

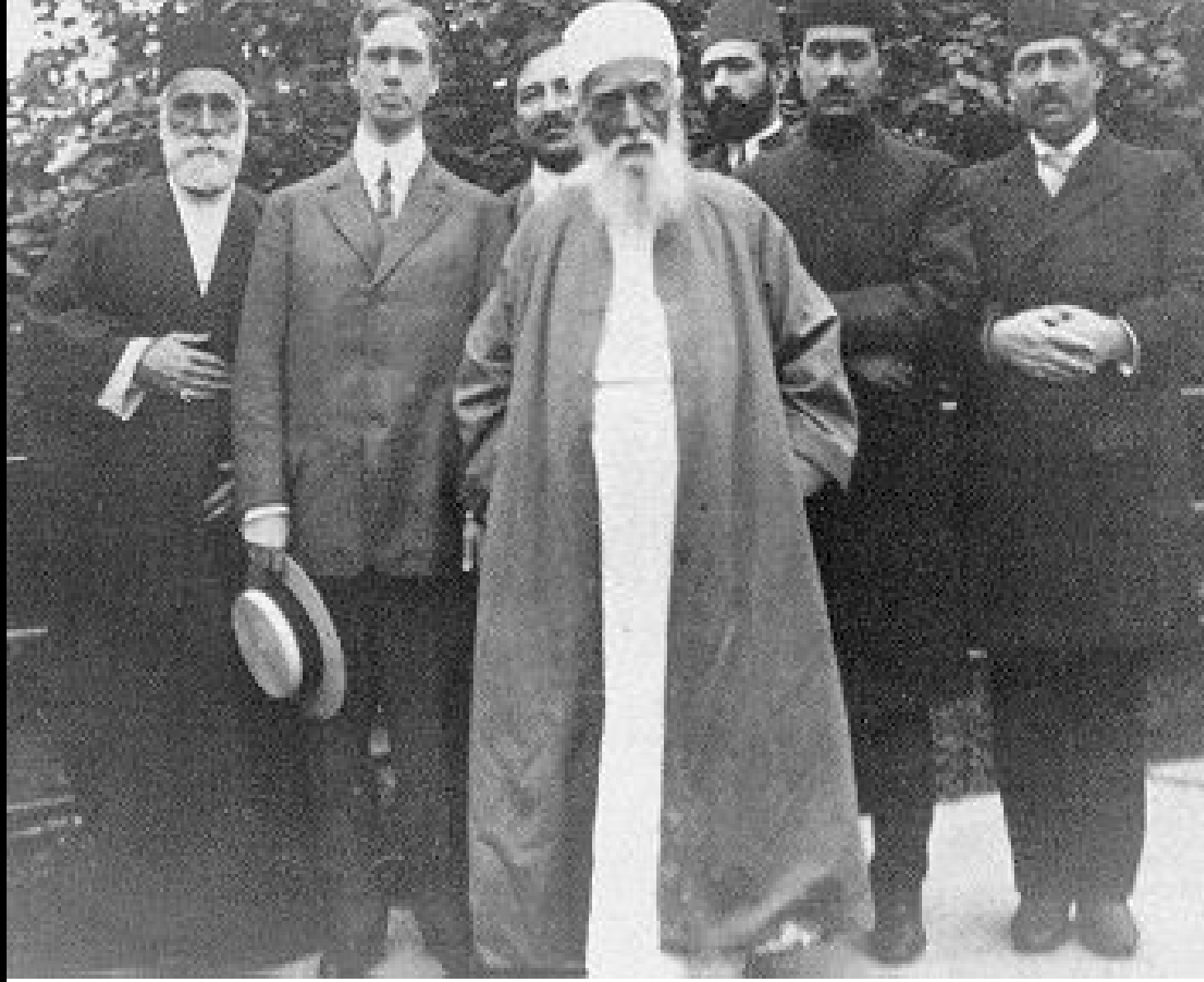
Abdu'l-Bahá's Travels to the West

Paris and return to Egypt

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'Abdu'l-Bahá
in Paris



Paris

The travels of ‘Abdu’l-Bahá had greatly weakened Him. He was sometimes unable to attend meetings in the homes of the Bahá’ís, but He could receive visitors. At one point He said “*The Blessed Perfection has trained me to shoulder the burdens of other, not to put mine on others’ shoulders.*”

(‘Abdu’l-Baha, in Earl Redman, *‘Abdu’l-Bahá in Their Midst*, Oxford: George Ronald, 2011, p. 324)



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A poor black man came to see ‘Abdu’l-Bahá, but was refused entry to the hotel because the management said it was not consistent with the standards of the hotel. When ‘Abdu’l-Bahá learned of this, He was very unhappy and called for the person responsible, whom He immediately sent off to find the rejected man and to bring him to His presence, saying:

(Earl Redman, *‘Abdu’l-Bahá in Their Midst*, Oxford: George Ronald, 2011, p. 324-325)

Paris

I did not come to see expensive hotels or furnishings, but to meet My friends. I did not come to Paris to conform to the customs of Paris, but to establish the standard of Bahá'u'lláh.

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In His final days in Paris, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá received humble visits from a number of His former enemies. On 12 June He went to the train station, and in some final words to his followers urged them to be united. Twelve hours later he arrived in Marseilles, and left the following morning for Egypt on the P&O steamer *Himalaya* to Port Said, arriving on 17 June 1913.

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P&O steamer RMS *Himalaya*