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A Companion to the Study of the Kitáb-i-Íqán

A Tutorial on the Kitab-i-iqan

A Journey Through the Book of Certitude

Fazel Naghdy **A journey through the Book of Certitude**The Kitáb-i-Íqán is one of the most important Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, the Founder of the Bahá'í Faith. Bahá'u'lláh revealed this book within the space of two days and two nights, in the last years of His stay in Baghdád (AH 1278—AD 1862). According to Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith, The Kitáb-i-Íqán sets "forth in outline the Grand Redemptive Scheme of God" and it "occupies a position unparalleled by any work in the entire range of the Bahá'í literature, except The Kitáb-i-Aqdas Bahá'u'lláh's Most Holy Book." This current book is a record of the journey that the author has taken through The Kitáb-i-Íqán over a period of 12 years. It is not an interpretation or a critical analysis of the content of the book. Neither does it provide any personal opinion. It primarily guides reader through a systematic study of the Íqán while providing some background information on topics raised by Bahá'u'lláh in each paragraph. It is called a tutorial as it attempts to simulate, as much as possible, the tutor-tutored relationship in a self-paced personal study. All the references in the tutorial are sourced either from authoritative Bahá'í materials or obtained from other reliable sources. The 290 paragraphs of The Kitáb-i-Íqán are apportioned for study to 58 chapters. The size and complexity of each chapter reflects the content and intricacy of the issues addressed in the paragraphs included therein. Each chapter starts with an introduction that highlights the key ideas. Then in a coherent manner, background information on the terminologies, references and mystical concepts inherent in each paragraph is provided. The tutorial covers the 266 topics embedded in The Kitáb-i-Íqán.

The Kitab-I-Iqan

The Book of Certitude

Baha'i Publishing Trust This sacred text lays down the basic teachings of Bahá'u'lláh on the essential unity of purpose behind the Manifestations of God, and explains the solid spiritual meaning of most literally interpreted predictions. Consisting of over two-hundred pages, written in the space of just two days, its remarkable lucidity, its foundational explanation of the universal purpose behind religion, its clarification of how to foster authentic human spiritual nature, and its assistance in helping to clear away long-held distractions and misapprehensions, principally from the accumulated traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam while reinforcing their genuine Divine origin, make this work one of the pivotal writings of His unmatched Dispensation. No reader who weighs even a small part of its content can deny that he or she has in their hands something welling out from a Realm beyond the normal range of human inspiration.

Companion to Proofs of the Prophets

Lulu.com Companion volume to general introduction to Proofs of the Prophets, including Part One: The Nomenclature of Proof; Part Two: Reasons for Opposition to the Prophets of God; Part Three: Principles of Approach to the Prophets of God; Part Four: The Path of Illumination--as found in the Writings of Baha'u'llah, the Bab, 'Abdu'l-Baha, Shoghi Effendi, and in the Sacred Writings of various religions.

A Study Companion to Introduction to World Religions

Fortress Press The Study Companion is a valuable additional resource for introductory courses in world religions that use Christopher Partridge's Introduction to World Religions, Second Edition. Thoroughly checked and updated to work flawlessly with the revised second edition of this important text, the Study Companion provides biographical information, primary source readings, bibliographies, and many other pedagogical tools to enhance the student's experience."

The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Social Justice

John Wiley & Sons The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Social Justice brings together a team of distinguished scholars to provide a comprehensive and comparative account of social justice in the major religious traditions. The first publication to offer a comparative study of social justice for each of the major world religions, exploring viewpoints within Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism Offers a unique and enlightening volume for those studying religion and social justice - a crucially important subject within the history of religion, and a significant area of academic study in the field Brings together the beliefs of individual traditions in a comprehensive, explanatory, and informative style All essays are newly-commissioned and written by eminent scholars in the field Benefits from a distinctive four-part organization, with sections on major religions; religious movements and themes; indigenous people; and issues of social justice, from colonialism to civil rights, and AIDS through to environmental concerns

