-Allah for Ḥajjī Shaykh Muhammad `Alī , entitled Nabīl ibn Nabīl

SELECT PRAYERS, DEVOTIONAL WRITINGS AND MEDITATIONS

of Bahā'-Allāh and `Abd al-Baha' - Various Datings

- * Translations of Devotional Writings from Arabic and Persian of Bahā'-Allāh and `Abd al-Baha'

Kitab-i `Ahd (The Book of the [My] Covenant)

Haykal - Writings of the Bāb

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The Arabic and Persian Writings of the Bab: Introductions, Notes, Studies and Translations

Bibliographies

- * An Episode in the Childhood of the Bab
- * The Evolving Claims and Titles of Sayyid `Ali Muhamad Shirazi, the Bab
- * From Alwāḥ to Ziyārā : The literaray forms and nature of the scriptural writings of the Bāb

THE EARLIEST WRITINGS (1844-1845)

- * Tafsir Sūrat al-Baqara (Q.2)
- * Qayyum al-asma' (Commentary on the Sura of Joseph, Q.12)

Select Tafsir and related Writings of the Bab

- * Tafsir Huruf al-basmala
- * Surat al-Ridwan
- * Tafsir wāw of wa'l-Sāffāt (Commentarty on the [letter] wāw of wa'l-saffāt (Q. 37:1a, The Surah of `Those [angels] arrayed in rows')
- * Lawh Maḥfūz ("The Preserved Tablet", Qur'an 85:22)
- * Sūrat al-Kawthar (Surah of the Abundance), Q. 108
- * Du`a-yi Alf (Supplication of Intimacy)
- * Bayān `Illat Taḥīrim wa Maḥarīm (on the Cause of things Forbidden and Permissible)

- * Tafsir Surat al-`Asr (Surah of the Afternoon), Q.103
- * Tafsir Sūrat al-Qadr [Laylat al-Qadr] Q. 97
- * Commentary on the āyāt al-nūr ('Verse of Light' - Qur'ān 24:35)
- * On the Mi'rāj (Night Journey) [cf. Qur'an 17:1f] in the Land of Şād (Isfahān)
- * Sahifa bayn al-haramayn (The Epistle [written] between the Twin Shrines)
- * Kitāb al-ruh (Book of the Spirit)
- * Risala Khasa'il-i sab`a (The Treatise of the Seven Directives)

THE `ULUM AL-GHAYB ("ESOTERIC SCIENCES"): TALISMANS, ALCHEMY AND JAFR, ETC.

- * Talismans and Amulets in the writings of the Bab
- * A short writing of the Bab on the Alchemical Elixir (al-iksir)

SOME EARLY KHUTBAS, LITERARY SERMONS-DISCOURSES OF THE BAB

- * Sharḥ al-Khuṭba al-Ṭutunjiyya
- * Two khuṭbas revealed in Bushire
- * Khuṭba revealed in Banakān
- * Khuṭba revealed in Kanakān
- * Khuṭba on the `Īd al-Fiṭr
- * fi'l-Masqat (Sermon at Muscat)
- * Khuṭba Jidda (The Sermon at Jeddah)
- * Khuṭba on the `ilm al-ḥuruf (The gnosis of the Letters)
- * Khuṭba on the sufferings of the Imam Husayn' (= Khuṭba fi'l safi)
- * Three khuṭbas revealed on the way to Mecca
- * Khuṭba for Mullā Ḥusayn revealed on board ship
- * A Khuṭba (Sermon) of the Bāb composed near Medina
- * Khuṭba revealed one stage from Medina
- * Two khuṭbas revealed near the staging-post of al-Safra
- * A Khuṭba written as a preface to the Tafsīr Sūrat al-kawthar
- * Khuṭba associated with the Tafsir Surat al-Baqara of the Bab
- * Khuṭba al-Jalīliyya (The Sermon of the Divine Majesty)
- * Khuṭba al-dhikriyya (The Sermon of the Remembrance)
- * Khuṭba al-dhikriyya ("The Sermon of the Remembrance)

SOME EARLY LETTERS OF THE BAB

- * Five addressed to Mullā Ḥusayn Bushrū'ī, the first of the `Letters of the Living'
- * Three addressed to Mīrzā Sayyid Ḥasan, the great Afnan and brother-in-law of the Bab
- * Kitāb al-`Ulamā' (Book of the Ulamā')
- * To Mullā Ḥasan Gawhar, a leading Shaykhī and early opponent of the Bāb
- * To the Ottoman Sulṭān `Abd al-Majīd
- * Letters to the Maternal uncle of the Bab, Ḥājī Mīrzā Sayyid `Alī
- * Two Letters to the Khadijah Bagum, the wife of the Bab

