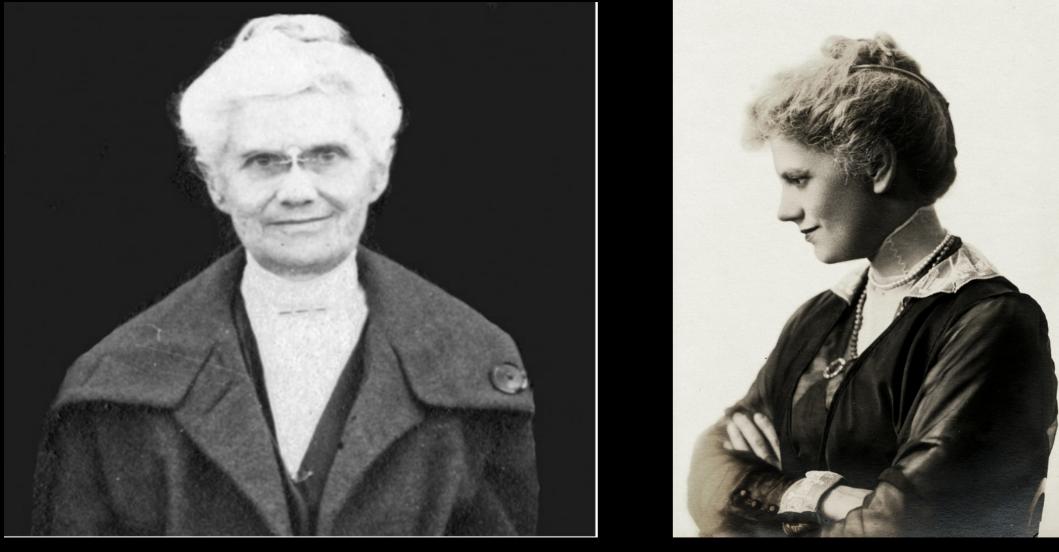
# Abdu'l-Bahá's Travels to the West

California, 1-8 October 1912 Stanford University Science and Religion

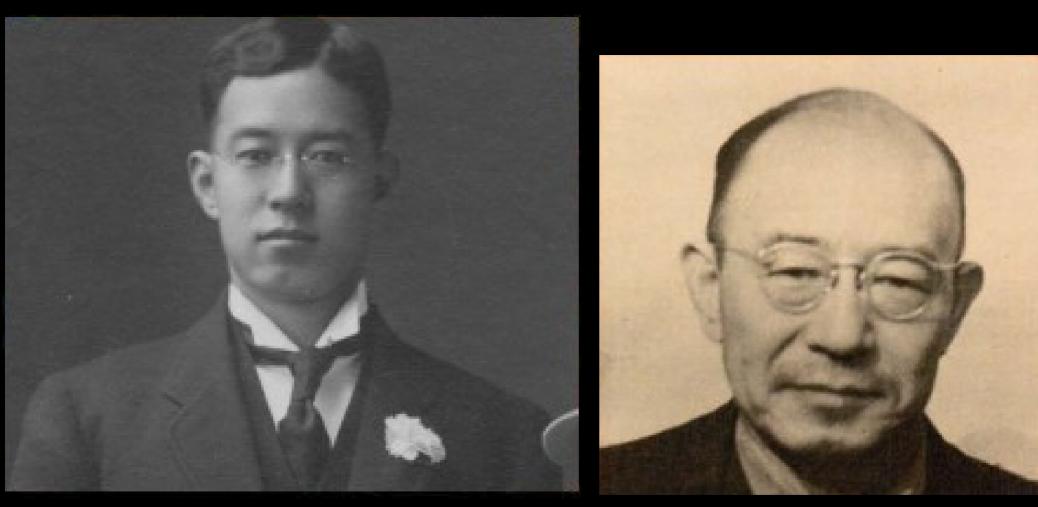
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## Arrival in California

'Abdu'l-Bahá arrived at midnight in San Francisco, where a house had been rented for him. On 2 October he met the Bahà'is in Oakland across the Bay at the home of Mrs. Helen Goodall, named by Shoghi Effendi a Disciple of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, and her daughter Ella Cooper, who had been on the first pilgrimage in 1898, and was named a Herald of the Covenant. The first Japanese Bahá'í, Kanichi Yamamoto, was Mrs. Goodall's butler.



