

Leo Tolstoy And The Baha M Faith

In an era of rapid growth of false religions worldwide, Christians need information they can trust. This comprehensive new edition of the leading book on cults will equip you--no matter your background--to understand and use biblical truth to counter false religions, including many that

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masquerade as mainstream Christianity. Reflecting the developments in cults and world religions in recent years, this edition, updated by expert Jill Martin Rische (daughter of Walter Martin), gives you the authoritative information you need to know. As our culture becomes less and less outwardly Christian, awareness of the belief systems of those around us has never been more vital. Readable and reliable for everyone,

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whether you're a teacher, a pastor, or a regular church attender, The Kingdom of the Cults remains the go-to reference book on this crucial topic.

Tolstoy first heard of the Baha'm teachings in 1894 at a time when the movement was hardly known. This book traces the developments and fluctuations in Tolstoy's attitude as more information was made available to him.

(World Religions)

A thought-provoking

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*journey inside the minds
of the world's most
accomplished
storytellers, from
Shakespeare to Stephen
King NAMED ONE OF THE
BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR
BY THE SPECTATOR •*

*“Richard Cohen’s book
acted as a tonic to me.
It didn’t make me more
Russian, but it fired up
my imagination. I have
never annotated a book
so fiercely.”—Hilary
Mantel “There are three
rules for writing a
novel,” Somerset Maugham
is said to have said.*

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“Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.”

How then to bring characters to life, find a voice, kill your darlings, or run that most challenging of literary gauntlets, writing a sex scene? What made Nabokov choose the name Lolita? Why did Fitzgerald use firstperson narration in The Great Gatsby ? How did Kerouac, who raged against revision, finally come to revise On the Road ? Veteran editor and author

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Richard Cohen takes us on an engrossing journey into the lives and minds of the world's greatest writers, from Honoré de Balzac and George Eliot to Virginia Woolf and Zadie Smith—with a few mischievous detours to visit Tolstoy along the way. In a scintillating tour d'horizon, Cohen lays bare the tricks, motivations, and techniques of the literary greats, revealing their obsessions and flaws and how we can learn from

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*them along the way.
Can we ever really
understand the present
without first
understanding the past?
From the winner of the
2019 Aleksandr
Solzhenitsyn Prize, and
the author of the multi-
award winning Laurus,
comes a sweeping novel
that takes readers on a
fascinating journey
through one of the most
momentous periods in
Russian history. What
really happened to
General Larionov of the
Imperial Russian Army,*

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who somehow avoided execution by the Bolsheviks? He lived out his long life in Yalta leaving behind a vast heritage of undiscovered memoirs. In modern day Russia, a young student is determined to find out the truth. Solovyov and Larionov is a groundbreaking and gripping literary detective novel from one of Russia's greatest contemporary writers.

*Portals To Freedom
Christian Anarcho-
Pacifist Iconoclasm Then*

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and Now

Studies in Modern

Religions, Religious

Movements and the Bâabâi-

Bahâa'âi Faiths

Transnational Russian

Studies

The Calling

Tahirih of Persia and

Her American

Contemporaries

The Way Out of the Dead

End

These are extraordinary times. Terrorist attacks, devastating wars and religious conflicts, famine, global financial crisis and global warming afflict our planet. And "Though the

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world is encompassed with misery and distress, yet no man hath paused to reflect what the cause or source of that may be." As the roots of all these problems are spiritual in nature, in this booklet we will pause to explore and reflect on some of the writings of the Bahá'í Faith in search of the causes of world turmoil and the actions needed for securing its peace.

This book follows the life of Ivan Aguéli, the artist, anarchist, and esotericist, notable as one of the earliest Western intellectuals to convert to Islam and to explore Sufism. This book explores different

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aspects of his life and activities, revealing each facet of Aguéli's complex personality in its own right. It then shows how esotericism, art, and anarchism finally found their fulfillment in Sufi Islam. The authors analyze how Aguéli's life and conversion show that Islam occupied a more central place in modern European intellectual history than is generally realized. His life reflects several major modern intellectual, political, and cultural trends. This book is an important contribution to understanding how he came to Islam, the values and

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influences that informed his life, and-ultimately-the role he played in the modern Western reception of Islam. In Mu?ammad ?Abduh and his Interlocutors:

Conceptualizing Religion in a Globalizing World, Ammeke Kateman offers an account of Mu?ammad ?Abduh's Islamic Reformism in a globalizing and diverse world.