- * Three Tablets to the Sunni Ḥanbalī, Maghribī, and Ḥanafī Imāms
- * Tablet to the Kirmani Shaykhī leader Ḥājī Mirza Muhammad Karīm Khān Kīrmānī
- * Letter to Ḥājī Mullā Muhammad `Alī Barfurushi, Quddūs, the last `Letter of the Living'
- * Letter to Mina `Abd al-Bāqī Rashtī
- * Letter to Mīrzā Sayyid Ḥasan Khurāsānī
- * Letter to Shaykh Rafī`
- * Two Letters/Tablets to to Mullā Ṣādiq [Muqaddas] Khurāsānī
- * Letter to Muhammad Kāẓīm Khān
- * Letter to Shaykh Khalaf
- * Letter to Shaykh Sulaymān
- * Letter to Sharīf Sulaymān of Mecca
- * Letter to Sayyid Ibrahīm
- * Letter to Sayyid `Alī Kirmānī
- * Letter to Sulaymān Khān
- * An early Letter of the Bab to Muhammad Shah Qajar
- * Letter of the Bab to Abū al-Ṭhanā', Shihāb al-Dīn al-Ālūsī

Devotional Writings and Ziyārat-Nama ("Visiting Tablets")

- * Du`a-yi Ṣaḥīfa (The Supplication of the Scroll[s]) = Ṣaḥīfa-yi makhzūna ("The Treasured Scroll") = Ṣaḥīfa al-Ḥujjatiyya ("The Scroll of the Proof"). Consists of fourteen du`as ("supplications" or "prayers")
- * Ṣaḥīfa a`māl al-sana ("Treatise detailing the [Religio-Devotional] Acts of the Year")
- * Ten Prayers written in reply to questions
- * Ziyarat al-Zahra, the Tablet of Visitation for Fatima the Daughter of the Prophet Muhammad
- * Tasbih ("Glorificatory Doxology") of Fatima and the Commentary of the Bab thereon.
- * al-Ziyāra al-jāmi'a al-ṣaghīra (The Lesser Comprehensive Visiting Tablet)
- * al-Ziyārat jāmi`a al-kabīra (The Greater, Comprehensive Visiting Tablet)
- * The Ziyarat-Nama (Visitation Supplication) for Shaykh Aḥmad ibn Zayn al-Dīn al-Aḥsā'ī
- * Du`a al-Ḥājat
- * An Acrostic Supplication of the Bāb for the fulfillment of one's wishes
- * Du`a Tawassul (The Supplication of the Fervent Plea)
- * The reply of the Bab to Questions of Mirza Muhammad Zavarih [Zawara]
- * A Letter for Mīrzā `Ali Muhammad al-Mudhahhib (The Goldmith, Guilder) or Risala fi Du`ā al-sabāḥ
- * Jawāb al-masā'il : Replies to forty one Questions

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- * Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Jāriyya on the `ilm al-ghayb (Knowledge of the Unseen)
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- * Dar Jabr wa Tafwīḍ = "A Short Treatise of the Bab explaining the Ḥadīth of Imam Ja`far al-Ṣādiq that there is neither Jabr ("Foreordination") nor Tafwīḍ ("Freewill") for the matter is a situation (al-amr) betwixt two circumstances (al-amrayn).

- * Commentary of the Bab upon an Islamic form of the Delphic maxim
- * Tafsīr Ḥadīth `Man `arafa nafsa-hu fa-qad `arafa rabba-hu' ("Whoso knoweth his self assuredly knoweth his Lord")
- * Tafsīr Ḥadīth al-Ḥaqīqa I (Tradition Regarding Ultimate Reality)
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- * The Báb's Commentary on "Hidden Treasure"

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- * Tablet to the First Letter of the Living, Mullā Ḥusayn Bushrū'ī
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- * Letters to Manūchihr Khan Governor of Isfahan, Mu`tamid al-Dawla
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- * al-Lawāmi` al-Badī` (The Wondrous Brilliances)
- * Letter to /Tafsir for Mīrzā Ḥasan Waqāyī` Nigār
- * Ṣaḥīfa Ja`fariyya = Sharh Du`a al-Ghayba
- * Ṣaḥīfa`ayī `adliyya (Treatise on Justice)
- * Risāla Dhahabiyya (The Golden Treatise) for Mulla Jawād Viliyānī
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