



Unity in Diversity

“The purpose of religion as revealed from the heaven of God’s holy Will is to establish unity and concord amongst the peoples of the world; make it not the cause of dissension and strife.”

–Bahá’u’lláh

“We work and pray for the unity of mankind, that all the races of the earth may become one race, all the countries one country, and that all hearts may beat as one heart, working together for perfect unity and brotherhood.”

–‘Abdu’l-Bahá

“The world of humanity is like a garden and the various races are the flowers which constitute its adornment and decoration.”

–‘Abdu’l-Bahá

SOME STATISTICS

THE BAHÁ’Í WORLD COMMUNITY AS OF 2003

	World Total	Africa	Americas	Asia	Australasia	Europe
Countries where the Faith is established:						
independent countries	191	53	35	45	14	44
dependent territories or overseas departments	47	6	17	3	13	8
Localities where Bahá’ís reside	101,969	26,746	22,702	41,057	4,343	7,121
Indigenous tribes, races, and ethnic groups	2,112	1,250	340	250	250	22
Languages into which Bahá’í literature is translated	802	266	172	174	110	80

Source: 2003 Britannica Book of the Year

GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD OF THE WORLD’S INDEPENDENT RELIGIONS