In the summer of 1888, Ameen Fares Rihani (1876-1940) left the shores of his native Lebanon to begin a new life in the bustling metropolis of New York City. Few could have guessed at the time that the young Rihani would soon become one of the most famous and

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distinctive Arab writers of the era, transforming tales from his crossings between East and West into a clarion call for understanding and cooperation between a rising world power and an Arab world that was suspended between cultural renaissance and political recolonization. Less than a year after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the Ameen Rihani Institute and the American University Center for Global Peace convened a distinguished group of Arab, American, and European scholars for an international symposium in Washington, D.C. Inspired by the conviction that Rihani's

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humane vision still addresses many of the most vitally important issues in global affairs, the participants in this symposium prepared stimulating writings on every facet of Rihani's intellectual journey, literary career, political advocacy, and life as a protagonist of Arab-American understanding. The result is this remarkable book demonstrating the extraordinary nature of Ameen Rihani's work as a cultural ambassador; the depth of his affinities for such writers as Carlyle, Emerson, Thoreau, and Tolstoy; and the enduring

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relevance of his commitments
to tolerance, universalism,
reconciliation, and peace.

Some Contemporary Western
Accounts

The Emerging Global Religion
Ameen Rihani

The Kingdom of the Cults

How to Write Like Tolstoy

A Comparative Study of
Muhammad 'Abduh and 'Abdul-
Baha 'Abbas

Baha'i World

**Founded by Bahá'u'llah in Iran
in the 19th century, the Bahá'í
Faith is one of the youngest of
the world's major religions.
Though it has over 5 million
followers worldwide, it is still
little understood outside of its**

own community. The Bahá'í Faith: A Guide for the Perplexed explores the utopian vision of the Bahá'í Faith including its principles for personal spiritual transformation and for the construction of spiritualized marriages, families, Bahá'í communities, and, ultimately, a spiritual world civilization. Aimed at students seeking a thorough understanding of this increasingly studied religion, this book is the ideal companion to studying and understanding the Bahá'í Faith, its teachings and the history of its development.

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Leo Tolstoy (1828–1910), besides writing famous novels such as War and Peace, also wrote on political issues, especially later in his life, putting forward a political philosophy which might be termed 'Christian anarchism'. This book provides a comprehensive overview of Tolstoy's political thought. It outlines in a systematic way Tolstoy's thought, which was originally articulated unsystematically in diverse, often informal writing, such as pamphlets, letters, and speeches, as well as books, and in his novels, where

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Tolstoy's thinking is put forward implicitly through the novels' characters. The book sets out the basic themes of Tolstoy's political thought: his acceptance of the teachings of Jesus, his criticism of the way in which Jesus' teachings have been relayed by the church through traditional creeds and dogma, his passionate rejection of political violence by both the state and those working for reform, his plea for a nonviolent response to violence and injustice, and his call for society to forego its institutional shackles and

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enact a community of peace, love, and justice. The book also includes background information on the Russia of Tolstoy's time, including the religious context, and a discussion of how Tolstoy's political thought has been received by his admirers, who included Gandhi, and his critics.

Outlines the history, teachings, structure and community life of the international Baha'i community, in an updated edition that includes coverage of the Baha'i Faith's views about world peace and the

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equal roles of women.

