



# A PARTIAL INVENTORY OF THE WORKS OF THE CENTRAL FIGURES OF THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

WITH A SUBJECT CLASSIFICATION  
SCHEME FOR THE BAHÁ'Í WRITINGS

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### A SUBJECT CLASSIFICATION SCHEME FOR THE BAHÁ'Í WRITINGS: MAIN HEADINGS

*Questions of being*

#### I. Degrees and Conditions of Existence

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| A. God and the Realm of the Divine Will | METAPHYSICS,        |
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| C. Language, symbol and interpretation               | HERMENEUTICS            |
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| A. Beliefs and Dispensations of the past              | HISTORY,    |
| B. The Central Figures and events of their ministries | ESCHATOLOGY |
| C. Present and future order; crisis and victory       |             |



## SUBJECT CATEGORIES: MAIN HEADINGS AND SUB-HEADINGS

If quotations from one author dominate a category (>70%), this is indicated by ● for the Bab, ● for Baha'u'llah, and ● for Abdu'l-Baha.

### I.A. GOD AND THE REALM OF THE DIVINE WILL

- transcendence; unknowability of God
- absolute freedom; independence of God
- God's love for His own Essence
- self-description of God; God's self-remembrance
- God as immanent vs. transcendent reality
- God as personal vs. impersonal reality
- impossibility of true worship of God
- forgiveness; grace; bounty; mercy; compassion of God
- justice and wrath of God
- power and sovereignty of God; omnipotence of God
- God's knowledge
  - names and attributes of God
  - essential vs. actional attributes of God
  - divine attributes are within all things; every atom
- God's attributes require the existence of objects
- knowledge of attributes same as knowledge of God
  - God's oneness [ahadiyyih and wahidiyyih]
  - divine unity [tawhid] and degrees of unity
- proofs for the existence of God
  - eternal archetypes [a'yan-i-thabitah]
  - the divine emanation; the all-pervading bounty of God
  - holy and most holy outpouring [fayd-i-aqdas and fayd-i-muqaddas]
  - divine emanation is ceaseless/eternal
- emanation vs. manifestation
  - The Primal Will
  - Primal Will and the Word; Remembrance; Manifestation of God
  - The self-generation of the Primal Will
- The Holy Spirit

### I.B. THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD

- station of the Manifestation of God
- Greatest Name
- identity/relationship of Manifestation of God to God
- inability of the Manifestation/Prophet to comprehend God
- preexistence of the Manifestation of God
  - oneness or innumerability of the Manifestations of God
- differences between the Manifestations; station of distinction
  - twofold/threefold station of the Manifestation of God
  - Perfect Man [insan-i-kamil]
- power of the Manifestation of God
  - infallibility/sinlessness ['ismat]
  - obedience to/authority of the Manifestations of God
  - Manifestation of God as mediator
  - Manifestation of God as cause of creation
  - Manifestation of God as recipient of divine revelation; Holy Spirit
  - Manifestation of God the only route to knowledge of God

- presence [liqa'] of Manifestation of God is presence of God
- Manifestation of God speaking in the voice of Divinity
  - Manifestation of God as tree of life/sadratu'l-muntaha
  - Manifestation of God as sun
- Manifestation of God as mirror
- Manifestation of God as pen
  - Manifestation of God as gardener/cultivator
- Manifestation of God as divine physician
- Manifestation of God as educator
  - return of the Manifestations of God
  - categories of Prophets (major/minor/village)
  - innateness/early self-awareness of the Manifestations of God
  - essential distinction of Manifestation of God from others
- special knowledge of the Manifestation of God
  - lack of formal education of the Manifestation of God
- Manifestation of God does not act of own volition
- physical limitations of the Manifestation of God
- self-concealment of the Manifestation of God
  - sacrifice of the Manifestation of God redeems the world
  - proofs of the Manifestations of God

