



## *The Bahá'í Faith*

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The Persianized Arabic for the Bahā'ī Faith is *al-Dīn Bahā'ī*. Indeed, the normative Arabic term for Bahā'ī, *al-Bahā'īyah* (roughly, Bahāism), is rarely used by members of the religion. The word itself is usually transliterated, or Romanized, as *Bahá'í* rather than as *Bahā'ī*, and it can refer either to the religion itself or to one of its adherents.

Etymologically, Bahá'í is the adjectival form of the Arabic, *Bahá'* (Bahā'), known as *al-Isim al-A'zam* (the Greatest Name), and it may be translated as glory or splendor. Bahá' is also the short version of one of the titles of the Founder of the religion (Mīrzā Ḥusayn 'Alī Nūrī), *Bahā' Allāh* (generally transliterated as *Bahá'u'lláh*), and it can be rendered as either *Glory* or *Splendor of God*.

The word, *Faith*, in *Bahá'í Faith*, is a translation of the Arabic, *Dīn* (al-Dīn). However, Dīn is a term with no precise English equivalent.

Approximations would be *way of life* or, perhaps, *way of obedience*. It  
it also frequently rendered as *religion*.

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