In the last thirty years of his life, Leo Tolstoy developed a moral philosophy that embraced pacifism, vegetarianism, the renunciation of private property, and a refusal to comply with the state. The transformation in his outlook led to his excommunication by the Orthodox Church, and the breakdown of his family life. Internationally, he inspired a legion of followers who formed communities and publishing houses devoted to living and promoting the Tolstoyan life. These

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enterprises flourished across Europe and the United States in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, and Tolstoyism influenced individuals as diverse as William Jennings Bryan and Mohandas Gandhi. In this book, Charlotte Alston provides the first in-depth historical account of this remarkable phenomenon, and provides an important re-assessment of Tolstoy's impact on the political life of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The book is unique in its treatment of Tolstoyism as an international

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phenomenon: it explores both the connections between these Tolstoyan groups, and their relationships with other related reform movements.

**The Baha'i Faith: A Guide For
The Perplexed**

**The Hidden Words for
Children**

Part - I

**The Sermon on the Mount as
Theo-tactics**

**Muhammad 'Abduh and His
Interlocutors: Conceptualizing
Religion in a Globalizing
World**

**An Encounter with Five Million
Bahá'ís**

A Compilation

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Presents entries A to L of a two-volume encyclopedia discussing religion around the globe, including biographies, concepts and theories, places, social issues, movements, texts, and traditions.

Some contemporary Western accounts of the early B b and Bah ' religions. In an candid and informative account, two French journalists set out to conduct an objective and unbiased study of the Baha'i Faith, an emerging world religion. Through a series of frank and lively interviews,

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interspersed with personal observations, they examine who the Baha'i's are and what they believe.

The Crisis, founded by W.E.B. Du Bois as the official publication of the NAACP, is a journal of civil rights, history, politics, and culture and seeks to educate and challenge its readers about issues that continue to plague African Americans and other communities of color. For nearly 100 years, The Crisis has been the magazine of opinion and thought leaders, decision makers, peacemakers and

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justice seekers. It has chronicled, informed, educated, entertained and, in many instances, set the economic, political and social agenda for our nation and its multi-ethnic citizens.

Bridging East and West : a
Pioneering Call for Arab-
American Understanding
A Biennial International
Record

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Faith

From the Heart of Iran

Tolstoy and his Disciples

Islam and the Baha'i Faith

Solovyov and Larionov

Written by a well-known author in the

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field of Baha'i studies, this is a comprehensive and accessible encyclopedia to the youngest of the world religions. Regarded as the second most widespread faith after Christianity, with adherents in almost every country around the globe, the Baha'i faith is nevertheless unfamiliar to many. here Dr Smith traces the origins and development of the religion from 19th century Iran to the modern day, introducing its central figures and major historical events. combining breadth with a readable yet concise style, he provides a balanced overview of Baha'i scriptures, doctrines and practices, social teachings and organization. This reference work presents a clear and knowledgeable view of a fascinating new religion. Muhammad 'Abduh (1849-1905) was one of the key thinkers and reformers

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of modern Islam who has influenced both liberal and fundamentalist Muslims today. 'Abdul-Baha (1844-1921) was the son of Baha'ullah (1817-1892), the founder of the Baha'i Faith; a new religion which began as a messianic movement in Shii Islam, before it departed from Islam. Oliver Scharbrodt offers an innovative and radically new perspective on the lives of these two major religious reformers in 19th century Middle East by placing both figures into unfamiliar terrain. While one would classify 'Abdul-Baha, leader of a messianic movement which claims to depart from Islam, as an exponent of heresy in Islam, 'Abduh is perceived as an orthodox Sunni reformer. This book, however, argues against the assumption that both represent two extremely opposite

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expressions of Islamic religiosity. It shows that both were influenced by similar intellectual and religious traditions of Islam and that both participated in the same discussions on the reform of Islam in the 19th century. Islam and the Baha'i Faith provides new insights into the Islamic background of the Baha'i Faith and into 'Abduh's own association with so-called heretical movements in Islam. The Baha'i community of Iran is the country's largest non-Muslim religious minority. This collection of essays presents a comprehensive study of the social and historical development of the Baha'i community, and its role in shaping modern Iran. Central to this study is the pioneering character of the Baha'i community in the late 19th and early 20th century, with chapters examining the role of women in the

