

# The BAHÁ'Í Connection

The Newsletter for the Bahá'ís of Southeastern Colorado

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## District Convention Correction

It seems lots of misinformation. So the final and official date is: **Sunday Oct. 6, at UCCS**. Registration: 8:30-10:00. Convention 10 - 4:00. Book Sales Available.

## GAZETTE TELEGRAPH writes article about Institute to Create Patterns of Unity

Anne Windishar, a reporter for the Gazette, attended a public meeting sponsored by the Institute to hear our guest speaker and learn about our mission. Her, Sept. 20, article has stimulated several folks to call in regards to the joining the institute and information concerning the Bahá'í Faith.

The guest speaker was psychologist Pam Shipp. Her talk concerned the less apparent forms of racism. She spoke about the insidious dangers of assimilation and she illustrated how to decrease our apprehensions in regard to differences.

## Deepening Committee Provides Vigorous Classes

Colorado Springs- The deepening committee has presented the community with some power hitters when it comes to learning more about our faith. On page 2 is an expanded schedule for the adult Sunday Classes. Please see article Coming Attractions Sunday Classes.

For those of us who may feel limited in our previous formal education can find some hope in the following quotation. I know that it has restored some confidence in myself.

**"There is a tradition in Islam which Bahá'u'lláh confirms in the Kitab-i-Iqán, stating that 'knowledge is a light which God sheddeth into the heart of whomsoever He willeth.' This is a knowledge which wells out of the believer and is independent of academic learning."**

The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh  
vol. IV, p. 213

## NSA requests Growth Goals

Colorado Springs 25%  
El Paso County East 33%  
Pueblo ?  
Manitou Springs ?  
How are we doing? Hmmm

## Calendar of Events

### Colorado Springs

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7:15 pm at PPMHC  
Host: Kevin and Camille Losey

### Holy Day Birth of the Báb

Sunday, Oct. 20, 10 am to 6 pm  
Potluck at Bear Creek Park, pavilion #4  
2:00-2:30 Program by youth and children  
2:30-3:00 Carol Brooks

Sunday, Nov. 3, 7:15 pm at PPMHC  
Host: Tom and Mary Ann Tamaddoni

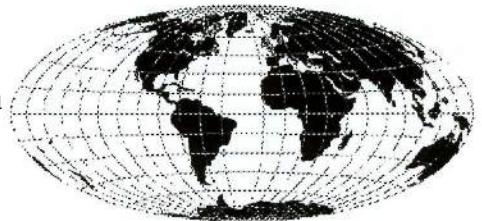
### El Paso County

Tuesday, Oct 15, 7:00  
Host: David and Tammy King  
**Manitou Springs No report**  
**Pueblo No Report**

## EVENTS FOR EVERYONE

Sunday, Oct. 6 District Convention  
UCCS, Colorado Springs

Sat. Oct. 12  
United Nations  
Day at Manitou  
City Hall, 7:00  
Aztec, African,  
Scandinavian,  
Square Dance



This is the 6th Year that Bahá'ís have sponsored this event. Help needed with International desserts call Maria Stamats, 392-6472.

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### Firesides

Wed - Co. Spgs.	Rickert 260-7732
Friday - Co. Spgs.	Afnani 590-7049
Sunday - Co. Spgs.	Ostovar 596-3966
Friday - El Paso Co.	Rouhani 392-6472

### Looking for Storage

Call Gary Gillam H/471-8216 W/473-8050 if you can store the 4ft. diameter globe used in parades.

## Bahá'ís are Appearing in the Fine and Performing Arts

Fritz Mann is having a show of his "outstanding" (quote from a Baha'í) paintings at the Sangre de Cristo Fine Art Center in Pueblo until October 6. Fritz has always shown the greatest in techniques coupled with an extraordinary imagination. The paintings have many references to the Baha'í Faith, some are not readily apparent, while many are. This is a must see show.

Bill Cann, a musician, is appearing regularly with a blues band, "Gordon, Stone and Wise". Bill plays the Blues harmonica and trumpet in the mostly traditional style of blues with some modern blues techniques. Here is a list of his rather busy schedule at least for the next month: The Hatch Cover, 252 E. Cheyenne Mtn. Blvd., every Wednesday evening 8:30-12:30 through end of October or Beckell's Brew House & Restaurant 128 S. Tejon, Oct. 10, 11 & 12 8-12 pm or Poor Richard's 324 1/2 N. Tejon, Oct 18, 19 8-12 pm. A very busy schedule that in and of its self says this group is well liked, Call Bill at 596-5631, if you would like to go on his mailing list.

