

## Appendices

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

<b>ABL</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>'Abdu'l-Bahá in London</i>
<b>ADJ</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Advent of Divine Justice</i>
<b>BA</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Bahá'í Administration</i>
<b>BK</b>	<i>Bahíyyih Khánum, the Greatest Holy Leaf</i>
<b>BP</b>	Compilation, <i>Bahá'í Prayers</i>
<b>BWF</b>	Compilation, <i>Bahá'í World Faith</i>
<b>CC1-2</b>	<i>Compilation of Compilations</i> , volumes 1 and 2
<b>CF</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Citadel of Faith</i>
<b>CL</b>	Universal House of Justice, <i>Century of Light</i>
<b>CN</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Call to the Nations</i>
<b>DB</b>	Nabíl, <i>The Dawn-Breakers</i>
<b>DND</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Dawn of a New Day</i>
<b>ESW</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Epistle to the Son of the Wolf</i>
<b>FL</b>	Compilation, <i>Fire and Light</i>
<b>FWU</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Foundations of World Unity</i>
<b>GDM</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Gems of Divine Mysteries</i>
<b>GPB</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>God Passes By</i>
<b>GWB</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh</i>
<b>HW</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Hidden Words</i>
<b>JWTA</b>	Compilation, <i>Japan Will Turn Ablaze</i>
<b>KA</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Kitáb-i-Aqdas</i>
<b>KI</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Kitáb-i-Íqán</i>
<b>LG</b>	Compilation, <i>Lights of Guidance</i>
<b>MA</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Messages to America. Selected Letters and Cablegrams Addressed to the Bahá'ís of North America 1932-1946</i>
<b>MBW 50-57</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Messages to the Bahá'í World 1950-1957</i>
<b>MC</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Messages to Canada</i>
<b>MF</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Memorials of the Faithful</i>

<b>MUH J63</b>	<i>Messages from the Universal House of Justice 1963-1986</i>
<b>PB</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>The Proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh</i>
<b>PBA</b>	Compilation, <i>Principles of Bahá'í Administration</i>
<b>PDC</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Promised Day is Come</i>
<b>PM</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Prayers and Meditations</i>
<b>PT</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Paris Talks</i>
<b>PUP</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Promulgation of Universal Peace</i>
<b>SAQ</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Some Answered Questions</i>
<b>SDC</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Secret of Divine Civilization</i>
<b>SLH</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Summons of the Lord of Hosts</i>
<b>SVFV</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Seven Valleys and the Four Valleys</i>
<b>SWAB</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Selections from the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá</i>
<b>SWB</b>	The Báb, <i>Selections from the Writings of The Báb</i>
<b>TAB1-3</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá Abbas</i> , volumes 1-3
<b>TAF</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Tablet to Auguste Forel</i>
<b>TB</b>	Bahá'u'lláh, <i>Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh Revealed after the Kitáb-i-Aqdas</i>
<b>TDH</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>This Decisive Hour</i>
<b>TN</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Traveler's Narrative</i>
<b>UD</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>Unfolding Destiny</i>
<b>WOB</b>	Shoghi Effendi, <i>World Order of Bahá'u'lláh: Selected Letters</i>
<b>WT</b>	'Abdu'l-Bahá, <i>Will and Testament</i>

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