

### **I'll Walk the Path**

I'll walk the path of my Lord  
I'll walk the path of my Lord  
And when I fall, like all men, I will hope for His grace

I'll walk the path of my Lord  
I'll seek the pleasure of my Lord  
I'll seek the pleasure of my Lord  
And what He asks, like Quddús, I will make my desire

I'll seek the pleasure of my Lord  
I'll bear the banner of my Lord  
I'll bear the banner of my Lord  
And unafraid, like Ḥusayn, I will raise up His Name

I'll bear the banner of my Lord  
I'll walk the path  
I'll seek the pleasure  
I'll bear the banner  
I'll be a sign from my Lord

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### **Christianity & The Bahá'í Faith: Thinking about the meaning of “The Way”**



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### **Show Me The Way**

Such a tall and gentle man, such a strong and slender hand  
reached out and touched me, with His, lovin' heart  
Jesus show me the way to find the way  
show me the way to find the way  
nailed up on a cross all day I heard all that He had to say  
reached out and touched me, with His, lovin' heart

Forgive them Father for they know not what they do  
Father forgive them, 'cause that pain of mine is your pain  
Jesus show me the way to find the way  
show me the way to find the way

etc ...

Brian Cadd & Don Mudie

<https://www.flashlyrics.com/lyrics/brian-cadd/show-me-the-way-24>

## The Bond of Divine Affection

Love is the source of all the bestowals of God. Until love takes possession of the heart no other divine bounty can be revealed in it.

All the prophets have striven to make love manifest in the hearts of men. His Holiness Jesus Christ sought to create this love in the hearts. He suffered all difficulties and ordeals that perchance the human heart might become the fountain-source of love. Therefore we must strive with all our heart and soul that this love may take possession of us so that all humanity whether it be in the east or in the west may be connected through the bond of this divine affection; for we are all the waves of one sea; we have come into being through the same bestowal and are recipients from the same center. The lights of earth are all acceptable, but the center of effulgence is the sun and we must direct our gaze to the sun. God is the supreme center. The more we turn toward this center of light, the greater will be our capacity.

‘Abdu’l-Bahá, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*



## The central truth of revealed religion

...the soul’s ability to attain to an understanding of its Creator’s purpose is the product not merely of its own effort, but of interventions of the Divine that open the way. The point was made with memorable clarity by Jesus: “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” If one is not to see in this assertion merely a dogmatic challenge to other stages of the one ongoing process of Divine guidance, it is obviously the expression of the central truth of revealed religion: that access to the unknowable Reality that creates and sustains existence is possible only through awakening to the illumination shed from that Realm.

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## Show us the right way

Wherefore, relevant to this, Khájih ‘Abdu’lláh<sup>1</sup> —may God the Most High sanctify his beloved spirit—hath made a subtle point and spoken an eloquent word as to the meaning of “Guide Thou us on the straight path,”<sup>2</sup> which is: “Show us the right way, that is, honor us with the love of Thine Essence, that we may be freed from turning toward ourselves and toward all else save Thee, and may become wholly Thine, and know only Thee, and see only Thee, and think of none save Thee.”

Bahá’u’lláh, *The Seven Valleys*

<sup>1</sup> Shaykh Abú Ismá’íl ‘Abdu’lláh Ansári of Hirát (1006–1088 A.D.) Súfi leader.

<sup>2</sup> Qur’án 1:5.

## The Way of God

...The door of the knowledge of the Ancient Being hath ever been, and will continue for ever to be, closed in the face of men. No man's understanding shall ever gain access unto His holy court. As a token of His mercy, however, and as a proof of His loving-kindness, He hath manifested unto men the Day Stars of His divine guidance, the Symbols of His divine unity, and hath ordained the knowledge of these sanctified Beings to be identical with the knowledge of His own Self. Whoso recognizeth them hath recognized God. Whoso hearkeneth to their call, hath hearkened to the Voice of God, and whoso testifieth to the truth of their Revelation, hath testified to the truth of God Himself. Whoso turneth away from them, hath turned away from God, and whoso disbelieveth in them, hath disbelieved in God. Everyone of them is the Way of God that connecteth this world with the realms above, and the Standard of His Truth unto every one in the kingdoms of earth and heaven. They are the Manifestations of God amidst men, the evidences of His Truth, and the signs of His glory.

*Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh*



## On the way to the dungeon

From Shimírán to Tíhrán, Bahá'u'lláh was several times stripped of His garments, and was overwhelmed with abuse and ridicule. On foot and exposed to the fierce rays of the midsummer sun, He was compelled to cover, barefooted and bareheaded, the whole distance from Shimírán to the dungeon already referred to. All along the route, He was pelted and vilified by the crowds whom His enemies had succeeded in convincing that He was the sworn enemy of their sovereign and the wrecker of his realm. Words fail me to portray the horror of the treatment which was meted out to Him as He was being taken to the Síyáh-Chál of Tíhrán. As He was approaching the dungeon, an old and decrepit woman was seen to emerge from the midst of the crowd, with a stone in her hand, eager to cast it at the face of Bahá'u'lláh. Her eyes glowed with a determination and fanaticism of which few women of her age were capable. Her whole frame shook with rage as she stepped forward and raised her hand to hurl her missile at Him. "By the Siyyidu'sh-Shuhada, I adjure you," she pleaded, as she ran to overtake those into whose hands Bahá'u'lláh had been delivered, "give me a chance to fling my stone in his face!" "Suffer not this woman to be disappointed," were Bahá'u'lláh's words to His guards, as He saw her hastening behind Him. "Deny her not what she regards as a meritorious act in the sight of God."

-- Nabíl, *The Dawn-Breakers*, p. 606-608



## Day by Day/Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Prepare ye the way of the Lord

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Day by day

Day by day

O Dear Lord

Three things I pray

To see thee more clearly

Love thee more dearly

Follow thee more nearly

Day by day

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Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Sung by Colleen Hewitt  
*from the musical "Godspell"*

*Based on a prayer by St Richard of Chichester, and a verse from  
Isaiah 40:3*



## I am the way and the truth and the life

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work...”

*The New Testament, John 14: 1-10*