Forces of Our Time

The Dynamics of Light and Darkness

"Anyone looking at the condition of the world today will be struck by the dramatic changes taking place. On the one hand is the visible deterioration in so many fundamental processes and institutions, from the financial world, politics and the fabric of society to climate change and energy. On the other is an enlivening upsurge in knowledge, in concern for human rights and in technologies that bring people together. These energies are spiritual in nature and result from the coming of God's most recent representative to humankind, Bahá'u'lláh. He has set in motion processes that are creating a new, divine civilization. In response to this, negative forces have risen to resist the divine purpose. The nature of these spiritual forces is a prominent theme in the Bahá'í writings, particularly in those of Shoghi Effendi. They convey vital principles and laws, systematic processes and insights into the workings of the world. They explain the changes that are taking place and give us a glimpse into our own nature and reality. In this book Hooper Dunbar examines the character of the spiritual forces as set out in writings of Shoghi Effendi. The first part considers the terms 'force', 'energy' and 'power' in these writings, while the second comprises a selection of quotations drawn from the writings of Shoghi Effendi - many published here for the first time - arranged chronologically, so readers may consider the ideas in their original context."--Publisher's website

The Ocean of God

On the Transreligious Future of Religions

Anthem Press 'The Ocean of God' conveys the proposition that the future of religions, if they will not want to contribute to the destruction of humanity, will become transreligious. Based on the assumption that the spiritual impulse of humanity cannot simply be eradicated, religiosity will persist in transreligious forms, as secularizations, naturalizations and transhumanist dreams only envision such transformations, but fall short in their ability to replace the force of spirituality to further civilized peace of human existence on Earth and its future in evolutionary, ecological and cosmological dimensions. In relating the contributions of religious pluralism to the concept of the unity of religions, which have arisen in this "new axial age" for overcoming the checkered history of religions in furthering peace, the program of a polyphilic pluralism with its transreligious discourse, based on the insight of the fundamental relativity of (religious) truth and the special contributions of process philosophy and theology as well as the Bahá'í universe of thought, analyses and projects a new religiosity or spirit enabling religions to overcome their deepest motives of strife and warfare.

Paradise and Paradigm

Key Symbols in Persian Christianity and the Baha'i Faith

SUNY Press Comparing paradise imagery in two Persian religions, early Syriac Christianity and the Baha'i Faith, this work contributes to religious studies methodology by introducing "symbolic paradigm analysis."

The Biography of Imam Ahmad Bin Hanbal

Darussalam

Epistle to the Son of the Wolf

Baha'i Pub. Trust An epistle addressed to the Muslim cleric, Shaykh Muhammad Taqi Najafi, known as Āqā Najafi. Contains Bahau'llah's own summary of the history and teachings of his religion.

Logos and Civilization

Spirit, History, and Order in the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh

A Tutorial on the Dispensation of Baha'u'llah

Exploring the Fundamental Verities of the Baha'i Faith

Fazel Naghdy Exploring the fundamental verities of the Bahá'í Faith Shoghi Effendi states that the first duty, and the focus of sustained efforts, of every faithful follower of the Bahá'í Faith is to strive to acquire a more adequate understanding of the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh. Although a full comprehension of such a Revelation is beyond the limits of our understanding, a clearer understanding of its basic truths will empower us to derive fresh inspiration and to gain further spiritual nourishment, which in turn will support and maintain our services to the Cause (Shoghi Effendi, *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*, p. 100). Shoghi Effendi wrote "The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh" in 1934 in the form of a letter addressed to the Bahá'ís of the West to assist them to fulfil the obligation of deepening their understanding. The letter was published together with a selection of his other letters in 1938 in the book entitled *The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh*. "The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh" provides an accurate and clear description of the fundamental verities of the Bahá'í Faith concerning the station of its Central Figures as well as the twin crowning institutions of the Guardianship and the Universal House of Justice. Grasping and upholding these verities will enrich the spiritual life of the individual. This tutorial is designed to assist you in studying and assimilating the content of "The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh". It is called a tutorial to emphasize the concept underlying its development. In a tutorial, a tutor facilitates learning for an individual or a small group. This book has been designed and developed to simulate, as much as possible, the tutor-tutored relationship in a self-paced personal study. The tutorial identifies the main themes covered in Shoghi Effendi's letter and splits related paragraphs into chapters. Hence, the 130 paragraphs of "The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh" are apportioned for study across 27 chapters. The size and complexity of each chapter reflects the content and intricacy of the issues addressed in the paragraphs included therein. The title chosen for each chapter reflects the main theme covered in the paragraphs. In addition, two extra chapters address those questions that arose following the sudden passing of Shoghi Effendi and the lack of any lineal descendant to succeed him as the next Guardian. The first chapter explores the possible reasons that Shoghi Effendi did not leave a will nor appoint a successor. The second chapter examines the defection of Charles Mason Remey after the passing of Shoghi Effendi, and his unsubstantiated claim to the Guardianship.