### I.C. METAPHYSICS AND NATURAL PHILOSOPHY

- divine philosophy and natural philosophy
- realms of being; three realms
- material and spiritual existence; two books
- arcs of ascent and descent
  - four/five pathways of love
  - creation of the world
  - eternality vs. origination; creation from nothingness
  - seven stages of creation
  - alteration of the divine will [bada]
  - purpose/goal of creation
  - continual renewal of creation
- existence and nonexistence; preexistence
  - unity of existence [wahdatu'l-wujud]
- necessary and possible being
- infinity and eternity
- nature and God's will
  - perfection/imperfection of nature
  - law of cause and effect
- law of transformation and change
- four causes
- matter; essence; substance and form
- elementary matter cannot be annihilated
- uncompounded reality [basitu'l-haqiqah]
  - four elements
- all things are in motion; kinds of motion
  - heat and motion

- one universal law; attractive power of love
- the animal kingdom
- celestial spheres [aflak]; planets; astronomy
  - ether/the phenomenon of light
- composition and decomposition
  - diversity an attribute/requirement of existence
  - pairs in creation; male and female; B and E; agent and patient
- things are known by their opposites
- cycles in the physical and spiritual worlds
- degrees of spirit and the kingdoms of existence
- passage of elementary matter through degrees of existence
- progress only takes place within its own degree
- higher encompasses the lower
- the lower is unable to comprehend the higher
- need for cooperation; solitary existence not possible
- competition vs. cooperation; the struggle for existence
- evolution; human evolution
  - man is the sum/pinnacle/fruit of creation
- man's distinction from the animal
- the human body
- teleology; goal-directed motion
- plenitude; the pervasiveness of life in the cosmos
- need for an educator
  - principle of balance/moderation/equilibrium
- interconnectedness; all things involved in all things; chain of being
- microcosm and macrocosm ['alam-i-akbar and 'alam-i-asghar]
- connection between material and spiritual worlds
- material world a reflection of the spiritual
  - essential/necessary relationships

#### I.D. SOUL, MIND, SPIRIT

- universal human capacity for spiritual recognition
- differences in human capacity
- the human soul
- human reality created in the image of God
- soul is the essential reality of man
  - immateriality/ineffability of soul/spirit
- origin of the soul; the soul as emanation
  - human soul as mirror; divine light, attributes within
- the human soul at midpoint of creation; the isthmus [barzakh]
  - realm of similitudes ['alam-i-mithal]
- relationship of the soul to the body
  - two aspects of the human soul; the higher and lower natures
  - two kinds of knowledge [ilm and irfan]; sight and insight
- intelligible vs. perceptible realities
  - existence; immortality of the human soul
  - proofs for the existence/immortality of the soul
  - soul/spirit after death
  - free will and predestination; fate
- theodicy; the mystery of evil; of suffering
  - mind as principle emanation/activity of the human spirit
- mind as intermediary between soul and body
- the mind's power of discovery
- power of the mind over nature
  - call to acquire knowledge/sciences
- limits of the intellect

#### II.A. KNOWLEDGE AND THE INVESTIGATION OF REALITY

- independent investigation of truth/reality
- harmony of science and religion
- four methods of acquiring knowledge
- interconnectedness of the teachings
- relativity of religious truth
  - relativity and complementary truths
- nonexistence of evil; relativity of good and evil

#### II.B. THE WORD OF GOD

- the Word of God; influence and centrality of procession/appearance of the Word from God
  - Word of God sanctified from time and place
- Word of God the cause of creation
- Word of God and human limitations
  - superiority/incomparability of the Word of God
- Word of God is its own standard
  - challenging nature/abstruseness of the Word of God
- corruption; misinterpretation of the Word of God

#### II.C. LANGUAGE, SYMBOL AND INTERPRETATION

- language and the structure of reality
  - limits of language
  - grammar and orthography
  - meanings of letters and numbers; jafr (gematria)
  - outward and inward meanings
  - multiple meanings/interpretations in scripture
- meaning; importance of dreams and visions
- accounts of dreams and visions
- interpretation of dreams and visions
- literal interpretation
  - interpretation of words and passages in scripture
- importance of authoritative interpretation
  - encouragement of individual understanding/interpretation
- miracles and their interpretation
  - symbolism
  - symbolism of color and light
- metallurgical metaphors
- spiritual warfare/struggle
- spiritual emotions and susceptibilities
  - alchemy; the elixir
- Crimson Ark; the Ark of God
  - angels
- the concourse on high
  - apocalyptic imagery
- mystery of the great reversal
  - four pillars
  - the cloud ['ama]
- ringstone symbol
  - Satan/the Evil One
  - fire and light; fire and water
- light and darkness
  - life and death

