

## Note to the Teacher

“I am the Primal Point from which have been generated all created things.”

– Selections from the Writings of the Báb, p. 12

**Primal** means *original* or *first*—like a seed from which life grows. It refers to God, the Creator of all life. Here, the Báb is speaking with the Voice of God.

“In the time of the First Manifestation the Primal Will appeared in Adam; in the day of Noah It became known in Noah; in the day of Abraham in Him; and so in the day of Moses; the day of Jesus; the day of Muhammad, the Apostle of God; the day of the ‘Point of the Bayán;’ the day of Him Whom God shall make manifest; and the day of the One Who will appear after Him Whom God shall make manifest. Hence the inner meaning of the words uttered by the Apostle of God, ‘I am all the Prophets,’ inasmuch as what shineth resplendent in each one of Them hath been and will ever remain the one and the same sun.”  
(Selections from the Writings of the Báb, p. 126)

“They resemble the sun which no matter how often it riseth and setteth is still the one and the same sun.” (Bahá'u'lláh, Prayers and Meditations, p. 50)

**Point** is the center of a circle. It refers to a central location or hub. The Báb's revelation served as a point of union connecting the dispensations of the past with those of the future. His advent represents a pivot point, fulfilling the promises of the former Prophets, while at the same time ushering in the dawn of a new Day. The Báb also brought a new calendar, creating a new point in time and dating the beginning of a new era from the time of his own declaration.

“Recall the peerless tributes paid to His memory by the Founder of the Faith, acclaiming Him Monarch of God's Messengers, the Primal Point round Whom the realities of all the Prophets circle in adoration.” (Shoghi Effendi, Citadel of Faith, p. 81)

“...Blessed Báb, Prophet and Herald of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh, Founder of the Dispensation marking the culmination of the six thousand year old Adamic Cycle, Inaugurator of the five thousand century Baha'i Cycle.” (Shoghi Effendi, Citadel of Faith, p. 80)

**The left side of the diagram** also represents the childhood of humankind; the center is its adolescence—a transitional period marked by great turmoil and upheaval; and the right denotes its eventual maturity.

“The creative energies released at the hour of the birth of His Revelation, endowing mankind with the potentialities of the attainment of maturity are deranging, during the present transitional age, the equilibrium of the entire planet as the inevitable prelude to the consummation in world unity of the coming of age of the human race.”  
(Shoghi Effendi: Citadel of Faith, p. 81)

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