

## **The 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Baha’u’llah—the designated Day of Celebration**

These days Baha’i communities around the World are announcing the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Birth of Baha’u’llah through their local newspapers or internet. This is good, but unfortunately those who follow the directives of the UHJ, knowingly or unknowingly, are announcing the Birthday of Baha’u’llah as October 22nd, although November 12, 1817, was His birthday. Such a shameful mistake is a result of them blindly following the bogus UHJ’s letter of July 10, 2014, in which the UHJ has written:

“The Birth of the Báb and the Birth of Bahá’u’lláh, have, in the East, been traditionally observed according to their correspondence to the first and second days of Muharram in the Islamic calendar. “These two days are accounted as one in the sight of God,” Bahá’u’lláh affirms. Yet, a letter written on behalf of the Guardian (Shoghi Effendi) states, “In the future, no doubt all of the Holy Days will follow the Solar calendar, and provisions be made as to how the Twin Festivals will be celebrated universally.”

How to satisfy the intrinsic lunar character of these blessed Days within the context of a solar calendar has hitherto been unanswered. We have decided that they will now be observed on the first and the second day following the occurrence of the eighth new moon after Naw-Rúz, as determined in advance by astronomical tables using Tíhrán as the point of reference. This will result in the observance of the Twin Birthdays moving, year to year, within the months of Mashíyyat, ‘Ilm, and Qudrat of the Badí‘ calendar, or from mid-October to mid-November according to the Gregorian calendar.”

According to the Compilation Questions and Answers, in response to a question about His Birthday and the Birthday of the Bab, Baha’u’llah revealed: “These two days are accounted as one in the sight of God.”

If those who are running the affairs of the bogus UHJ had studied the Tablets and Writings of Baha’u’llah, they would have noticed that “These two days are accounted as one in the sight of God,” because the Bab also is a Manifestation of God.

“Thus, by the "sun" in one sense is meant those Suns of Truth Who rise from the dayspring of ancient glory, and fill the world with a liberal effusion of grace from on high. These Suns of Truth are the universal Manifestations of God in the worlds of His attributes and names.”

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitab-i-Iqan, p. 33)

“For this reason, hath the Point of the Bayan -- may the life of all else but Him be His sacrifice! - - likened the Manifestations of God unto the sun which, though it rise from the "Beginning that hath no beginning" until the "End that knoweth no end," is none the less the same sun. Now, wert thou to say, that this sun is the former sun, thou speakest the truth; and if thou sayest that this sun is the "return" of that sun, thou also speakest the truth. Likewise, from this statement it is made evident that the term "last" is applicable to the "first," and the term "first" applicable to the "last;" inasmuch as both the "first" and the "last" have risen to proclaim one and the same Faith.”

(Baha'u'llah, The Kitab-i-Iqan, p. 161)

Shoghi Effendi during His Ministry always advised Baha'is to observe Holy Days according to the solar calendar, which enables the believers to indicate and point to the correct date and time for observing occasions and events in the season and year.

“Moreover, request communities observing Bahá'í Holy Days, solar calendar, celebrate with befitting solemnity the approaching anniversary of Bahá'u'lláh's Birthday”

(Cablegram, October 8, 1952 - Messages to the Bahá'í World:1950–1957)

“Announce to Bahá'í communities, East and West, on the joyous occasion of the hundred and thirty-fifth Anniversary of Bahá'u'lláh's Birthday, the successful termination of the protracted negotiations, initiated two years ago...”

(Cablegram, November 12,1952 - Messages to the Bahá'í World:1950–1957)

“Dear Bahá'í Brothers and Sisters: Shoghi Effendi wishes me to acknowledge the receipt of your joint letter dated November 12th,1932 written on the occasion of the birth-day of Bahá'u'lláh.”

(Shoghi Effendi, The Light of Divine Guidance v I, p. 44)

“It is advisable to use both the Bahá’í dates, according to the Baháí Calendar, and the usual Gregorian dates as well. The friends at present are free to do as they please.”

(Shoghi Effendi, Directives from the Guardian, p. 12)

Historians and scholars still are trying to find out the real and exact birthdate of Jesus Christ since it is not written in the Gospels. Christian sects celebrate different dates as His Birthday.

The Birthdays of the Baha’u’llah and His Herald are clearly announced by Himself and His Interpreters of the Word.

The Headless body (UHJ) has created confusion by its negligence.

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