### Helen Goodall and Ella Goodall Cooper



Kanichi Yamamoto, first Japanese Bahá'í Helen Goodall's butler





### Goodall home in Oakland



#### 'Abdu'l-Bahá at Goodall home in Oakland

## Hearts are connected

I have come from the Orient to the Occident - this vast distance I have crossed... simply to meet you... for the hearts are connected and the spirits are exhilarated... Praise be to God! We have assembled here, and the cause of our gathering here is the love of God

('Abdu'l-Bahá in Earl Redman, 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Their Midst, Oxford: George Ronald, 2011, p. 213)

## **Stanford University**

The President of Stanford University, Dr. David Starr Jordan, worked for world peace and was very attracted to the Bahá'í Faith. He visited 'Abdu'l-Bahá and invited Him to speak at the university. On 8 October the Master went to Palo Alto to speak at Stanford University about international peace and about science and religion. There were 1,800 students, 180 professors, many civic leaders and 30 school boys. After He spoke the whole audience rose and cheered Him.



#### 'Abdu'l-Bahá at Stanford University, 1912

The greatest attainment in the world of humanity has ever been scientific in nature. It is the discovery of the realities of things. Inasmuch as I find myself in the home of science – for this is one of the great universities of the country and well known abroad – I feel a keen sense of joy.

'Abdu'l-Bahá at Stanford 'University. California, 1912. Promulgation of Universal Peace, 110, p. 348

The highest praise is due to men who devote their energies to science, and the noblest center is a center wherein the sciences and arts are taught and studied.

'Abdu'l-Bahá at Stanford 'University. California, 1912. Promulgation of Universal Peace, 110, p. 348

Inasmuch as the fundamental principle of the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh is the oneness of the world of humanity, I will speak to you upon the intrinsic oneness of all phenomena.... Fundamentally all existing things pass through the same degrees and phases of development, and any given phenomenon embodies all others.

The elements and lower organisms are synchronized in the great plan of life. Shall man, infinitely above them in degree, be antagonistic and a destroyer of that perfection?

('Abdu'l-Bahá, talk at Leland Stanford Junior University, Palo Alto, California, 8 October 1912. *Promulgation of Universal Peace*. Wilmette, Bahá'í Publishing Trust, 1982. p. 350)

If the animals are savage and ferocious, it is simply a means for their subsistence and preservation.... When man is ferocious and cruel toward his fellowman, it is not for subsistence or safety. His motive is selfish advantage and wilful wrong.

('Abdu'l-Bahá, talk at Leland Stanford Junior University, Palo Alto, California, 8 October 1912. *Promulgation of Universal Peace*. Wilmette, Bahá'í Publishing Trust, 1982.) (Earl Redman, *'Abdu'l-Bahá in Their Midst*, Oxford: George Ronald, 2011, p. 219)



#### 'Abdu'l-Bahá at Stanford University, California, 1912

## Palo Altan

The local newspaper the *Palo Altan*, published a special 4-page edition on 1 November 1912 only about 'Abdu'l-Bahá with the texts of His talks.



THE PALO ALTO TRIBUNE IS MERGED WITH THE PALO ALTAN

#### Abdul Baha, the Bahai Prophet, Speaks at Stanford University

A great assembly of students and teachers crowd the auditorium to hear the Bahai Prophet of Persia expound the doctrine of a new day for Universal Brotherhood International Peace and Religious Unity

Oriental Savant with Entourage of Twenty-nine Persons Spent the Day at Stanford University and Are Entertained in Palo Alto

A crowded Assembly Hall, hold-, "For there is neither East nor West, ing nearly two thousand people, Border nor Breed nor Birth, awaited with eager expectancy the When two strong men stand face to

appearance last Tuesday morning, of Abdul Baha, Abbas Effendi, the world leader of the Bahai movement. The venerable prophet, with his long gray beard and Persian religion and Doctor Jordan carries sity of Illinois and also of Johns and recognized.