## Youth, Come One, Come All

The Cann Family is hosting youth socials at their home every other Friday night. Bahá'ís and their friends are welcome to come to 4810 Templeton Park Circle Apt. 44, Colorado Springs, CO 80917 across from Doherty High School.

Obviously the Cann family does not feel busy enough, so they are, with Julie Redson-Smith, organizing a Youth Dance Workshop for youth 13 and up to both Bahá'í and non Bahá'í alike.. This program is modeled somewhat after programs held at Maxwell Bahá'í School. Their first meeting should be September 28, after Sunday class and then Saturday Mornings. For up to Date Info Call 596-5631!

## Colorado Springs Lending Library, Lending

The Colorado Springs lending library is now open at the home of Jenina Barnes. The library includes many old volumes dating back to 1893. It includes Bahá'í magazines dating back to Vol. VI, No. 1 (March 21, 1915) of Star of the West. It includes extensive reference materials as well as slides from the 1963 World Congress, the Holy Land and other Bahá'í places and events. Very old volumes and reference materials will not be checked out, but there is plenty of space to sit and do research. Anyone wishing to use the reference library or to check out more recent titles, please call Janina at 598-4806.

There are many titles still missing. Please check your Bahá'í books. If you have any titles which belong to the Bahá'í lending library, call Janina and make arrangements to return them. Thanks!

## Quotes of the Month

Memorization brings to some a yeechy feeling, (Fourscore and ???) until you become one who has mastered some memorizations and then they seem to grow on you. Americans over the past few decades have gotten away from memorizing and more is the pity. There are and will be many times in many places where pulling from memory some specific phrase or prayer can quell anxiety or bring joy. Therefore in the spirit of memorizing and all its attendant benefits here two quotes brought forth from the Colorado Springs Education Committee.

**Teach unto your children the words that have been sent down from God, that they may recite them in the sweetest of tones. This standeth revealed in a mighty Book.**

Kitab-i-Aqdas

**The sanctified souls should ponder and meditate in their hearts regarding the method of teaching. From the texts of the wondrous, heavenly Scriptures they should memorize phrases and passages bearing on various instances, so that in the course of their speech they may recite divine verses whenever the occasion demandeth it, inasmuch as these holy verses are the most potent elixir, the greatest and mightiest talisman.**

Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh

## Coming Attractions at Sunday Class Colorado Springs

### October 13

Topic: To be announced

Speaker: Mr. Carl Ewing, Auxiliary Board Member for Protection

### October 20: No Sunday Class

- HOLY DAY - *Birth of the Báb*

### October 27:

Topic: Recap/Discussion. This session will review highlights of previous classes and address questions raised during those sessions. It will also address an article from the most recent American Bahá'í.

Facilitator: Dr. Jamsheed Samandari

### November 3:

Topic: The Most Great Challenge

Speaker: Carol Brooks, Auxiliary Board member for Propagation (Teaching)

**Special Note:** Due to the importance of this topic, a special, extended session has been planned.

Following the regular Sunday morning class, a potluck lunch will be shared. The afternoon will continue (for Bahá'ís only) with an in depth workshop until 3:00 pm. Videos and supervised play will be provided for the children.



# Esperanto continued from August issue

## Pronunciation.

Esperanto pronunciation is relatively simple, though there are some sounds that do not occur often in English (then of course, the TH sound we know and love does not occur in Japanese).

The Esperanto alphabet has 28 letters, most of which are pronounced like their English counterparts.

- A as in father (ah...like the French La)
- B as in english
- C t his is tricky...like ts, as in hot sun , but run together. try it a couple of times ts ts ts you'll get the hang of it.
- Ĉ as the English CH in CHurCH.
- D as in English
- E as in bet. (eh. NEVER as in here or the)
- F as in English
- G as in get. NEVER as in gem.
- A as in gem.
- H as in English
- A as the ch in the scottish loCH (also the German ch)  
*Don't worry, few words use this one.*
- I as the ie in niece. NEVER as in mile
- J as the English Y or the German J
- A as the s in pleasure. (zh) also, the french j in je.
- K as in English
- L as in English
- M as in English
- N as in English
- O as in november .... but do not put the w sound after it!  
*All Esperanto vowels are pure.*
- P as in English
- R as in English, but trilled, if you can.
- S as in sun, NEVER like a z
- Ŝ as the sh in SHip.
- T as in English
- U as the oo in Moose (not for you native South Carolinians who make the word root sound like rook).  
Say it like the oo in tool.
- Ĉ this one is actually a consonant. It is like the W in way.
- V as in English.
- Z as in Zoo.

