

# Abdu'l-Bahá's Travels to the West

## Talks in Paris

16 October- 26 November 1911

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# First stay in Paris 1911

'Abdu'l-Bahá spent 9 weeks in Paris from 16 October to 26 November 1911, staying in an apartment at 4 Avenue de Camoëns

He gave a short talk to those who gathered every morning, recorded in *Paris Talks*.

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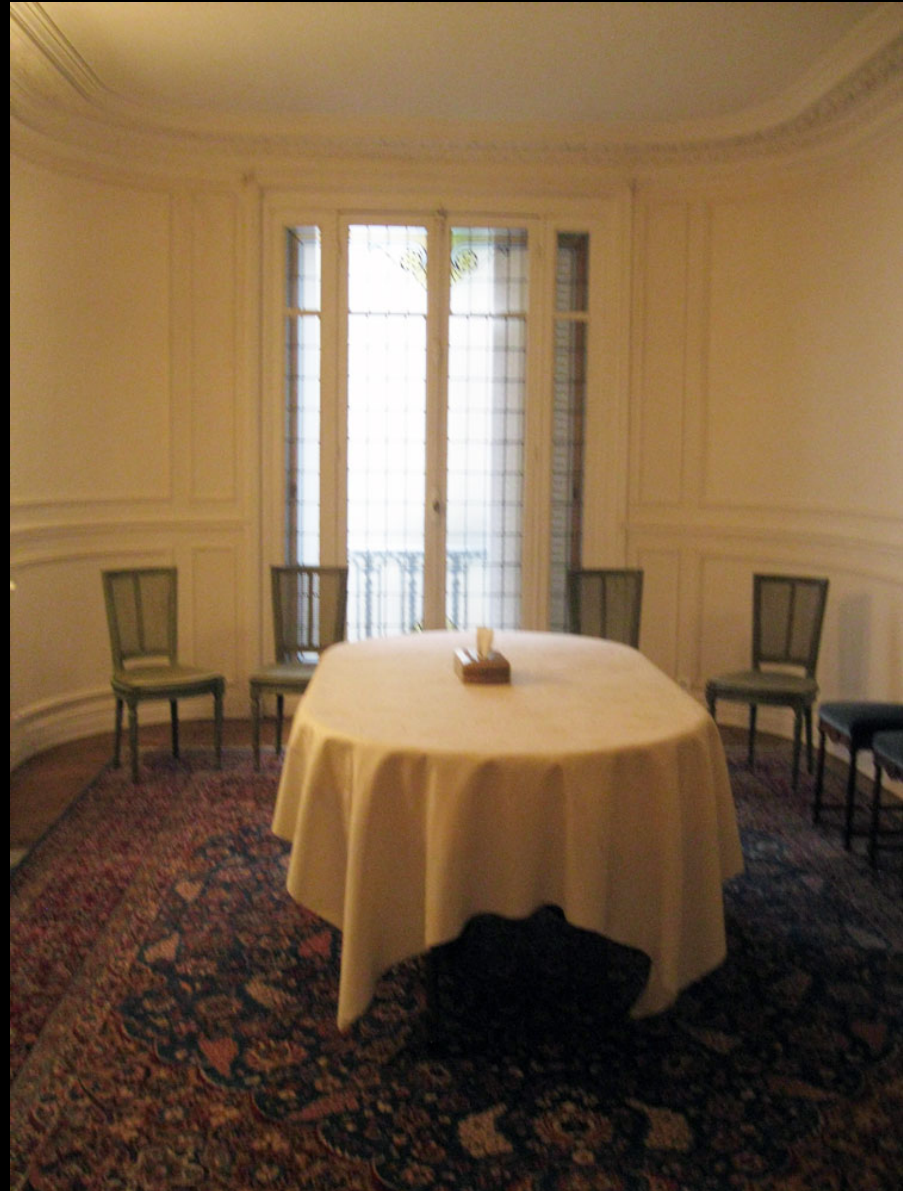




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# 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Paris 1911

His first talk on 16-17 October 1911 was on  
*The Duty of Kindness and Sympathy  
towards Strangers and Foreigners*



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# Kindness towards foreigners

*When a man turns his face to God he finds sunshine everywhere. All men are his brothers. Let not conventionality cause you to seem cold and unsympathetic when you meet strange people from other countries.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, Paris Talks, pp. 15-16)*

# Kindness towards foreigners

*Do not look at them as though you suspected them of being evildoers, thieves and boors. You think it necessary to be very careful, not to expose yourselves to the risk of making acquaintance with such, possibly, undesirable people.*

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, *Paris Talks*, pp. 15-16)

# Kindness towards foreigners

*I ask you not to think only of yourselves. Be kind to the strangers, whether come they from Turkey, Japan, Persia, Russia, China or any other country in the world.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, Paris Talks, pp. 15-16)*

# Kindness towards foreigners

*Help to make them feel at home; find out where they are staying, ask if you may render them any service; try to make their lives a little happier.*

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, *Paris Talks*, pp. 15-16)

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*In this way, even if, sometimes, what you at first suspected should be true, still go out of your way to be kind to them—this kindness will help them to become better.*

*After all, why should any foreign people be treated as strangers?*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, Paris Talks, pp. 15-16)*

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*Let those who meet you know, without your proclaiming the fact, that you are indeed a Bahá'í.*

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, *Paris Talks*, pp. 15-16)

# Kindness towards foreigners

*Put into practice the Teaching of Bahá'u'lláh, that of kindness to all nations. Do not be content with showing friendship in words alone, let your heart burn with loving kindness for all who may cross your path.*

*(‘Abdu’l-Bahá, Paris Talks, pp. 15-16)*



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