- nearness and remoteness
- belief and denial
- the ephemeral and the eternal
- the first and the last; the seen and the hidden

## II.D. SACRED WRITINGS: GENERAL THEMES; DISPOSITION OF

- modes/manner/speed/size of divine revelation
- praise and encouragement
- exhortations and counsels
- consolation and comfort
- call to action
- eulogies/reminiscences
- martyrs and martyrdom
- expressions of grief/lamentation/sadness
- suffering and imprisonment
- rejection, opposition and persecution
- chastisement and requital
- poems and quotation from poetry
- stories/anecdotes
- humor/jokes
- predictions and prophecies
- prophecy and fulfillment
- da'iras and haykals
- personal instructions
- business/financial/property matters
- acknowledgment of gift; of monetary contribution
- naming of children; of individuals
- permission for visit/pilgrimage
- proclamation to the people of the world
- proclamation of the Cause (general or uncategorized)
- proclamation to kings/rulers/prominent individuals
- proclamation to divines; to religious leaders
- proclamation to Jews
- proclamation to Christians
- proclamation to Muslims
- proclamation to people of the Bayan
- petitions to authorities
- authentication/disposition of the Sacred Writings
- collection/ordering of the Sacred Writings
- preservation/transcription of the Sacred Writings
- grammatical and other discrepancies in the Sacred Writings
- translation/publication of the Sacred Writings

## III.A. SPIRITUAL LIFE AND PRACTICE: IN RELATION TO SELF

- walking the spiritual path; spiritual wayfaring; the virtuous life
- characteristics and conduct of true believers
- condition of search
- knowledge of self
- effort/striving
- purity of heart/sincerity of intention/sanctity
- detachment/severance/renunciation/patience
- transience/worthlessness of the physical world
- worldliness vs. other-worldliness
- transcending the material condition

- composure/tranquillity/serenity
- cleanliness and refinement
- chastity and purity
- moderation; frugality; simplicity
- wisdom [hikmat]
- sacrifice of self; mystery of sacrifice
- courage
- meditation
- contemplation
- study/deepening
- importance of reading the Sacred Writings
- rational arguments
- bringing oneself to account each day
- order/organization/tact/deliberation [tadbir]
- self-improvement; self-perfection; discipline
- beauty/grace/aesthetics
- mindfulness; concentration; focus
- power of imagination/thought/right intention
- acquiescence and resignation; contentment
- humility/meekness/lowliness
- happiness; joyfulness; joy and sorrow
- development of capacity and readiness
- disregarding individual capacity/weakness
- disregarding bodily comfort
- fulfillment of true potential
- bringing forth results/fruit
- spirit of faith [ruh-i-'iman]
- power of faith; power of the spirit
- power of love
- second birth
- spiritual baptism
- spiritual transformation
- attainment to faith in the twinkling of an eye
- transmutation of the soul by the divine elixir
- attaining the life of the spirit
- the soul as soil; cultivation of the soul
- wine as symbol of spiritual transformation
- high station of the true believer
- degrees of faith/certitude
- the Kingdom of God [Malakut]
- spiritual foundations of true knowledge
- intuition/inspiration
- mysteries and their discovery; the mystical vision
- mystical themes
- inmost heart [fu'ad]
- evanescence and eternity; fana and baqa
- living waters; water of life
- recompense/reward for belief/right action
- heaven and paradise; heaven and hell

