



Websites and Educational Video Resources

The Bahá'í Faith has a very active presence on the web. You can find old movies, current videos, music in a wide variety of genres and languages, news articles, opinion pieces, blogs, and carefully written summaries of aspects of the Faith.

Official Websites

Bahai.org is the international website for the Bahá'í Faith. It has very carefully written and accurate summaries of the Bahá'í teachings and many links.

The **Bahá'í Reference Library** at www.bahai.org/library is an important link where the Bahá'í authoritative texts are available and can be downloaded, in English, Arabic, and Persian. They can be used for free.

The **Bahá'í World Centre** also manages news.bahai.org, where the latest news about the Bahá'í community worldwide can be found. This site also includes a podcast series, and most news stories are available in audio format.

The **Bahá'í International Community** represents the worldwide Bahá'í community at the United Nations and other international organizations. They have offices in New York, Geneva, Brussels, Addis Ababa, and Jakarta. Their website, www.bic.org, has dozens of official statements about the Bahá'í teachings as they relate to the major issues facing the world today. If you are looking for Bahá'í statements about human rights, climate change, world peace, immigration, development, the advancement of women, and many other issues, this is the place to go.

The website of the **American Bahá'í** community, www.bahai.us, provides many pages of basic information about Bahá'í beliefs, news of Bahá'í activities across the country, a description of the **Bahá'í House of Worship** in Wilmette, and more. It is one of many national Bahá'í websites, such as www.bahai.ru (Russia), bahai.org.pe/bahaisperu (Peru), bahai.ug (Uganda), bahai.lk (Sri Lanka), etc. A quick Google search will find a website and news for just about every national Bahá'í community in the world. There are also thousands of websites maintained by local Bahá'í communities.

The **Association for Bahá'í Studies**, www.bahaistudies.ca, is a Canadian based scholarly organization that serves all of North America. It sponsors an annual conference and the **Journal of Bahá'í Studies**, journal.bahaistudies.ca/online/about, which is now available electronically for free.

Privately Sponsored Websites

Wikipedia generally has excellent and reliable articles about the Bahá'í Faith and is a good place to start for an overview of a subject with a useful bibliography. There is also bahaipedia.org, a privately maintained site with hundreds of articles, biographies of lesser known Bahá'ís, and other short topics.

The unofficial online Bahá'í library at bahai-library.com is a privately maintained website where one can find Bahá'í authoritative texts, provisional (unofficial) translations of scriptural texts, unpublished letters by Shoghi Effendi as head of the Faith, hundreds of scholarly articles, and many previously published in journals.

The Bahá'í Works website at bahai.works/Main_Page contains scanned copies of thousands of pages of Bahá'í periodicals going all the way back to 1909. This site is a fantastic source for historical research.

The Bahá'í Teachings website at bahaiteachings.org publishes one or two articles a day written by Bahá'ís about their religion. They are accurate but written at a popular level. They are often more experimental or speculative than articles on official websites.

The Bahá'í Blog at www.bahaiblog.net publishes articles, videos, and music. It has over 400 songs by Bahá'ís, thereby providing a valuable window into the range of music made by Bahá'ís worldwide. This is a curated collection of music in many languages, some in multiple languages (such as English and Persian), along with a wide range of videos.

While there is no single video available that serves as an academic level introduction to the Bahá'í Faith, there are several videos that provide valuable information and a snapshot of the worldwide Bahá'í community.

Films about the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh

Bahá'u'lláh: Light to the World (51 minutes) was released for the bicentennial of His birth in 2017 and alternates between an historical account of His life and explanations of the meaning of Bahá'u'lláh's teachings as offered by dozens of Bahá'ís from around the world, usually in their native languages (with English subtitles provided).

A similar 48-minute video about the Báb was produced in 2019 in the bicentenary of His birth, *Dawn of the Light*. An excellent privately made 1-hour documentary about the life of the Bab is titled *The Gate: Dawn of the Bahá'í Faith*.