The Bábí Religion

Cambridge University Press First published in 1918, this book provided readers with access to previously unpublished material on the Bábí religious movement.

Self Study Notes for the Kitáb-I-Íqán

The Book of Certitude

According to Shoghi Effendi, the *Kitáb-i-Iqán*, the *Book of Certitude*, should be mastered by every Baha'i and those who are interested in Baha'i Faith. The *Book of Certitude* was written by Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Faith. As one of the main spiritual texts given to humanity, it is complex, intricate, and more beautiful each time it is read. With the help of this new self-study guide by Dr. Sohrab Kourosh, engage with the *Book of Certitude* on a deeper level than ever before. New meanings, connections, and allusions will become clear and lead you down new paths of spiritual study. Kourosh has compiled a wide range of useful contextual information that identifies more obscure theological, philosophical, and religious terms. He shows the connections to other religious texts and sacred scriptures, and he provides more information about references to historical events. Kourosh also deciphers the references to other Writings of Baha'u'llah, as well as Writings of the Bab, 'Abdu'l-Baha, and Shoghi Effendi, which will help illuminate complex passages. According to the teachings of Baha'u'llah, spiritual texts are of no benefit if they can't be understood. Shoghi Effendi stated that this book should be thoroughly studied. Use this guide to honor His advice.

The Bahá'í World

A Biennial International Record

Twelve Principles

A Comprehensive Investigation on the Baha'i Teachings

Hossein Akhondali The book investigates the twelve Baha'i principles and teachings. The novelty of these teachings--as is claimed by Baha'is--and the actions of Baha'i leaders such as Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha with respect to these teachings are also researched.

Ibn Al' Arabi

Paulist Press The great 13th century Muslim philosopher explores the mysteries of divine love and wisdom, using the symbolic examples of Biblical figures, prophets and holy men, from Adam to Muhammad.

Introducing Anthropology of Religion

Culture to the Ultimate

Routledge This lively and readable survey introduces students to key areas of the field and shows how to apply an anthropological approach to the study of contemporary world religions. Written by an experienced teacher, it covers all of the traditional topics of anthropology of religion, including definitions and theories, beliefs, symbols and language, and ritual and myth, and combines analytic and conceptual discussion with up-to-date ethnography and theory. Eller includes copious examples from religions around the world - both familiar and unfamiliar - and two mini-case studies in each chapter. He also explores classic and contemporary anthropological contributions to important but often overlooked issues such as violence and fundamentalism, morality, secularization, religion in America, and new religious movements. *Introducing Anthropology of Religion* demonstrates that anthropology is both relevant and essential for understanding the world we inhabit today.

Spirit of Faith

The Oneness of Humanity

Baha'i Publishing Trust A compilation of writings and prayers that focus on the inherent oneness of all the peoples of the world. Spiritual seekers of all faiths will relish these uplifting passages that underscore the unity of thought that helps us define our place within a single, unfolding, and divine creation.

The Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh

Howard Fertig Following on from the first, this is the second volume of the revelation of Baha'u'llah. It contains writings revealed by him in Constantinople and Adrianople, touching briefly on the history of his life and his companions during his 5 years in these two cities. He proclaims the advent of the day of God to mankind, and touches on the treachery of the breaker of the covenant of Bab.

A Study Guide to the Constitution of the Universal House of Justice

Includes the full texts of the Constitution of the Universal House of Justice, the By-Laws of a Local Spiritual Assembly and the Model Declaration of Trust and By-Laws for a National Spiritual Assembly.

The Man of Light in Iranian Sufism

A penetrating analysis of the writings of the great Persian mystics on the quest for dawning light in the spiritual journey. Suhrawardi, Semnani, Najm alDin Kubra and other Sufis.

Baháulláh and the New Era

Book-In-Brief: Authentication of Hadith

Redefining The Criteria

International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) In today's complex and volatile world the consequences of relying on fraudulent and counterfeit Hadith to legitimize extremist behavior, issue violent fatwas, and justify blatant abuse, particularly of women, is not only far too easy but in fact dangerous. Israr Khan addresses the sensitive topic of Hadith authentication, focusing on the criteria adopted by classical scholars to maintain that concentration on the continuity and accuracy of the chain of narrators, rather than the textual content of Hadith, has led to particular Hadith being included which either contradict other Hadith directly, project the Prophet (SAAS) in an uncharacteristic light, or do not reflect and/or conflict with the teachings of the Qur'an. The study traces in careful detail the historical development of the oral and written traditions, as well as the many targeted attempts at fabrication that took place, critiquing in methodical detail certain Hadith which have come to be widely accepted as "authentic." The prominent collections we have today, were made possible by the development of the science of Hadith criticism, and Muslim scholars deserve deep appreciation for their painstaking work, as well as their invaluable contribution towards preserving the Hadith literature to the best of their ability. However, insists the author, the process is ongoing, and the closed door policy which currently surrounds Hadith authentication needs to be carefully reexamined.

The Baha'i Faith: A Guide For The Perplexed

A&C Black Founded by Bahá'u'llah in Iran in the 19th century, the Bahá'í Faith is one of the youngest of the world's major religions. Though it has over 5 million followers worldwide, it is still little understood outside of its own community. The Bahá'í Faith: A Guide for the Perplexed explores the utopian vision of the Bahá'í Faith including its principles for personal spiritual transformation and for the construction of spiritualized marriages, families, Bahá'í communities, and, ultimately, a spiritual world civilization. Aimed at students seeking a thorough understanding of this increasingly studied religion, this book is the ideal companion to studying and understanding the Bahá'í Faith, its teachings and the history of its development.

The Messiah of Shiraz

Studies in Early and Middle Babism

BRILL Based throughout on original Persian and Arabic sources, most in manuscript, this is an exhaustive overview of Babi history and doctrine. Alongside Amanat's "Resurrection and Renewal," this distillation of a lifetime's work on the movement brings Babi studies into the twentieth century.

Revisioning the Sacred

New Perspectives on a Bahá'í Theology

Kalimat Press

Melchizedek & the Temple

The Promise of the Ages

Author House The current world confusion and condition of human affairs is a natural phase within an evolutionary process that will ultimately lead to the unification of the human race into a single social order. This process has passed through stages we should consider as being analogous to those of infancy and childhood, and is now in the culminating period of adolescence approaching its long-awaited coming of age an age of universal peace and justice. This has been the promise given throughout all the major faiths of the world. The social fabric of the world is out of balance and through Divine intervention nations will form together in a collective consciousness recognizing the need for a revolutionary shift of spirit to undertake those measures creating lasting harmony and peace. Dr. M. Scott Peck speaks of world-views as being religious. To move away from war, we must distinguish between "true religions and false religions, true prophets and false prophets," and that "truth in religion is characterized by inclusivity," while "falsity in religion can be detected by its one-sidedness and failure to integrate the whole." History clearly shows that some form of a universal legislative body is not only essential, but also inevitable. Such a system is not conceived from the mind of mortal man; rather, it is a Divine System that was set in motion over 6000 years ago. The purpose in writing Melchizedek & the Temple is to show the story of this evolutionary process a journey through time, culminating with the promise of an earthly kingdom an all-inclusive world government, free from tyranny, hate, prejudice and war. Melchizedek & the Temple offers a practical, and compelling alternative to antiquated ideas that in reality prevent humankind from achieving what it longs for universal peace and justice. It is a message of warning and of promise.