## III.B. SPIRITUAL LIFE AND PRACTICE: IN RELATION TO GOD

- love of God
- love as fire
- pain of love
- knowledge/recognition of God
- twin duties of recognition and obedience
  - rendering assistance to God/victory [nusrat]
- piety; righteousness; fear of God [taqwa]
  - thankfulness/gratitude
  - steadfastness/perseverance/faithfulness
- trust and reliance in God; turning to Him at all times
  - tests and trials; sacrifice and suffering
  - servitude/submission to God; repentance
- importance of prayer
  - power of prayer
- the state of prayer; dynamics of prayer
  - prayer for the Babis/people of the Bayan
  - prayer for assistance/intercession
- prayer for children and youth
  - prayer for tests and difficulties
- prayer for the departed
  - prayer for detachment
  - prayer for evening/night
- prayer for fasting
  - prayer for firmness in the Covenant
  - prayer for forgiveness
- prayer for justice and fairmindedness
  - prayer for gatherings/meetings/assemblies
  - prayer for governments and rulers
  - prayer for healing
- prayer for married couples
  - prayer for martyrs
  - prayer for morning
- prayer for nearness to God
  - prayer for opponents/enemies of the Faith
- prayer for parents
- prayer for peace and unity
  - prayer for pilgrims
- prayer for pioneers and travel teachers
  - prayer for praise and gratitude
  - prayer for protection
  - prayer for prosperity
  - prayer for purity/chastity
  - prayer for service
  - prayer for spiritual recognition
  - prayer for strength
- prayer for sacrifice
  - prayer for specific individuals/groups
- prayer for the spiritual progress of others
  - prayer for steadfastness/obedience
- prayer to be recited at table
  - prayer for teaching
  - prayer for unity
- prayer for victory and requital; triumph of the Cause
- prayer for women

- prayers (general or uncategorized)
- visitation Tablets
- presence of/reunion with God
- nearness to God
- attaining good pleasure of God
- divine grace, bounty, confirmations; spiritual capacity
- many are called but few are chosen

## III.C. SPIRITUAL LIFE AND PRACTICE: IN RELATION TO OTHERS

- the golden rule; regard for one's neighbor; doing unto others
  - consorting with all; being kind/loving to all
- love and unity
- radiant countenance; bearing the divine fragrance
  - being a source of light/guidance
- service to others; to the Cause of God
  - serving humanity; working for progress; betterment of the world
- loving one's enemies; returning hatred with love
- forgiveness; a sin-covering eye; patience and forbearance
- spiritual communication; connections of the heart
- the power of example
  - courtesy/culture [adab]
- hospitality
  - compassion/kindness
- generosity [kirama]
  - honesty/truthfulness/trustworthiness
  - fairmindedness/personal justice [insaf]
  - goodly deeds/actions
- words vs deeds
  - the power of words; of speech
  - silence; fewness of words
  - useful occupation; acquisition of a craft/trade/profession
  - work as worship
- excellence; distinction
  - assistance to the poor and lowly/the orphan/the sick
- kindness to and rights of animals
- teaching the Cause; call to teach
  - spiritual prerequisites of teaching the Cause
- methods of teaching the Cause
- high station of teachers of the Cause
  - exalting the Word of God in teaching the Cause
- priority over other activities in teaching the Cause
- fewness of numbers not regarded in teaching the Cause
  - power/influence of a single soul in teaching the Cause
- teaching one's self first in teaching the Cause
- the state of enkindlement in teaching
  - being a channel for the Holy Spirit in teaching the Cause
- being a source of living waters in teaching the Cause
- pure intentions in teaching the Cause
- genuine love and affection in teaching the Cause
- zeal and fervor in teaching the Cause
  - devotion/sacrifice/consecration in teaching the Cause
  - kindliness/humility/self-effacement in teaching the Cause
  - confidence/courage/faith in teaching the Cause
  - detachment in teaching the Cause
- disregarding own capacity in teaching the Cause
- loving community spirit in teaching the Cause
  - regarding the receptivity of the hearer in teaching the Cause

- scarcity of receptive souls
- pioneering/travel teaching
- confirmations and rewards in teaching the Cause

#### IV.A. RELIGION AND THE COVENANT

- religion as reality; definitions of religion
- oneness/unity of religion
- progressive revelation; renewal of religion
- the truth of past religions and sacred scriptures
- definitions of a Baha'i; qualities of a Baha'i
- universality of the Cause
- purpose of religion in the world (personal and social)
- mission of the Manifestation of God in the world
- changing and unchanging parts of religion
- love as fundamental; spiritual foundations of religion
- religion as source of love and unity
- religion as basis of morality; of divine civilization
- religion as source/stimulus of knowledge and science
- power; greatness; centrality of the Covenant
- firmness in the Covenant
- role of the Covenant in preserving unity
- primordial Covenant; the day of alast
- Covenant-breaking and Covenant-breakers
- avoidance of Covenant-Breakers

