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BP Compilation, Bahá'í Prayers
BWF Compilation, Bahá'í World Faith
CC1 Compilation of Compilations, vol.1
CF Shoghi Effendi, Citadel of Faith

ESW Bahá'u'lláh, Epistle to the Son of the Wolf FWU 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Foundations of World Unity GDM Bahá'u'lláh, Gems of Divine Mysteries

GPB Shoghi Effendi. God Passes By

GWB Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh

HW Bahá'u'lláh, *Hidden Words* KA Bahá'u'lláh, *Kitáb-i-Aqdas* KI Bahá'u'lláh, *Kitáb-i-Íqán*

PB Bahá'u'lláh, *The Proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh*PDC Shoghi Effendi, *Promised Day is Come*PM Bahá'u'lláh, *Prayers and Meditations*

PT 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Paris Talks

PUP 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Promulgation of Universal Peace SAQ 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Some Answered Questions

SDC 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Secret of Divine Civilization
SLH Bahá'u'lláh, Summons of the Lord of Hosts
SVFV Bahá'u'lláh, Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys

SWAB 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

SWB The Báb, Selections from the Writings of The Báb

TAB 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Tablets of Abdu'l-Bahá Abbas, volumes 1-3

TAF 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Tablet to Auguste Forel

TB Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh Revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas

TN 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Traveler's Narrative

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