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Abdul Baha is revolutionizing the jah and Christ, are firmly established religion of Asia, bringing Moham-

Though they come from the ends of the earth."

cloak and turban, gave a true im- the message of science, both aiming pression of the reincarnation of the for one great result. As all men are Far Eastern prophet of old. He the children of one God so are they spoke in Persian, and his remarks all brothers and we are at the dawnwere translated by Dr. Ameen ing of a new day when the relation-Fareed, a graduate of the University ship of world fraternity will be seen

medans, Jews and Christians to-as great teachers who delivered the gether on the basis of the laws of message of God to the world. They Moses, which they all ratify. He lived and taught in one small counalready has a vast host of followers and has aroused great interest place of their nativity. In the case of by his present tour of America and Moses, who led the children of Israel A pilgrimage through England and journey in its day, would be a slight America undertaken by Abdul Baha migration in the modern sense of America undertaken by Abdul basis has created great interest in the Ba-people accustomed to traverse the globe. Our Savior lived and taught only in Paiestine. Yet with all, the home to thousands of people who are willing and eager to spread its benef-of two thousand parts in the stretch icent teachings. On this far western the presence of Abdul Baha, that he shore of America the seeds of peace is a living embodiment of the old patand welfare find fertile ground and riarchs and prophets. He has accom-



Abdul Bahe, - Whis Effendi

Sketch of the Life of Abbas Effendi the "Servant of God" Reprinted from the London Chronicle, Bahaism and its Prophet

quote Abbas Effendi's own com- | kind's unity with that One. That promands, amongst the purposes of the cess accomplished, the way for the Bahai are-

for that infinitive!) to speak one un- Valley of Contentment, wherein all kind word about another; even things are joyous and beautiful, and though that other be our enemy. To the mystic finds his reward of haprebuke those who speak to us of the piness. But there follows the Valley faults of others. \* \* To be truthful, of Astonishment or Perplexity, to be hopeful, to be reverent. To be wherein old appearances are seen as a cause of healing for every sick one; really they are, old ideas are cleared a pleasant water for every thirsty of their errors and prejudice and the one; a heavenly table for every hun- truth as it is recognized with such gry one; a guide for every seeker; amazement as the child would show rain for cultivation; a star to every had he the wit to wonder at the mirhorizon; a light for every lamp; a acles of life which succound him, to herald to every yearning one for the which we of older growth have bekingdom of God."

It is a condition of healthy-minded Lastly, we reach the Valley of Povself-abnegation. There is no enthusi- erty, wherein we recognize that all asm of asceticism, no flagellation or the earthly splendor, the tinsel, the self-torturing for the sake of the tufts, the glories, the honors, and the dreams to come; but a joyous and a ornaments of worldly fortune are serviceable seli-training to helpful- really an organized make-believe. ness and devotion. "Oh, God, protect Here, again, obviously, the spirit of me from myself!" is the Bahai's Bahai comes very close to that of

#### A Spiritual Pilgrimage.

But the Mystic Way is also to be Bahai movement are, doubtless, in trodden. This is illustrated by a pil- their details not new. They are, ingrimage Me Hammond proves an deed, older than the hills; ve, admirable gus. and exponent- their application to these noisy, tu-

time becomes lighter, and the feet "To never allow ourselves (alas, less weary. The traveler reaches the come blindly accustomed.

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The principles which govern the

through the Seven Valleys. How multuous times they are new enough. universal is that mystical number! The absolute coughty

#### 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Palo Alto, California, with local pastor