#### IV.B. LAWS AND ORDINANCES

- laws of God; of the Kitab-i-Aqdas
- law of obligatory prayer
- law of repetition/recitation of the Greatest Name
- law of fasting
- laws of marriage and dowry
- law of divorce
- law of inheritance
- law of burial and cremation
- law of pilgrimage
- law of Huququ'llah

#### IV.C. PROHIBITIONS AND ADMONITIONS

- alcohol and drugs; tobacco; opium
- begging; mendicancy; idleness and sloth
- bribery and corruption
- birth control; preventing procreation
- confession of sins
- contention and conflict
- dissimulation [taqiyyih]; concealment or denial of Faith
- destruction of books
- superstition
- demons and evil spirits
- astrology and numerology
- occult sciences/psychic phenomena
- reincarnation
- pantheism
- idolatry

anthropomorphism  
empty learning; false spirituality

- original sin
- false claims to divine revelation or spiritual stations
- fanaticism and hatred
- fellowship with the wayward and ungodly
- greed/envy/covetousness/attachment to the world
- gambling and games of chance
- holy war [jihad]; violence in the name of God
- hypocrisy
- idle talk/backbiting/speaking ill of others
- blind imitation [taqlid]
- idle fancies; lust and passion
- lying and deceit
- monasticism; asceticism
- murder; causing physical harm
- prejudice; racial prejudice; class distinction
- priestcraft
- pride; vanity; laying claim to inner knowledge
- testing God
- saddening another soul
- secret societies
- rebellion and sedition; disobedience
- religious rituals minimized or eliminated
- selfishness/self-love/egotism/self-indulgence
- slavery
- suicide
- smoking
- theft; seizing the properties of others
- unchastity and adultery

#### IV.D. SOCIAL TEACHINGS

- lists/enumerations of Baha'i principles
- unity; oneness of humanity
- love, unity, and fellowship among the friends; in the Cause
- call to unity; prohibition of disunity
- unity in diversity
- unity of thought and belief
- diversity of thought and belief
- equality of men and women
- role and station of women
- universal language
- race unity; racial issues
- marriage as means of spiritual progress
- parents and children; families
- rights of the eldest son; primogeniture
- education of children; moral education
- universal education
- education and the development of capacity
- high station of learning
- high station of the arts and sciences
- educational curricula
- charitable associations; humanitarian activities
- conduct in finance and business
- status of material wealth; wealth and poverty
- wealth inequality and its moderation



- music and singing  
literature/drama/humanities/the arts
- creativity in art
- photographs and recordings
- maintainance of degrees in society
- non-participation in politics  
true liberty/freedom  
justice ['adl]; social justice and divine justice
- justice and mercy
- health and healing; material and spiritual healing
- consumption of meat; vegetarianism; diet
- newspapers and the media; publications
- agriculture

#### IV.E. THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND THE BAHÁ'Í COMMUNITY

- Twin pillars; interpretation and legislation
- House of Justice
- Shoghi Effendi and the Guardianship  
Hands of the Cause
- spiritual assemblies; administrative matters
- elections  
consultation
- review of publications
- criticism and its limits
- spirit and form in the administration
- freedom of thought and action  
spiritual meetings/gatherings; devotional gatherings; feasts
- importance of community building
- Nineteen-Day Feast
- House of Worship [Mashriqu'l-Adhkar]
- Holy Days and the Baha'i calendar
- Shrines and Holy places
- day of rest

#### V.A. BELIEFS AND DISPENSATIONS OF THE PAST

- historical episodes and the lessons of the past
- Greek philosophers; Greek civilization  
Hermes/Balinas
- Zoroastrianism; Mahabad and Zoroaster
- Buddhism and Hinduism; religions of the East
- Judaism; the Torah; the Jewish people
- Adam; Adam and Eve  
Abraham/Isaac/Ishmael  
Noah  
Moses  
Mosaic imagery
- John the Baptist
- Christ; Christianity
- Christian doctrine and practice
- quotation from or interpretation of the Bible  
birth of Christ; purity/virginity of Mary
- suffering; rejection of Christ  
crucifixion/ascension of Christ
- resurrection of Christ
- Judas
- Mary Magdalene

