

BAHAI MOVEMENT

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 derstand what the
 movement meant.
 There follows
 some cullings
 from literature
 sent out by Bahai
 leaders embody-
 ing principles of
 poignant interest

to our readers. The twelve basic principles of Bahai as laid down by Baha'ollah over sixty years ago are given as: The oneness of the world of humanity; independent investigation of truth; the foundation of all religions is one; religion must be in accord with science and reason; equality between men and women; prejudice of all kinds must be forgotten; universal peace; universal education; solution of the economic problem; a universal language; an international tribunal.

The following is taken from a letter of Abdul-Baha to the Central Organization for a Durable Peace:

"And among the teachings of Baha'ollah is that religious, racial, political, economic and patriotic prejudices destroy the edifice of humanity. As long as these prejudices prevail the world of humanity will not have rest. For a period of 6,000 years history informs us about the world of humanity. During these 6,000 years the world of humanity has not been free from war, strife, murder and bloodthirstiness. In every period war has been waged in one country or another and that war was due to either religious prejudice, racial prejudice, political prejudice or patriotic prejudice. It has therefore been ascertained that all prejudices are destructive of the human edifice. As long as these prejudices persist, the struggle for existence must remain dominant and bloodthirstiness and rapacity continue."