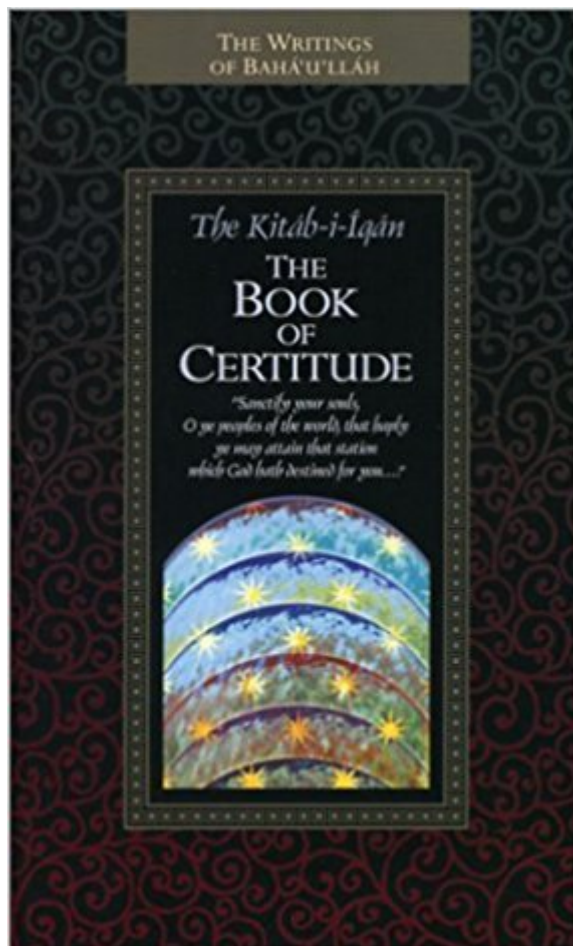


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The Kitab-i-Iqan Book Of Certitude



Synopsis

The Book of Certitude, by Bahá'u'lláh, author of the Bahá'í Revelation, is arguably one of the most important scriptural works in all of religious history. In it Baha'u'llah explains the underlying unity of the world's religions, describes the universality of the revelations humankind has received from the Prophets of God, explains their fundamental teachings, and elucidates allegorical passages from the New Testament and the Qur'an that have given rise to misunderstandings among religious leaders, practitioners, and the public. Written in the span of two days and two nights, The Book of Certitude is, in the words of its translator, Shoghi Effendi, the most important book written on the spiritual significance of the Bahá'í Faith.

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The Baha'i Faith was founded by Baha'u'llah ("glory of God"), a 19th-century Iranian spiritual leader whom Bahá'ís regard as the most recent in a line of great prophets stretching back to Abraham. Bahá'ís celebrate nine annual festivals, including the 12-day spring observance of Ridván (April 21-May 2), commemorating Baha'u'llah's mission on earth, and the Day of Ascension (May 29), marking the anniversary of his passing into immortality. This first-ever trade edition of Baha'u'llah's "Book of Certitude" offers the prolific author's account of the tenets of the faith and the universal mission of all religions. Bahá'u'llah describes the role of prophets throughout history and calls some of his contemporaries to task for promulgating false or self-serving views about religion. The closing pages discuss prophecies of a new age, drawing upon both Christian and Muslim hopes for

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A "unique repository of inestimable treasures" - Shoghi Effendi

