

as the return of their own spirit, sometimes it sounds like another person, as in this from the Christian scriptures:

“I have 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...”

The
Promised One

Bahá'ís

believe that, although the Messengers are all different individuals, it is the same spirit, the spirit of God, which animates them all. Bahá'ís believe that Bahá'u'lláh

fulfilled all the promises and prophecies of the past when He arose in Iran in the 19th century and announced His Message to mankind. Bahá'ís believe that the same spirit which was in all the Messengers is in Bahá'u'lláh.

“The Revelation, which from time immemorial, hath been acclaimed as the Purpose and Promise of all the Prophets of God, and the most cherished Desire of His Messengers, hath now, by virtue of the pervasive Will of the Almighty and at His irresistible bidding, been revealed unto men. The advent of such a Revelation hath been heralded in all the sacred Scriptures.”

The
Bahá'í Writings explain that Bahá'u'lláh was the Promised One of all religions:

“To Israel He was neither more nor less than the incarnation of the ‘Everlasting Father’, the ‘Lord of Hosts’ ...; to Christendom, Christ returned ‘in the glory of the Father’, to Shi’ah Islam the return of the Imam Husayn; to Sunni Islam the descent of the ‘Spirit of God’; to the Zoroastrians the promised Shah-Bahram; to the Hindus the reincarnation of Krishna; to the Buddhists the fifth Buddha.”

The
name Bahá'u'lláh means ‘the Glory of God’ or ‘Glory of the Lord’.
This title is
mentioned in many prophecies:

“To Him Isaiah, the greatest of the Jewish prophets, had alluded as the ‘Glory of the Lord’, the ‘Everlasting Father’, the ‘Prince of Peace’, the ‘Wonderful’, the ‘Counsellor’.”

The
Promised Day of God

This
is the day for which mankind has been hoping and waiting for thousands of

years:

“Verily I say,
this is the Day in which mankind can behold the Face, and hear the Voice, of
the Promised One... Great indeed is this Day! The allusions made to it in all
the sacred Scriptures as the Day of God attest its greatness. The soul of every
Prophet of God, of every Divine Messenger, hath thirsted for this wondrous
Day.”

This
is the day when the will of God will be done upon all the earth:

“The time
foreordained unto the peoples and kindreds of the earth is now come. The
promises of God, as recorded in the holy Scriptures, have all been fulfilled.
Out of Zion hath gone forth the Law of God, and Jerusalem, and the hills and
land thereof, are filled with the glory of His Revelation.”

The
law of God did indeed go forth from the Holy Land – Bahá’u’lláh was
exiled
there and wrote to the kings and rulers of the earth, proclaiming His Message.
He
explained how they should govern their peoples and what they needed to do to
bring peace to the world.

This
is the promised Age of Peace:

“This is the Day in which God’s most excellent favours have been poured out
upon men, the Day in which His most mighty grace hath been infused into all
created things. It is incumbent upon all the peoples of the world to reconcile
their differences, and with perfect unity and peace, abide beneath the shadow
of the Tree of His care and loving-kindness.”

The Message for this Day

Bahá’u’lláh
re-emphasised and expanded the spiritual teachings found in all religions. He
also brought many teachings specifically for the age we live in today. Here are
some examples of these:

“It is not for him
to pride himself who loveth his own country, but rather for him who loveth the
whole world. The earth is but one country and mankind its citizens.”

“...among the teachings... is the equality of
women and men. The world of humanity has two wings... Not until both wings are
equally developed can the bird fly.”

“It is important
to limit riches, as it is also of importance to limit poverty. Either extreme

is not good.”

“The day is approaching when all the peoples of the world will have adopted one universal language and one common script... These things are obligatory and absolutely essential.”

“Should any king take up arms against another, all should unitedly arise and prevent him.”

“Peace must first be established among individuals, until it leadeth in the end to peace among nations.”

“The gift of God to this enlightened age is the knowledge of the oneness of mankind and of the fundamental oneness of religion. War shall cease between nations, and by the will of God the Most Great Peace shall come....”

The New Age

“...this is the Day which the one true God... hath announced in all His Books unto His Prophets and His Messengers.”

Bahá'ís

believe that the coming of Bahá'u'lláh brought the prophetic cycle to an end. His coming marks the dawn of the maturity of mankind. In this age we will achieve the unity of the peoples of the world. In this age we will achieve peace. The Message of Bahá'u'lláh begins a new cycle in the history of mankind: the future Messengers of this cycle will build on the foundations of the laws of Bahá'u'lláh.

The

Bahá'í community is still at an early stage in its development but it is inclusive of people from all faiths, countries and backgrounds. All are working to build a new civilisation built on spirituality, love and justice.

Bahá'u'lláh

said that we should look at things with an open mind. No one else can decide our response to His Message:

“O people! The

Day, promised unto you in all the Scriptures, is now come. Fear ye God, and withhold not yourselves from recognising the One Who is the Object of your creation.”

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