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Baha'i community; the impact of Baha'i-run schools on Iranian society, Baha'i contributions to public health initiatives; and the influence of Baha'i thought and the actions of individual Baha'is on the Constitutional Revolution of 1906-1911. Conversion to the Baha'i Faith is another important theme, as contributors investigate the phenomenon of large scale conversion to the Baha'i Faith from the Jewish and Zoroastrian communities. Finally, although persecution of the Baha'is has drawn the attention of the Western media, until now few scholars working in the field of Iranian studies have chosen to write on the history or details of this persecution. Here, five prominent figures in the field redress this balance and look at different aspects of this persecution, including its historical

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background, the attitude of secular Iranians, persecution before and after the Islamic Revolution of 1979, and human rights perspectives. This book will be of interest to students and scholars of Iranian studies, Middle Eastern studies and comparative religion, and with many chapters authored by leading academics in Iranian studies, *The Baha'is of Iran* addresses both a gap in academic literature on the Baha'i Faith, and in the study of modern Iran in general. *Exploring 'Abdul-Bahá's visits to Britain* expands the jigsaw of our knowledge of how "the east came west". The work posits that the "cultural milieu" thesis is incomplete and the arrival of eastern forms of religions penetrated more mainstream Christian forms.

A Journey into the Minds of Our

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Greatest Writers

`Abdu'l-Bahá in London

An Annotated Bibliography of English
Language Sources from 1978 to 2003

Exploring the Fundamental Verities of
the Baha'i Faith

A Concise Encyclopedia of the Baha'i
Faith

The Gardeners of God

Tolstoy's Political Thought

Very few if any have

devoted more years to

practicing and teaching

others to practice the

precepts of Jesus's

Sermon on the Mount than

Leo Tolstoy. He stands

apart in the history of

interpretation and has

had enormous influence

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on others and other countries. Yet, Gandhi or others often get the glory. Tolstoy is remembered as a great writer, but his religious and philosophical works are by and large unknown or disparaged, even in scholarly Tolstoyan circles. His contribution is substantially under-appreciated and misunderstood. In Second Tolstoy: The Sermon on the Mount as Theotactics, Steve Hickey

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captures the particulars and dynamics of Tolstoy's interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount from a deliberately sympathetic vantage point.

Underlying this project is shared belief with Tolstoy that the Sermon on the Mount is liveable and to be lived. While from the vantage point of traditional orthodoxy Tolstoy got much wrong, there remains a lack of appreciation for what he got right—radical obedience to the

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teachings of Jesus. A new vocabulary is proposed to more precisely capture Tolstoyan lived theology, namely the political and social expressions of Tolstoyan Christianity, with the hope that these theories and practices will gain a wider consideration, understanding, and following.

Exploring the fundamental verities of the Bahá'í Faith Shoghi Effendi states that the first duty, and the

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focus of sustained efforts, of every faithful follower of the Bahá'í Faith is to strive to acquire a more adequate understanding of the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh. Although a full comprehension of such a Revelation is beyond the limits of our understanding, a clearer understanding of its basic truths will empower us to derive fresh inspiration and to gain further spiritual nourishment, which in turn will support and

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maintain our services to the Cause (Shoghi Effendi, *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 100). Shoghi Effendi wrote "The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh" in 1934 in the form of a letter addressed to the Bahá'ís of the West to assist them to fulfil the obligation of deepening their understanding. The letter was published together with a selection of his other letters in 1938 in the book entitled *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*.

