


Writings of Baha'u'llah

The Baha'i Faith does not have one single holy book. During his lifetime Baha'u'llah wrote or dictated, what is sometimes described as an ocean of words. This ocean of words was either written by him personally or dictated to his secretary and later confirmed by Baha'u'llah as accurate.



What is different is the fact that Baha'u'llah actually wrote or confirmed what is seen as 'scripture'. This is different from any other religious writings.

These 'Writings' are considered as sacred scripture and are divided into books, tablets and letters to individuals.


Baha'u'llah's writings have been translated into more than 800 languages.

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These writings are considered by Baha'is as the revealed word of God


This process of revealing or revelation was described by an observer.....

"Mirza Aqa Jan (Baha'u'llah's personal secretary) had a large ink-pot the size of a small bowl. He also had available about ten to twelve pens and large sheets of paper in stacks"



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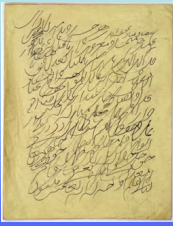
"In those days all letters that arrived for Baha'u'llah were received by Mirza Aqa Jan. He would bring these into the presence of Baha'u'llah and, having obtained permission, would read them"



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"Afterwards, Baha'u'llah would direct him to take up his pen and record the tablet that was revealed in reply..... Such was the speed with which he used to write the revealed word that the ink of the first word was scarcely yet dry when the whole page was finished. It seemed as if someone had dipped a lock of hair in the ink and applied it over the whole page".



Mirza Aqa Jan's Handwriting.

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This is an example of Baha'u'llah's own handwriting.

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In a book called The Kitab-i-Aqdas, Baha'u'llah, says....

"Immerse yourselves in the ocean of My words, that ye may unravel its secrets, and discover all the pearls of wisdom that lie hid in its depths"

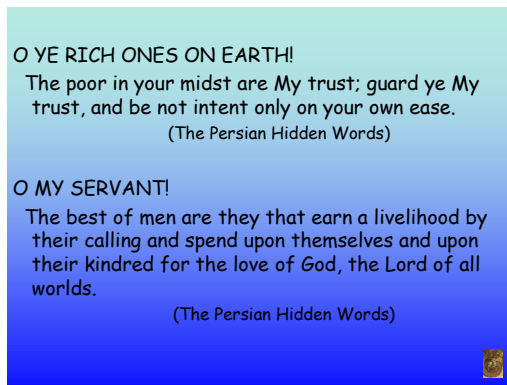
On the next two pages there is a selection from the ocean of Baha'u'llah's writings known as The Hidden Words.

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How can you find pearls of wisdom in words?
Can you write a short verse with 'wisdom' in it?

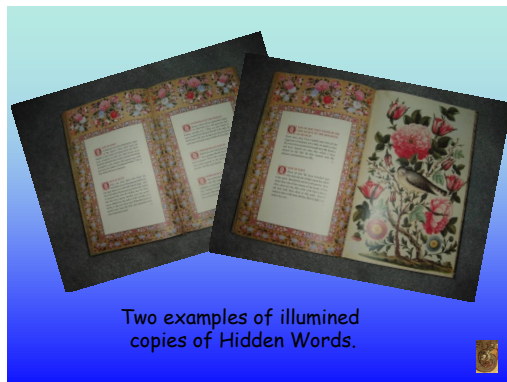
O SON OF MAN!
Be thou content with Me and seek no other helper.
For none but Me can ever suffice thee.
(The Arabic Hidden Words)

O FRIEND!
In the garden of thy heart plant naught but the rose of love, and from the nightingale of affection and desire loosen not thy hold. Treasure the companionship of the righteous and eschew all fellowship with the ungodly.
(The Persian Hidden Words)

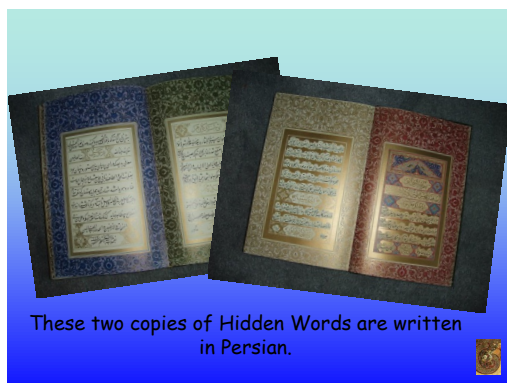
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Students to copy one of the
'Hidden words' and illuminate it in
their own particular style either
with computer graphics or art
work.

[These make excellent displays
put up as a border round the
classroom.]