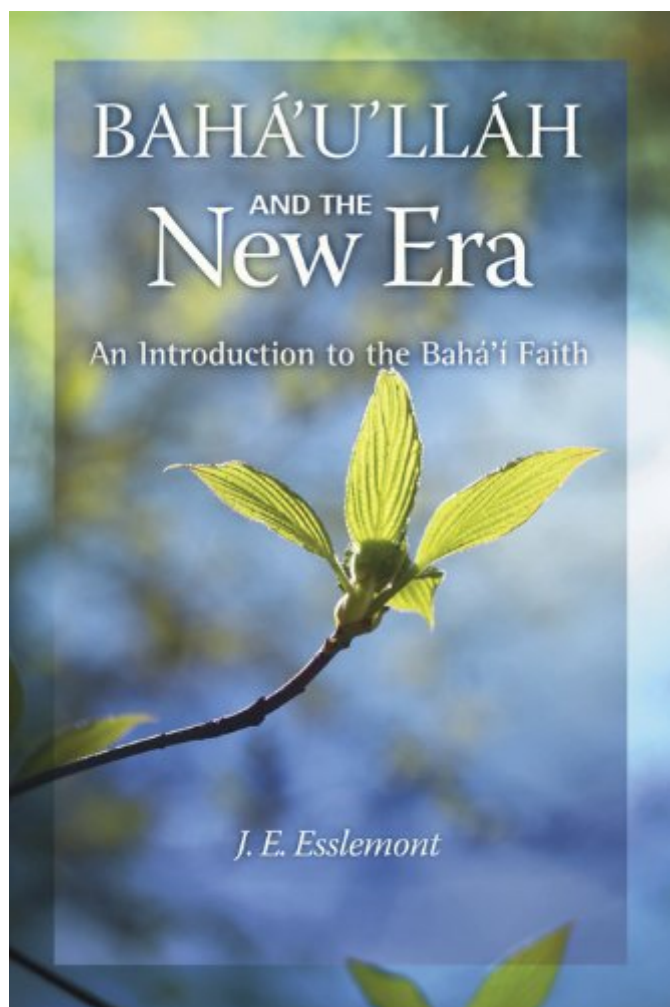


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Baha' u'llah and the New Era By John Esselmont One source tells me Baha' u'llah and the New Era has been translated into "numerous languages." Another source tells me it is "dozens of languages." It is an easy read and is the foremost introductory book on the Baha'i Faith. As a fellow Scot, now living in Canada, I was drawn to this book by author John Esselmont, a graduate of a medical school in Aberdeen, Scotland. In 1963 I travelled from my home in Niagara Falls to attend

the Baha'i World Congress in London, England. While I was "in the neighbourhood" I decided to visit my first Baha'i teacher who was pioneering in Iceland. There, in a corner of his hallway in Reykjavik, was a stack of books four deep and about five feet high. These were 495 copies of Baha'u'llah and the New Era in the Icelandic language. Five copies had already been distributed to the tiny Baha'i community who lived there at that time. I knew I just had to read it for myself. In English... According to another author Loulie Albee Mathews in her book Not Every Sea Hath Pearls, Esselmont was a physician in charge of a sanatorium for tubercular patients in Bournemouth, England and made regular visits to London to consult with the directors of the hospital. He had heard of the Baha'i Faith from several people and was struck by its answers to the problems of the day. He was sitting in a restaurant in 1911, reading a story that the leader of the Baha'i Faith, Abdul Baha, was then visiting the country. A man who observed him said "I am going to hear Abdul Baha speak this afternoon at Lady Bloomfield's. Would you like to come with me?" Esselmont accepted and attended his first Baha'i session in a crowded room.

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