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"The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh" provides an accurate and clear description of the fundamental verities of the Bahá'í Faith concerning the station of its Central Figures as well as the twin crowning institutions of the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice. Grasping and upholding these verities will enrich the spiritual life of the individual. This tutorial is designed to assist you in studying and

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assimilating the content of "The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh". It is called a tutorial to emphasize the concept underlying its development. In a tutorial, a tutor facilitates learning for an individual or a small group. This book has been designed and developed to simulate, as much as possible, the tutor-tutored relationship in a self-paced personal study. The tutorial identifies the main themes covered in

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Shoghi Effendi's letter and splits related paragraphs into chapters. Hence, the 130 paragraphs of "The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh" are apportioned for study across 27 chapters. The size and complexity of each chapter reflects the content and intricacy of the issues addressed in the paragraphs included therein. The title chosen for each chapter reflects the main theme covered in the

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paragraphs. In addition, two extra chapters address those questions that arose following the sudden passing of Shoghi Effendi and the lack of any lineal descendant to succeed him as the next Guardian. The first chapter explores the possible reasons that Shoghi Effendi did not leave a will nor appoint a successor. The second chapter examines the defection of Charles Mason Remey after the passing of Shoghi Effendi, and his

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unsubstantiated claim to the Guardianship.

Tahirih's poems are well known among Persian Baha'is, but until now there has been no suitable translation of her work that would give English-speaking readers a sense of her genius.

Now Amin Banani, Professor Emeritus at UCLA in Persian history and literature; Jascha Kessler, Professor of English at UCLA; and Anthony A. Lee, historian and award-winning poet, have

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teamed to produce this translation of her work. The poems are brilliant in emotional impact and prophetic in their themes. They should become familiar parts of Baha'i Feasts, Holy Day celebrations, and devotional gatherings. These poems are a monument to this remarkable woman. This is a moral-spiritual guidebook for children based on "The Hidden Words" of Baha'u'llah.

Táhirih

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The Politics, Painting,
and Esotericism of Ivan
Aguéli

Leo Tolstoy

A Tutorial on the
Dispensation of
Baha'u'llah

The Challenge of the
Cults and New Religions
Herald of the Kingdom

A Plea for Peace

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divided into sections on Tolstoy's fiction, art and aesthetics, philosophy, religion, education, and political, social and economic thought. The volume also lists Tolstoy biographies, comparisons with other authors and works abo

Cults and New Religions Aren ' t Hard to FindThey ' re in your neighborhood . . . your workplace . . . your school . . . maybe even your family.Cults are flourishing across America. Chances are, you ' ve encountered one, perhaps even know someone who is involved in a cult. Can

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you discuss knowledgably the critical differences between Christianity and the teachings of Mormonism, Jehovah ' s Witnesses, Scientology, the New Age movement, Hindu-based cults, and other prominent groups and religious movements? In this essential resource, preeminent cult authority Ron Rhodes explains what cults are, why they are cause for concern, and why in the 21st century, as never before, their numbers and memberships are exploding nationally and worldwide. Drawing on his extensive

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experience as a cult
researcher, Rhodes offers to-
the-point, cutting-edge
information on twelve major
cults and new religions: Morm
onism Jehovah ' s
Witnesses Mind Sciences New
Age Movement Church of
Scientology Hindu-based
Cults Unification Church Baha ' i
Faith Unitarian
Universalism Oneness
Pentecostalism Masonic
Lodge Satanism Learning the
distinctives of these groups
will equip you to deal with
any of the thousands of other
less significant cults you may
encounter. The Challenge of

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minute information on each
cult discussed in the book.If
you ' re concerned for the
temporal and eternal welfare
of others, The Challenge of
the Cults is a must. It will
help you confront the
deception of false Christs and

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lying doctrines with the clear, well-grounded truth of biblical Christianity.

Transnational Russian Studies offers an approach to understanding Russia based on the idea that language, society and culture do not neatly coincide, but should be seen as flows of meaning across ever-shifting boundaries. Our book moves beyond static conceptions of Russia as a discrete nation with a singular language, culture, and history. Instead, we understand it as a multinational society that has perpetually redefined

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Russianness in reaction to the wider world. We treat Russian culture as an expanding field, whose sphere of influence transcends the geopolitical boundaries of the Russian Federation, reaching as far as London, Cape Town, and Tehran. Our transnational approach to Russian Studies generates new perspectives on the history of Russian culture and its engagements with, and transformation by, other cultures. The volume thereby simultaneously illuminates broader conceptions of the

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transnational from the perspective of Russian Studies. Over twenty chapters, we provide case studies based on original research, treating topics that include Russia's imperial and postcolonial entanglements; the paradoxical role that language plays in both defining culture in national terms, and facilitating transnational communication; the life of things 'Russian' in the global arena; and Russia's positioning in the contemporary globalized world. Our volume is aimed primarily at students and

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researchers in Russian Studies, but it will also be relevant to all Modern Linguists, and to those who employ transnational paradigms within the broader humanities.