Now we can practise the pronunciation by learning the numbers.

1 unu (oo-noo)	6 ses
2 du (doo)	7 sep
3 tri (tree)	8 ok
4 kvar	9 nae (now)
5 kvin (kveen)	10 dek
100 cent (tsent)	1000 mil (meel)

You can form all other numbers below  $1 \cdot 10^6$  (1 000 000) with simple juxtaposition. Eleven is simply "ten and one", but we leave out the "and" (as in English we are supposed to say "one hundred one" not "one hundred and one") and say "ten one"

- 11 dek unu
- 12 dek du
- 13 dek tri (notice...two words)
- 14 dek kvar .... 19 dek nae
- 20 dudek (one word)
- 21 dudek unu
- 22 dudek du ... 29 dudek nae
- 30 tridek; 40 kvardek; 50 kvindek; 60 sesdek; 70 sepdek;
- 80 okdek; 90 naedek; 99 naedek nae;
- 100 cent
- 101 cent unu
- 132 cent tridek du
- 200 ducent (one word)

365 tricent kvindek ses  
1980 mik naecent okdek nae  
2010 dumil dek

Ok, now then. It is time to learn some basic Esperanto, just enough to whet your appetite, and to get you to write to Esperanto League of North America, ELNA.

## NOUNS

These are the words used to name objects, both physical (table, dog) and abstract (war, emotion). In Esperanto ALL nouns in the singular end in the letter o.

patro	a father	kuko	a cake
knabo	a boy	pano	(a loaf of) bread
amiko	a friend	akvo	water
filo	a son	papero	(a sheet of) paper
instruisto	a teacher	plumo	a pen

To make them plural, simply add j to the o. (remember, J has the sound of Y in english, so oj in Esperanto is like the oy in boy)

patroj	fathers	kukoj	cakes
knaboj	boys	panoj	loaves of bread
amikoj	friends		

**All nouns follow these rules...NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## La

La is the definite article (= the). It is used with both singular and plural nouns without change.

la patro	the father.	la patroj	the fathers
la kuko	the cake	la kukoj	the cakes

This is the last of Grammar lesson in Esperanto. If you have a real interest in learning more about Esperanto I will make a copy of the a more complete course. Send me a self addressed stamped envelop and I will enclosed the article.

ELNA(Esperanto League for North America) offers a FREE 10 lesson postal course. All you have to do is write, and send SASE's back with your lessons. They will be more than happy to correct your work, and answer any other questions you may have about Esperanto.

ELNA Esperanto League for North America  
P.O. Box 1129  
El Cerrito, CA 94530  
(415) 653-0998

## The Most Challenging Issue Part III Conclusion

### 1. Changing the Heart

It is possible to change the way we perceive and respond in intercultural relationships:

*Their outward conduct is but a reflection of their inward life, and their inward life a mirror of their outward conduct.*

Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'í Revelation p89.

We can change our heart and what we feel by working on our conduct, and we can change our behavior by working on the condition of our heart by prayer, teaching, and meditation - it doesn't really matter where we choose to begin, the result will be beneficial.

## 2. Know one's self

In order to eliminate prejudice it is important to know as much as possible about the workings of one's thought processes, the good and the bad:

*"... man should know his own self, and know those things which lead to loftiness or to lowliness..."*  
Baha'u'llah, Baha'i World Faith p167

## 3. Discipline One's Thoughts

It is possible to control what one chooses to think about. This is sometimes seen as a difficult task, in that it requires a mental discipline many people have not learned to master.

*... concentrate all the thoughts of your heart on love and unity. When a thought of war comes oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love. . .*  
'Abdu'l-Baha, Divine Art of Living

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## 4. Monitor Feelings and Choose a Response

One of the practices of Hindu Yoga involves maintaining a conscious awareness of one's emotion state, that is the condition of one's heart. When a negative emotion arises take a moment to check its source before allowing this emotion to produce its usual behavior reaction. If this negative emotion comes from a violation of a culturally-learned and almost invisible rule, (the shell of conventionality) and this rule is not in conformity with Bahá'í principles, take time to choose a proper response rather than react as usual; blindly imitating the ways of our ancestors.

