

Abdu'l-Bahá's Travels to the West

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On His way back East, 'Abdu'l-Bahá stopped for five days from 6 November in Washington. D.C., where he gave several important talks, sometimes two in one day. He spoke to the Hebrew Congregation (Jewish) in a synagogue on 8 November on **Unity of religion**. This was His opportunity to explain to the Jews the need to accept other religions including Christianity.



'Abdu'l-Bahá in Washington, D.C.

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God is one, the effulgence of God is one, and humanity constitutes the servants of that one God. God is kind to all. He creates and provides for all, and all are under His care and protection. The Sun of Truth, the Word of God, shines upon all mankind; the divine cloud pours down its precious rain; the gentle zephyrs of His mercy blow, and all humanity is submerged in the ocean of His eternal justice and loving-kindness.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 121)

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God has created mankind from the same progeny in order that they may associate in good fellowship, exercise love toward each other and live together in unity and brotherhood.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 121)

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...the foundation of the religion of God remains permanent and unchanging. It is that fixed foundation which ensures the progress and stability of the body politic and the illumination of humanity. It has ever been the cause of love and justice amongst men. It works for the true fellowship and unification of all mankind, for it never changes and is not subject to supersedure. The accidental, or nonessential, laws which regulate the transactions of the social body and everyday affairs of life are changeable and subject to abrogation.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 121)

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I ask you, is not fellowship and brotherhood preferable to enmity and hatred in society and community? The answer is self-evident. Love and fellowship are absolutely needful to win the good pleasure of God, which is the goal of all human attainment. We must be united. We must love each other.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, [The Promulgation of Universal Peace](#), 121)



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