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Bibliography of the Bahá'í Writings and Their Abbreviations used in this book

ABL	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>'Abdu'l-Bahá in London</i>
ADJ	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Advent of Divine Justice</i>
ADP	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>'Abdu'l-Bahá on Divine Philosophy</i>
BWF	Compilation, <i>Bahá'í World Faith</i>
ESW	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Epistle to the Son of the Wolf</i>
FWU	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Foundations of World Unity</i>
GDM	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Gems of Divine Mysteries</i>
GPB	Shoghi Effendi, <i>God Passes By</i>
GWB	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh</i>
HE	Shoghi Effendi, <i>High Endeavors: Messages to Alaska</i>
HW	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Hidden Words</i>
KA	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Kitáb-i-Aqdas</i>
KI	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Kitáb-i-Íqán</i>
LG	Compilation, <i>Lights of Guidance</i>
MBW	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Messages to the Bahá'í World 1950-1957</i>
PB	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>The Proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh</i>
PDC	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Promised Day is Come</i>
PM	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Prayers and Meditations</i>
PT	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Paris Talks</i>
PUP	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Promulgation of Universal Peace</i>
SAQ	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Some Answered Questions</i>
SDC	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Secret of Divine Civilization</i>

SCHC	Compilation, <i>Scholarship</i>
SLH	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Summons of the Lord of Hosts</i>
SVFV	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys</i>
SWAB	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá</i>
SWB	The Báb, <i>Selections from the Writings of The Báb</i>
TAB1-3	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá Abbas</i> , volumes 1-3
TAF	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Tablet to Auguste Forel</i>
TB	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh Revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas</i>
TDP	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Tablets of the Divine Plan</i>
TN	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>A Traveller's Narrative</i>
TU	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Tabernacle of Unity</i>
UD	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Unfolding Destiny</i>
WOB	Shoghi Effendi, <i>World Order of Bahá'u'lláh: Selected Letters</i>
WT	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Will and Testament</i>

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