The Definitive Work on the Subject

The Crisis

A World in Turmoil: A Baha'i Perspective

Leo Tolstoy and Russian Peasant Sectarian Writers

East Comes West

The Bah á ' í World

The History of a Radical International Movement

In the 19th century,

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countless individuals believed a new Revelation was imminent. In Persia, the Báb fulfilled the prediction by several clerics of the appearance of the Promised Qa'im. Tahirih of Qazvin, a gifted teacher, was at the vanguard of spreading the Báb's teachings. She unceasingly proclaimed the Bábí Faith and brought a deeper understanding of its teachings to the rapidly growing numbers of its converts. Her vibrant poetry gave voice to her spiritual longing and passion, and its freshness reflected the vitality of the new spiritual teachings. She emerged as the most

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outspoken of the
Baacute;biacute; leaders.
The authorities responded by
having her murdered in the
dead of night. The memory of
her life survives in her
poems. At the same time,
many Americans believed the
Second Coming of Christ was
imminent. Several churches
and movements emerged, some
founded by women. Among them
were Ellen G. White, a
theological thinker who
shaped the beliefs of the
Adventist movement,
Sojourner Truth, who came up
from slavery to electrify
audiences with her salvation
preaching, and Mary Baker
Eddy, founder of the Church
of Christ Science; these

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women leaders were prefigured in the 18th century by 'Mother' Ann Lee, founder of the Shakers, and the long forgotten female 'exhorters'. The Calling by Hussein Ahdieh and Hillary Chapman describes Tahirih in a fresh, new manner, juxtaposing and interweaving her life and work with that of her American contemporaries women whose existence she was probably not aware of, but who shared with her a spiritual bond and vision of progress and justice.

Twelve comprehensive studies dedicated to messianism, millennialism and eschatological thought in

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Judaism Christianity and Islam that underlies the birth of Hassidism, "Mormonism" and the Bah?'? Faith introduced by the editor's study of the underlying common source of this religious activity. This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright

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"Iran again finds itself in the forefront of world

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events. After Islam, the largest religious minority in Iran is the Bahá'í Faith--a religion born there in the mid-Nineteenth Century. According to many scholars of Iranian society and history, the Bahá'ís, in a century and a half, have proven to be a significant social and moral force capable of modernizing and democratizing that country--the cradle of one of the most remarkable civilizations in history. The followers of this religion which, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica, is the second most widespread in the world after Christianity, number

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more than six million globally, but have been oppressed by the Shiite clergy in Iran since its inception. The Bahá'ís have been, and continue to be, the victims of the worst kind of atrocities instigated in the Islamic Republic of Iran. In this book, Rafael Cerrato, a Christian scholar, writes a narrative introduction to the history and evolution of this new, world-embracing spiritual culture. He believes the Bahá'ís have an important role to play in the world of the future, if judged by the work it has undertaken, when allowed, in key areas such as gender

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equality, education, and social development. This book contains ample documentation from different governments had agencies, such as the Spanish Parliament and the United Nations, which have condemned the persecutions suffered by this remarkable religious minority. Anyone desirous of gaining an understanding of the complex Persia (Iran) of today, as well as its crucial relationship to the Bahá'í Faith (which Leo Tolstoy) referred to as "one of the highest and purest religious doctrines") would do well to read it."--P. [4] of cover. Encyclopedia of Global

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Religion

Doukhobors and the Bahá'í
Faith ; Tolstoy and His
Appreciation of the Bahá'í
Faith

The Reception of 'Abdu'l-
Bahá in Britain

The Bahá'í Faith

A Portrait in Poetry :

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