- Saint Peter and Saint Paul
- the cross and the trinity
- return of Christ; second coming of Christ  
apostles/early disciples of Christ
- early Christian persecutions; the Pharisees
- the Christian clergy  
Christian rejection of Baha'u'llah and the Baha'i Faith  
Muhammad; Islam  
rejection of Muhammad  
family of Muhammad; early figures in Islam
- episodes from the early history of Islam  
Qur'an and Hadith quotation and interpretation  
day of Resurrection/Judgement
- Islamic laws and jurisprudence  
Islamic rituals/holy days/practices/etc.
- the Imamate; the Caliphate
- Imam 'Ali  
Imam Husayn  
the Twelfth Imam; the Qa'im
- Night of Power (Laylat al-Qadr)  
pilgrimage [Hajj] in Islam  
imagery in the Qur'an
- veiling [hijab]  
Jabulqa and Jabarsa  
Seal of the Prophets
- corruption and decline of Islam; of the Shi'ih  
Shaykhis
- Theosophy

#### V.B. THE CENTRAL FIGURES; EVENTS OF THEIR MINISTRIES

- twin Manifestations
- the Bab/the Primal Point; station and claims of the Bab
- events in the life and ministry of the Bab
- Declaration/advent of the Bab
- the Bayan, its laws and their abrogation
- conference of Badasht
- martyrdom of the Bab  
sacred remains/burial of the Bab  
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incarceration of Baha'u'llah in Siyah Chal
- banishments of Baha'u'llah  
banishment to; life in Baghdad
- Baha'u'llah in Sulaymaniyyih
- Declaration of Baha'u'llah  
banishment to; life in Constantinople  
banishment to; life in Adrianople  
rebellion and misdeeds of Mirza Yahya; the Azalis
- rejection by the people of the Bayan  
banishment to; life in 'Akka
- Mount Carmel
- Ascension of Baha'u'llah  
station/mission/authority of Abdu'l-Baha

- autobiographical account/narrative of Abdu'l-Baha
- youth and pre-ministry of Abdu'l-Baha
- Ottoman commissions of investigation
- constitutional revolution in Iran
- travels to Egypt by Abdu'l-Baha
- travels to the West by Abdu'l-Baha

#### V.C. PRESENT AND FUTURE WORLD ORDER; CRISIS AND VICTORY

- two kinds of civilization; material and spiritual civilization
- progress and the continual ascent of material civilization
- materialism; material vs. spiritual civilization
- East and West; communication between East and West
  - praise of Western values/culture
  - critique of Western values/culture
  - praise of Eastern values/culture
  - critique of Eastern values/culture
- forces of light and darkness; integration and disintegration
- war and peace
- present and future calamities; war; universal convulsion
- corruption and renewal; abandoning religious dogmas
- heedlessness and ignorance of the people
  - greatness and influence of the Cause; of this Day
- spiritual springtime
- teachings as spirit of the age
- defending the Faith; protecting the Cause; apologetics
- growth of the Cause
- growth and progress is gradual and according to capacity
- entry by troops

- principles of the Faith adopted democratically; not imposed
- universal peace; world unity
- the Lesser Peace and the Most Great Peace
  - acting according to the exigencies of the day; pragmatism
- unity of governments; political unity
- means of establishment of future civilization
- present and future expansion of arts and sciences; of technology
- spiritualization of humanity in the future; a new race of men
  - coming-of-age/maturity of mankind
  - critiques of capitalism, communism, socialism
- labor and management; labor relations; profit sharing
- the economic problem and its solution; voluntary giving
- promotion of commerce and industry
- relationship between government and people
- obedience to and respect for government authority
- reward and punishment
- nationalism; love of country
- status of kings; future of monarchy
- parliaments; constitutional government
- executive government; power of execution
  - church and state in the future
- civil courts
- supreme tribunal
  - past, present and future of Iran
- future of Haifa; of the Holy Land
- the Adamic cycle and the Baha'i cycle
  - duration of the Baha'i cycle; future divine revelations

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## TOP CATEGORIES, BY QUOTATION COUNT

As identified by a Claude 3.5 Sonnet analysis of over 27,000 machine translated writings and utterances of Baha'u'llah, the Bab and 'Abdu'l-Baha