## 5. How other People will Change

People will change their minds about deeply held convictions under the following conditions: 1> the new position is presented in a way that makes sense to them, 2> they trust the person who is presenting this new position, 3> they are not being blamed for having had misinformation.

These are some excerpts from "A Workshop on Minorities" created by the Association for Bahá'í Studies Conference at London, Ontario i August 1986. The article has been edited to suit our newsletter.

This article has been a pleasure to bring to the you. I would thank those of you who expressed their enjoyment to me. I have incorporated this article into two different formats, i.e. one for Bahá'ís and one for the general public with less focus on Bahá'ís. These are available with a SASE and I will send you either one or both. The weight with both should require 2 ounces for postage.

**I hope to see you all at District Convention, Sunday, Oct 6, please bring photographs and stories from events over past year.**

Richard Stamats, The Ed.

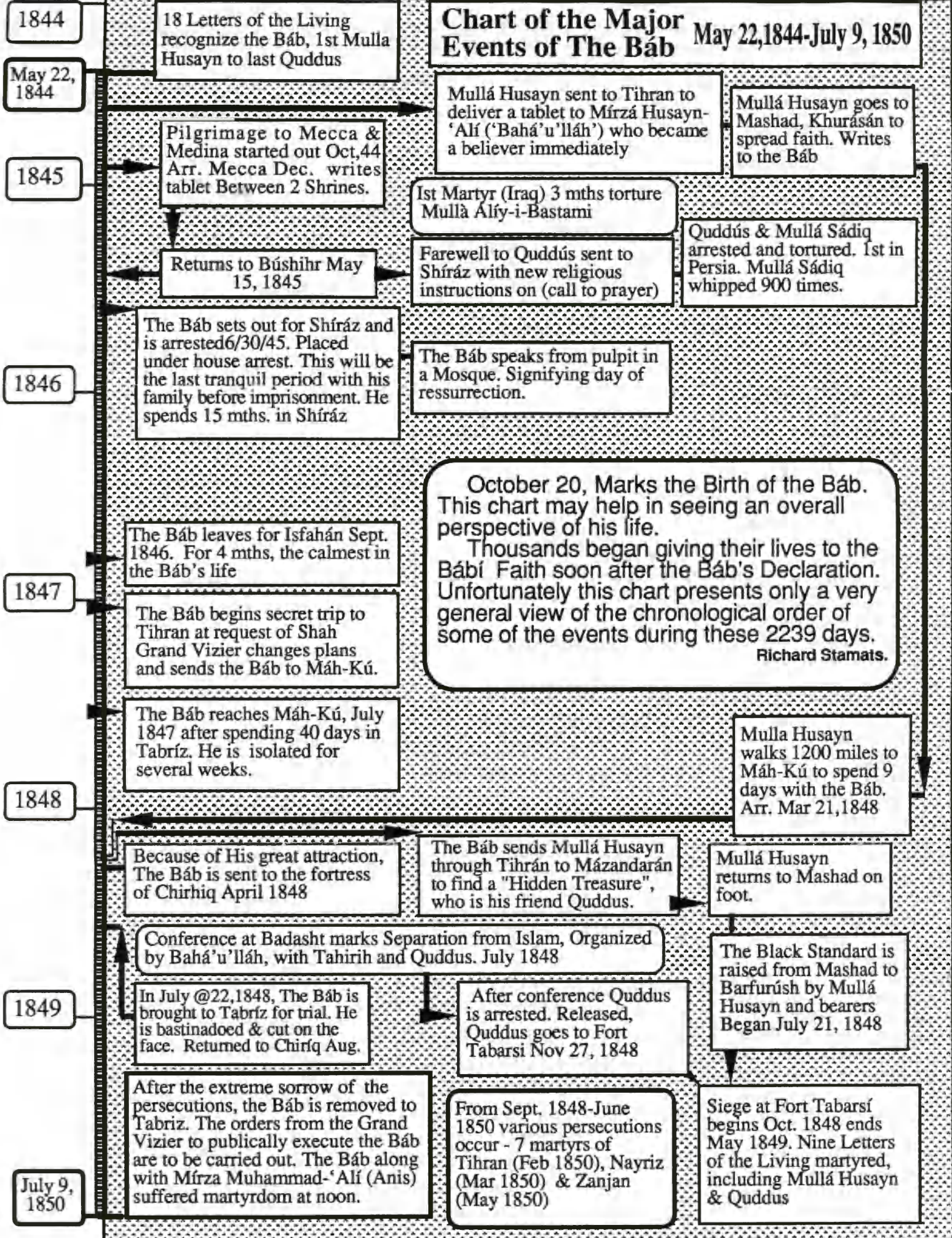
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Attend, please!  
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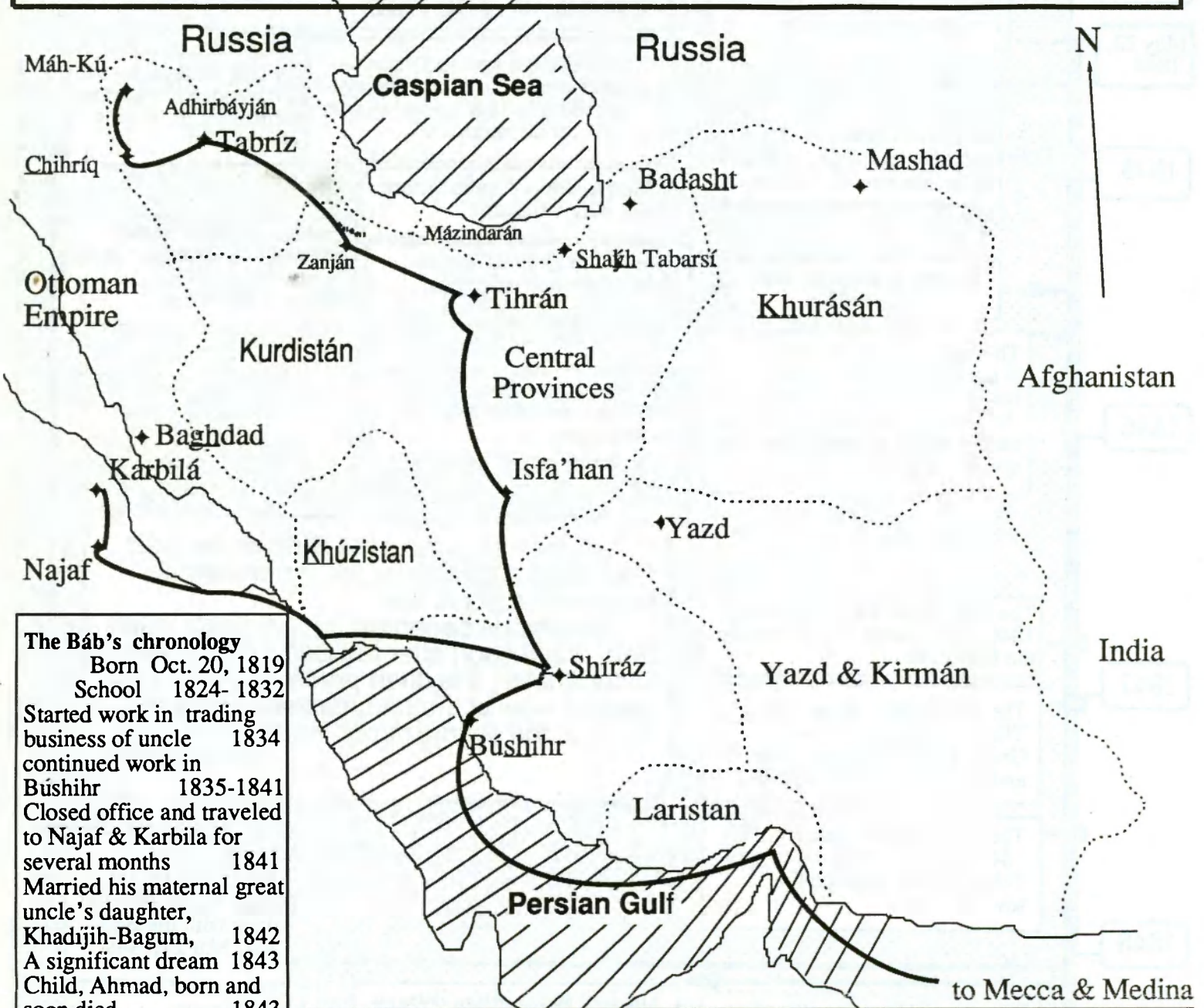
# Chart of the Major Events of The Báb May 22, 1844-July 9, 1850



October 20, Marks the Birth of the Báb. This chart may help in seeing an overall perspective of his life. Thousands began giving their lives to the Bábí Faith soon after the Báb's Declaration. Unfortunately this chart presents only a very general view of the chronological order of some of the events during these 2239 days.  
 Richard Stamats.



