

The Prophets are like one single being. If you refuse one of them, you refuse them all... So, as the prophets recognize each other, if you don't admit one of them, it is as if you had admitted none of them. In fact, there's only One Light that appears through different windows and which reaches us through the person of each prophet. All of these lights stream from the same Sun. If you refuse a part of this light that shows that you're a bat. You're like a bat who says. "I am against this year's sun, but I accept last years." In fact, this year's and last year's sun are not different in any way. Whatever difference you think you perceive comes from the fact that you didn't really experience last year's sun.

Jelaluddin Rumi

The purpose of the one true God, exalted be His glory, in revealing Himself unto men is to lay bare those gems that lie hidden within the mine of their true and inmost selves. That the divers communions of the earth, and the manifold systems of religious belief, should never be allowed to foster the feelings of animosity among men, is, in this Day, of the essence of the Faith of God and His Religion. These principles and laws, these firmly-established and mighty systems, have proceeded from one Source, and are the rays of one Light. That they differ one from the other is to be attributed to the varying requirements of the ages in which they were promulgated...Religious fanaticism and hatred are a world-devouring fire. Whose violence none can quench. The Hand of Divine power, can, alone, deliver mankind from this desolating affliction...

Bahà'u'llàh

The basis of the teaching of Bahà'u'llàh is the Unity of Mankind, and His greatest desire was that love and goodwill should live in the heart of men.

As He exhorted the people to do away with strife and discord, so I wish to explain to you the principal reason of the unrest among nations. The chief cause is the misrepresentation of religion by the religious leaders and teachers. They teach their followers to believe that their own form of religion is the only one pleasing to God, and that followers of any other persuasion are condemned by the All-Loving Father and deprived of His Mercy and Grace. Hence arise among the peoples. Disapproval, contempt, disputes and hatred. If these religious prejudices could be swept away, the nations would soon enjoy peace and concord.

Abdu'l-Bahà

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