

The Ages and Epochs of the Bahá'í Faith*

Heroic Age Primitive Age Apostolic Age	Formative Age Transitional Age Iron Age	Golden Age
First Epoch (1844-1853) From the Declaration of the Báb on 23 rd May 1844 in <u>Shíráz</u> to the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh in the <u>Síyáh-Chál</u> in Tihrán in 1853	First Epoch (1921-1944) From the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá on 28 th November 1921 in Haifa to the Centenary of the Declaration of the Báb on 23 rd May 1844 in <u>Shíráz</u>	“The Golden Age of the Faith itself that must witness the unification of all the peoples and nations of the world, the establishment of the Most Great Peace, the inauguration of the Kingdom of the Father upon Earth, the coming of age of the entire human race and the birth of a world civilization, inspired and directed by the creative energies released by Bahá'u'lláh's World Order, shining in its meridian splendor, is still unborn and its glories unsuspected.”**
Second Epoch (1853-1892) From the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh in the <u>Síyáh-Chál</u> in Tihrán in 1853 to the Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh on 29 th May 1892 in Bahji	Second Epoch (1946-1963) From the Beginning of the Seven-Year-Plan in April 1946 to the First Election of the Universal House of Justice in April 1963	
Third Epoch (1892-1921) From the Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh on 29 th May 1892 in Bahji to the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá on 28 th November 1921 in Haifa	Third Epoch (1963-1986) From the First Election of the Universal House of Justice in April 1963 to the End of the Seven-Year-Plan in April 1986	
Forth Epoch (1921-1944) From the Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá on 28 th November 1921 in Haifa to the Centenary of the Declaration of the Báb on 23 rd May 1844 in <u>Shíráz</u>	Forth Epoch (1986-2001) From the Beginning of the Six-Year-Plan in April 1986 to the End of the Twelve-Month-Plan in April 2001	
	Fifth Epoch (2001-?) From the Beginning of the Five-Year-Plan in April 2001	

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