

Progressive Revelation

Oneness of God
Oneness of Mankind
Oneness of Religion

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PROPHET</u>	<u>RELIGION</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
5000BC	Unknown	Sabaeen	Chaldea (Persia)
2000BC	Krishna	Hinduism	India
1300BC	Moses	Judaism	Egypt
1000BC	Zoroaster	Zoroastrianism	Iran
560BC	Buddha	Buddhism	India
1AD	Christ	Christianity	Palestine
622AD	Muhammad	Islam	Arabia
1844AD	The Bab	Babi	Iran
1863AD	Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	Iran

There is a story about how each Messenger of God revealed His Revelation. The story of each of the Holy Books is written on this side of the page.

Each of these works is considered the Word of God. They were revealed at different times in different places. Long ago the stories were kept as oral tradition, and written down long after the death of the Manifestation.

Bahá'u'lláh and the Báb were the first

to write Revelation Themselves. As you put together your book, learn the stories of each One.

You may want to photocopy this side of each card and paste it beside the Name and symbol in your book. You can also cut out these boxes and make them into cards. Cover them with clear adhesive paper. Make up a card game that will help you remember all the chapters of the one Holy Book of God. You can make a mobile, too. ★

Krishna

Krishna's life is largely unknown because He lived so long ago. Legends about Him were made into poems and collected together as the *Mahabharata*. An important section is called the *Bhagavad-Gita*, in which Krishna answers many questions about the purpose of life and devotion to God.

Moses

He lived about 1250 B.C. His laws and teachings helped slaves escape Egypt and become a united, proud people. The story of Moses is found in the *Torah*, the first five books of the *Bible*.

Abraham

He probably lived about 2000 B.C. The story of His life can be found in *Genesis*, the first book of the *Bible*. *Genesis* has very little of Abraham's teachings because most of them have been lost.

Christ

Jesus lived 2000 years ago in Palestine. He called the people to turn to God, love their neighbors, and seek to enter God's kingdom. After His death, the stories about His miracles and parables were collected together and published as the *Gospels*, the first four books of the *New Testament*.

Buddha

He lived about 500 B.C. in northern India. He gave sermons and told parables. After His death His followers wrote them down on leaves and put the leaves in baskets. The result was the oldest Buddhist scripture, called the *Tripitaka*, which means *The Three Baskets*.

Zoroaster

He lived in Iran about 1000 B.C. He gave people His Revelation in the form of hymns, so that they would remember it. After His death, His hymns and prayers were collected into a Holy Book called the *Avesta*.

Bahá'u'lláh

He lived from 1817 to 1892 and was the Promised One in the scriptures of all the Manifestations. He revealed over 15,000 tablets, some as long as books, with divine guidance on every subject. He wrote the *Kitáb-i-Aqdas*, which is His Most Holy Book of Laws.

The Báb

He lived from 1819 to 1850. He promised that soon God would send a greater Messenger to fulfill all the promises of the past scriptures. He recorded His revelation in hundreds of books and tablets. The most central of these books is named the Bayán.

Muhammad

He lived 600 years after Jesus. He called the people to reject worship of false gods and turn to the one true God. He led the Arab people and gave laws for a spiritual society. After He died, Muslim leaders put His Writings into one book, the *Qur'án (Recitation)*.

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Golden Rule

Oneness

Krishna	Let no man do to another what Would be repugnant to himself.	Whenever there is a decay Of righteousness, O Bharata, And there is exaltation of Unrighteousness, then I Myself come forth; for the Protection of the good, for The destruction of the evil- Doers, for the sake of firmly Establishing righteousness, I am born from age to age.
Moses	What is hateful to you, do not To your fellow man.	The Lord thy God will raise Up to thee a Prophet of thy Nation and of thy brethren Like unto me: him thou shalt Hear.
Zoroaster	That nature alone is good which Refrains from doing unto others Whatsoever is not good itself.	When religion weakens and irreligion prevails, there will Come an Avatar (a bodily Manifestation of God Appearing on earth. "In every age I come back To deliever the holy, to Destroy the sin of the sinner, To establish righteousness."
Buddha	Hurt not others in ways that You yourself would find hurtful.	I am not the first Buddha Who came upon the earth, Nor shall I be the last. In Due time another Buddha Will arise in the world, a Holy One, a supremely Enlightened One, endowed With wisdom in conduct, Auspicious, knowing the Universe, an incomparable Leader of men, a master of Angels and mortals. He will Reveal to you the same Eternal truths which I have

Taught you. He will preach
His religion, glorious at the
Goal, in the spirit and in the
Letter. He will proclaim a
Religious life, wholly
Perfect and pure; such as I
Now proclaim.

Christ

And as you wish that men would
Do to you, do so to them.

I have yet many things to
Say unto you, but ye cannot
Bear them now. Howbeit
When he, the Spirit of truth,
Is come he will guide you
Unto all truth.

Muhammad

No one of you is a believer until
Desires for his brother that which
He desires for himself.

God will send to His people
at the beginning of every
Age Him Who will renew
Religion.

The Bab

Become a source of comfort to
One another.

Of all the tributes I have
Paid to Him who is to come
After Me the greatest is
This, my written confession
That no words of Mine can
Adequately describe Him
Nor can any reference to
Him in My Book, the
Bayan, do justice to His
Cause.

Baha'u'llah

Blessed is he who preferreth his
Brother before himself.

...the Day in which man-
Kind can behold the Face,
And hear the Voice, of the
The Promised One.