I formally became a Baha'i as a teenager in 1973. In my more than forty years as a member of the Baha'i Faith, I have read 'The Kitab-i-Iqan: The Book of Certitude' more than a dozen times. It has been the theological foundation and textual wellspring of my spiritual life. I've read several of the world's Holy Books from cover to cover: the Bible, the Bhagavad-Gita, the Dhammapada, the Gathas, the Tao Te Ching; I've read portions of the Qur'an (which I hope to read the whole of in the relatively near future). I've also read multiple times the whole of the Baha'i sacred texts that have been translated into English. But the one book that stands as the most important book in my life has remained the Kitab-i-Iqan. This is because it is the most spiritually penetrating and illuminating book that I have ever had the privilege to read. The Kitab-i-Iqan, like all truly sacred texts, is a product of Divine Revelation. Baha'u'llah, the Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith, revealed all 290 paragraphs of this work in two days; this is an astounding feat for anyone, but Baha'u'llah is reported to have done so without forethought, planning, or reflection; the text flowed out of Him by means of the spirit of revelation. He revealed the Kitab-i-Iqan in answer to questions posed by a Muslim man, and so it is replete with quotes from the Qur'an and Hadith; it also spends quite a number of pages explaining the meaning of Matthew 24:29-31. The book is designed as an explanation of the true nature of religion, of revelation, and of the nature of the Prophet or Manifestation of God; and above all, Baha'u'llah alludes to the profound transcendence of God, the Unknowable Essence, which can only be known by means of the infinite attributes which come from God; and God can best be known as He is revealed in the person of the Manifestations of God, which include Krishna, Abraham, Moses, Zoroaster, the Buddha, Jesus Christ, Muhammad ... and most recently Baha'u'llah. One of the greatest lessons that I have learned from studying the Kitab-i-Iqan is that, though we can understand most of the verses of the world's Scriptures literally, all of the verses have a metaphorical aspect. In fact, the metaphorical component of sacred texts is the most important: that, by ignoring this aspect of sacred verses, we cut ourselves off from the greatest part of Divine Guidance. Arguably the greatest malady afflicting humanity today is materialism. It has infected all aspects of our lives, including our religious thinking; this is especially evidenced by the fact that most religious leaders insist on interpreting their sacred texts literally, and many insist that to do otherwise is to be guilty of heresy, even blasphemy. This mindset is the wellspring of the satanic spirit that has given rise to the religious intolerance that we today see growing to such

monstrous proportions in many places in the world; it is the hellish mainspring of that strain of fundamentalism that drives some to perpetrate those gross acts of brutality and savagery in the name of religion that have become so prominent these days, and which increasingly turn more and more people away from religion. In the Kitab-i-Iqan Baha'u'llah has provided the medicine that will cure humanity of these afflictive mindsets, but only if we ponder and reflect on His counsels. There's no better place to seek the answers we need than in the Kitab-i-Iqan.

Everyone should read Baha'u'llah.

That this 19th century man could have written such a masterpiece is nothing short of a miracle. In page after page, Baha'u'llah (the author) reveals where man has gone wrong in understanding God and His purpose. If you are looking for confirmation of what you already believe, this is not the book for you. Read the book of certitude only if you are ready to forget everything you have ever known about God and His religion. Read this if you are searching for the truth. I read wide-eyed late into the night, unable to put down the book. Eloquently the words flow like the notes in a symphony, resonating with my heart, shaking off a life-time of error and misinterpretation, and leaving me stunned and numb. No wonder he was banished and imprisoned. Every paragraph is another nail on the coffin of old and dogmatic religious belief. Expect to hear a lot of negative reviews from the religious organizations, but for God's sake read it for yourself.

This work answers many interfaith questions, particularly validating and supporting the differences between the older faiths, and providing a framework for understanding why those differences exist. The review of progressive spiritual / cultural change, set into context, provide a strong foundation for understanding other religions.

A tablet from Baha'u'llah's pen that is unmatched in Religious History. It explains fully how all religions are united under the One God. A must read to all people wanting to know the Truth of All Religions

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I've read this book many times from my youth into adulthood, and as the years go by, and my brain & heart mature, I learn new ways of being, new ways of understanding, how to think deeply, how to

live independently, free and be able to distinguish what is valuable and what isn't. This book guides and pushes the reader to grow, think, and feel deeper, and more profoundly. It presents concepts that are engaging & interesting. It explains mysteries that have baffled religious scholars for centuries, and unravels their intricate riddles, yet, at the same time, Baha'u'llah challenges the reader, nurtures, and encourages him to go beyond himself, to transcend his ordinary way of thinking, & to reach out to God with a sincere, true, yearning Faith that is the foundation & essence of all religious experience. There is nothing quite like this book. Nothing compares to it. It is the key to understanding the great and holy Bible and all the world's religions. I do not watch TV, or listen to the radio, and I fight mind-control. I am persecuted daily for my independence of mind & thought in America, persecuted in ways most would find hard to believe, but I would rather have a free mind and partake of the means to inner freedom & experience all that I do, than to be a slave to the boob-tube & a mental captive to the control Matrix.

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