Authenticity of the Quran

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The Kitáb-i-Aqdas

The Most Holy Book

Baha'i Distribution Service

The Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh

Howard Fertig **The Covenant of Bah'u'llh is a unique and priceless heritage, unprecedented in past Dispensations. It carries within itself enormous potentialities for the future in the unfoldment of Bah'u'llh's new world order and ultimately the Golden Age of humankind. This book provides a wealth of material for the study of the Covenant. The Kitb-i-'Ahd, Bah'u'llh's own Will and Testament, and the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bah are quoted in full in this volume, and the historical events they refer to are explained.**

Kashaful Aqaid

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History of the Arabic Written Tradition Supplement Volume 3 - i

BRILL **The present English translation reproduces the original German of Carl Brockelmann's Geschichte der Arabischen Litteratur (GAL) as accurately as possible. In the interest of user-friendliness the following emendations have been made in the translation: Personal names are written out in full, except b. for ibn; Brockelmann's transliteration of Arabic has been adapted to comply with modern standards for English-language publications; modern English equivalents are given for place names, e.g. Damascus, Cairo, Jerusalem, etc.; several erroneous dates have been corrected, and the page references to the two German editions have been retained in the margin, except in the Supplement volumes, where new references to the first two English volumes have been inserted.**

Communities of the Qur'an

Dialogue, Debate and Diversity in the 21st Century

Simon and Schuster **What is the nature of the Qur'an? It might seem a straightforward question, but there is no consensus among modern communities of the Qur'an, both Muslim and non-Muslim, about the answer. And why should there be? On numerous occasions throughout history, believers from different schools and denominations, and at different times and places, have agreed to disagree. The Qur'anic interpreters, jurists and theologians of medieval Baghdad, Cairo and Cordoba coexisted peacefully in spite of their diverging beliefs. Seeking to revive this 'ethics of disagreement' of Classical Islam, this volume explores the different relationships societies around the world have with the Qur'an and how our understanding of the text can be shaped by studying the interpretations of others. From LGBT groups to urban African American communities, this book aims to represent the true diversity of communities of the Qur'an in the twenty-first century, and the dialogue and debate that can flow among them.**

Encyclopedia of Islam

Infobase Publishing **Explores the terms, concepts, personalities, historical events, and institutions that helped shape the history of this religion and the way it is practiced today.**

The Primal Point

A Selection of Testimonials and Tributes to the Báb and His Followers

An anthology to mark the bicentenary of the Báb's birth collecting together some of the many tributes and testimonials to the Báb that capture the importance of His station and the impact of His Revelation.

The Advent of Divine Justice

Baha'i Publications Australia **The Advent of Divine Justice is a letter from Shoghi Effendi to the Bahá'ís of the United States and Canada written on 25 December 1938. It describes the unique spiritual destiny of America, its role in establishing the Most Great Peace and the crucial contribution that American Bahá'ís have to make to that process. Shoghi Effendi explains that in order for the Bahá'ís to make a lasting contribution and fulfill their destiny, they must exert themselves to manifest "moral rectitude," "absolute chastity," and "complete freedom from prejudice."**

Islamic Sainthood in the Fullness of Time

Ibn Al-'Arabī's Book of the Fabulous Gryphon

BRILL **This definitive study of an important Sufi work by the "Greatest Shayk" of Islamic mysticism presents a provocative new perspective on the fundamental question of the nature and authority of individual sainthood in organized, prophetic religion.**

Baha'u'llah

The King of Glory

George Ronald