# Map showing journeys of the Báb



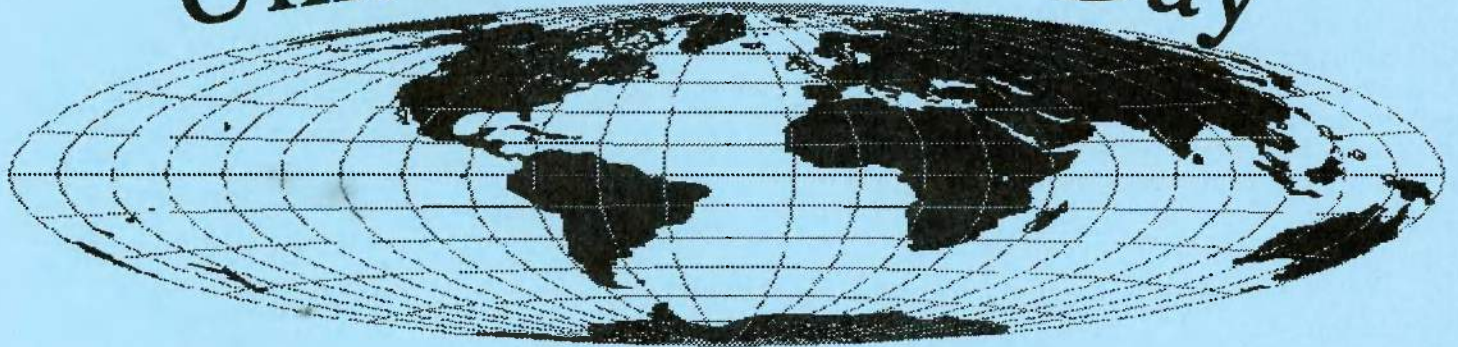
**The Báb's chronology**  
 Born Oct. 20, 1819  
 School 1824- 1832  
 Started work in trading business of uncle 1834  
 continued work in Búshihir 1835-1841  
 Closed office and traveled to Najaf & Karbila for several months 1841  
 Married his maternal great uncle's daughter, Khadíjih-Bagum, 1842  
 A significant dream 1843  
 Child, Ahmad, born and soon died. 1843  
 Declaration of the Báb Evening of May 22, 1844  
 Pilgrimage Mecca Medina leaves Nov 12, 1844  
 Returns to Shiráz May 15, 1845  
 to Isfa'hán Sept 23, 1846  
 to Máh-Kú Mar-Jul, 1847  
 to Chihriq April 10, 1848  
 brought to Tabriz July '48  
 Chihriq Sept, 1848  
 Arr. Tabriz Jun 19, 1850  
 Martyrdom July 9, 1850  
 His remains placed in Shrine Mt. Carmel Mar. 21, 1909

**Events related to Babi Faith Chronology**

The conference at Badasht makes definite break with Islamic laws	June, 1848	reaches Shaykh Tabarsí and the siege begins October 1848 ends May 1849
The Báb is brought before the divines at Tabríz	July, 1848	Mullá Husayn, first to recognize the Báb, is martyred January, 1849
Conference at Badasht, Tahirih reveals position of women	July, 1848	Quddús, youngest & foremost Letter of the living is martyred May, 1849
Mullá Husayn raises the Black Standard	July 21, 1848	7 Martyrs of Tihrán February 19, 20, 1850
Muhammad Sháh dies	September 4, 1848	Siege of Zanjan begins May, 1850
Mullá Husayn and his companions		Vahid is martyred June 1850



# United Nations Day



## A Celebration of Unity in Diversity with International Dancers

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GRUPO TLALOC-Aztec Dancers  
IREPO-African Dancers and Drummers  
SONS OF NORWAY-Scandinavian Dancers  
DANCIN' SHADOWS-Square Dancers  
International Desserts Served

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Saturday, Oct 12  
Manitou City Hall  
7:00 pm

**Open to the Public & FREE**

The diversity of the human family should be the cause of love and harmony, as it is in music where many different notes blend together in the making of a perfect chord.

Baha'i Writings

This is the 6th Year Sponsored  
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