

# Abdu'l-Bahá's Travels to the West

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*Bahá'í Principles*

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'Abdu'l-Bahá in London

# Another address in London

At the new **Theosophical Society** Headquarters on 30 September 1911, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá described the basic principles of the Bahá’í Faith.

*...Bahá’u’lláh, like a bright star, rose from the horizon of Persia and shone with the great Light of Guidance, giving heavenly radiance and establishing the new Teaching.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, p. 27)*



'Abdu'l-Bahá speaking in London

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

*Firstly: He lays stress on the search for Truth. This is most important, because the people are too easily led by tradition. It is because of this that they are often antagonistic to each other, and dispute with one another.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

***Secondly: Bahá'u'lláh taught the Oneness of humanity; that is to say, all the children of men are under the mercy of the Great God.... They are the branches, leaves, flowers and fruits of One Tree.***

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

*Man and woman both should be educated equally and equally regarded. It is racial, patriotic, religious and class prejudice, that has been the cause of the destruction of Humanity.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

*Thirdly: Bahá'u'lláh taught, that Religion is the chief foundation of Love and Unity and the cause of Oneness. If a religion become the cause of hatred and disharmony, it would be better that it should not exist.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*



# Discourse at Theosophical Society

***Fourthly: Religion and Science are intertwined with each other and cannot be separated. These are the two wings with which humanity must fly. One wing is not enough.***

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

*Every religion which does not concern itself with Science is mere tradition, and that is not the essential. Therefore science, education and civilization are most important necessities for the full religious life.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

*Fifthly: The Reality of the divine Religions is one, because the Reality is one and cannot be two. All the prophets are united in their message....*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

***Sixthly: Equality and Brotherhood must be established among all members of mankind. This is according to Justice. The general rights of mankind must be guarded and preserved.***

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

***Seventhly:*** *The arrangements of the circumstances of the people must be such that poverty shall disappear, and that every one as far as possible, according to his position and rank, shall be comfortable.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

*Whilst the nobles and others in high rank are in easy circumstances, the poor also should be able to get their daily food and not be brought to the extremities of hunger.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

***Eighthly:** Bahá'u'lláh declared the coming of the Most Great Peace. All the nations and peoples will come under the shadow of the Tent of the Great Peace and Harmony...*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

*...that is to say, by general election a Great Board of Arbitration shall be established, to settle all differences and quarrels between the Powers; so that disputes shall not end in war.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*



# Discourse at Theosophical Society

***Ninthly: Bahá'u'lláh taught that hearts must receive the Bounty of the Holy Spirit, so that Spiritual civilization may be established.***

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Discourse at Theosophical Society

*For material civilization is not adequate for the needs of mankind and cannot be the cause of its happiness. Material civilization is like the body and spiritual civilization is like the soul. Body without soul cannot live.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in London, pp. 27-30)*

# Meetings in London and Bristol

On 17 September He addressed the congregation of Saint John the Divine.

On 23-25 September he visited Bristol. He also made a visit to Oxford University.

On 1 October He returned to Bristol to perform a wedding.

On 3 October He left London for Paris, France



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