Subject category	#		
praise and encouragement	6412	power of prayer	518
steadfastness; perseverance; faithfulness	4459	stories; anecdotes	502
power and sovereignty of God; omnipotence of God	4038	business; financial; property matters	498
teaching the Cause; call to teach	3727	prayer for steadfastness; obedience	492
spiritual transformation	3623	education of children; moral education	475
the Word of God; influence and centrality of	3173	Manifestation of God speaking in the voice of Divinity	458
suffering and imprisonment	3039	permission for visit; pilgrimage	448
rejection, opposition and persecution	3003	soul; spirit after death	438
divine grace, bounty, confirmations; spiritual capacity	2945	prayer for nearness to God	427
detachment; severance; renunciation; patience	2913	sacrifice of self; mystery of sacrifice	427
transcendence; unknowability of God	2186	prayer for forgiveness	411
call to action	2153	characteristics and conduct of true believers	408
consolation and comfort	2027	power of the Manifestation of God	407
tests and trials; sacrifice and suffering	1923	justice and wrath of God	378
spiritual emotions and susceptibilities	1833	the power of words; of speech	376
service to others; to the Cause of God	1731	House of Worship [Mashriqu'l-Adhkar]	376
expressions of grief; lamentation; sadness	1652	prayer for the spiritual progress of others	365
forgiveness; grace; bounty; mercy; compassion of God	1626	spiritual communication; connections of the heart	356
love of God	1428	the divine emanation; the all-pervading bounty of God	353
acknowledgment of gift; of monetary contribution	1395	symbolism	352
unity; oneness of humanity	1343	rejection by the people of the Bayan	351
martyrs and martyrdom	1321	worldliness vs. other-worldliness	338
chastisement and requital	1315	love and unity	337
transience; worthlessness of the physical world	1297	prayer for the departed	336
firmness in the Covenant	1289	Holy Spirit	332
walking the spiritual path; spiritual wayfaring; the virtuous life	1192	Manifestation of God as sun	317
prayer for spiritual recognition	1152	mysteries and their discovery; the mystical vision	315
Covenant-breaking and Covenant-breakers	1075	serving humanity; working for progress; betterment of the world	310
spiritual prerequisites of teaching the Cause	981	prayers (general or uncategorized)	303
greatness and influence of the Cause; of this Day	960	universal peace; world unity	295
knowledge; recognition of God	921	forces of light and darkness; integration and disintegration	289
thankfulness; gratitude	907	proofs of the Manifestations of God	278
spiritual meetings; gatherings; devotional gatherings; feasts	843	oneness; unity of religion	278
servitude; submission to God; repentance	831	interpretation of words and passages in scripture	276
wisdom [hikmat]	795	unity in diversity	268
growth of the Cause	767	high station of the true believer	263
personal instructions	754	presence of; reunion with God	262
power; greatness; centrality of the Covenant	693	Shrines and Holy places	257
love, unity, and fellowship among the friends; in the Cause	684	divine unity [tawhid] and degrees of unity	256
prayer for specific individuals; groups	667	being a source of light; guidance	255
trust and reliance in God; turning to Him at all times	655	station; mission; authority of Abdu'l-Baha	247
eulogies; reminiscences	652	review of publications	245
prophecy and fulfillment	638	wine as symbol of spiritual transformation	240
heedlessness and ignorance of the people	625	progressive revelation; renewal of religion	239
station of the Manifestation of God	623	honesty; truthfulness; trustworthiness	233
prayer for protection	536	travels to the West by Abdu'l-Baha	231
exhortations and counsels	524	living waters; water of life	228
predictions and prophecies	522	purity of heart; sincerity of intention; sanctity	227
humility; meekness; lowliness	519	material and spiritual existence; two books	222
		suffering; rejection of Christ	220

## COLOR SCHEME FOR SUBJECT CLASSIFICATION

The color scheme was inspired by a verse of the Qur'an referenced in the Four Valleys: "We will show them Our signs in the world and within themselves, until it become plain to them that it is the Truth (al-Haqq)." Accordingly, the 19 super-categories were arranged around a color wheel roughly recapitulating the arcs of descent and ascent (running counter-clockwise). Super-categories relating to the True One (al-Haqq) are in shades of purple, those relating to the world in shades of green, those relating to the human soul in shades of blue, and those relating to the Manifestation in red, while those denoting aspects of religion and historical contingency are in brown trending towards orange and yellow. Thus by glancing at the colors in an inventory entry one may arrive at a rough idea of its general theme.

