

Dimensions of the Nine Year Plan

The Nine Year Plan
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Learning about the Bahá'í Faith

Bahá'í Class - NineYearPlan2s

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The souls being raised up through the processes of the Plan are seeking to gain an ever deeper understanding of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings—"the sovereign remedy for every disease"—and to apply them to the needs of their society.

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They are committed to the prosperity of all, recognizing that the welfare of individuals rests in the welfare of society at large.

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They are focused on overcoming differences, harmonizing perspectives, and promoting the use of consultation for making decisions.

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They emphasize qualities and attitudes—such as trustworthiness, cooperation, and forbearance—that are building blocks of a stable social order.

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They champion rationality and science as essential for human progress.

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They advocate tolerance and understanding, and with the oneness of humanity uppermost in their minds, they view everyone as a potential partner to collaborate with, and they work to create harmony even among groups who may traditionally have been against one another.

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They are conscious of how the forces of materialism are at work around them, and their eyes are wide open to the many injustices in the world, yet they are equally clear sighted about the power of unity and humanity's capacity for altruism.

Teaching

An important dimension of this work is the capacity to engage in conversations on spiritual themes... meaningful conversations which awaken interest in the vision of the Faith and the Person of Bahá'u'lláh.

Teaching

Souls who have been given the blessing of faith have a natural wish to share this gift through conversations with relatives, friends, classmates, co-workers, and strangers, seeking in every place and at every moment a hearing ear.

Teaching

A nurturing environment is cultivated in which each individual is encouraged to progress at his or her own pace without the pressure of unreasonable expectations.

Social Action

The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh is concerned with the transformation of both humanity's inner life and the social environment in their community.

Social Action

The contribution made by Bahá'ís is to build capacity for service. It is an approach founded on faith in the ability of a population to take charge of their own development.



Villagers on Tanna, Vanuatu, cleaning up after Cyclone Pam

Social Action

Expansion and consolidation, social action, and contributing to prevalent discourses are dimensions of a single, unified, outward-looking effort carried out at the grassroots of society.

Social Action

Social action is being undertaken in a number of important fields, including the environment, agriculture, health, the arts, and particularly education.



Tanna, Vanuatu
Youth consulting with village chiefs about fishing reserves

Participation in Discourses

Closely connected with the capacity for engaging in social action is a capacity for contributing to the discourses of society.

Participation in Discourses

At heart, this is simply a capacity for participating in a conversation about a matter that affects people's lives and offering a perspective based on Bahá'í principles and Bahá'í experience.

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Viewed in this way, it is a skill which many Bahá'ís have the opportunity to practise almost daily, for instance in their studies or occupations, and which is cultivated through involvement in institute courses.

Participation in Discourses

In its more formal expression, it is central to the work of the Bahá'í International Community and national Offices of External Affairs.



Windsor Celebration 2009 – presentation of Bahá'í climate action plan



Windsor Celebration 2009



Bahá'í delegation at climate change COP26

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Social action and efforts to participate in the prevalent discourses of society have emerged not only in the context of growth, but also as a result of individual Bahá'ís trying to contribute to society's progress in ways available to them.

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As a personal response to Bahá'u'lláh's summons to work for the betterment of the world, believers have variously chosen to adopt certain occupations and have looked for opportunities to support the activities of like-minded groups and organizations.

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The Bahá'í Revelation is so vast that exploring it is a lifelong effort of every soul who wants to serve.

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The Bahá'í community will increasingly be called upon to explain its principles, and to demonstrate their application to the issues facing humanity.

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It will be up to the followers of Bahá'u'lláh to provide, in the world of ideas, the intellectual discipline and clear thought to match their commitment to spiritual and material progress in the world of deeds.

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The civilization of today, for all its material progress, has been found wanting, as Bahá'u'lláh wrote: “Know ye not that We have rolled up that which the people possessed, and have unfolded a new order in its place?”

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The establishment of Divine Civilization is, in the words of the Guardian, “the primary mission of the Bahá’í Faith”.

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It is to be built upon the most essential qualities, ones for which the world stands in great need: unity, trustworthiness, mutual support, collaboration, fellow feeling, selflessness, commitment to truth, a sense of responsibility, a desire to learn, the love of an all-embracing heart.



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