



"The spirit breathed by Bahá'u'lláh will find expression in the work of the artists." —Bahá'í Writings

**B**eautiful writing with elegant, artistic lines is called calligraphy. It is a highly-respected art. The Báb once sent Bahá'u'lláh a precious gift of His calligraphy. On a scroll of delicate blue paper, the Báb had written 500 verses in the shape of a five-pointed star. (The star is a symbol of the human body, and the five points represent the head, arms, and legs.) Within these 500 verses were 360 different versions of the word "Bahá" (Glory).

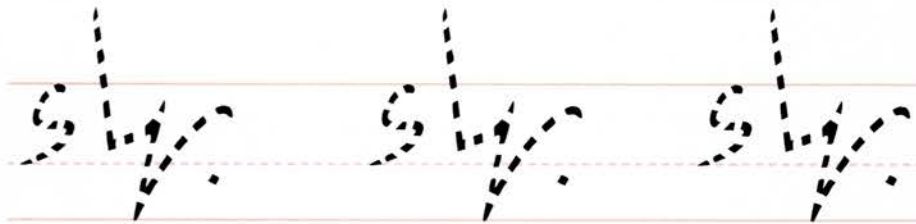
You can practice writing the

Arabic word "Bahá." Below, it is written in two calligraphy variations. Since Arabic is written and read from right to left, follow the arrows to write it correctly. First write the word using the dashed lines as a guide. Then, on the lines provided, write your calligraphy without the guide.

Calligraphers often use a special pen with a broad, flat edge, which creates thick and thin lines. If you don't have a calligraphy pen, you can use any pen or pencil.

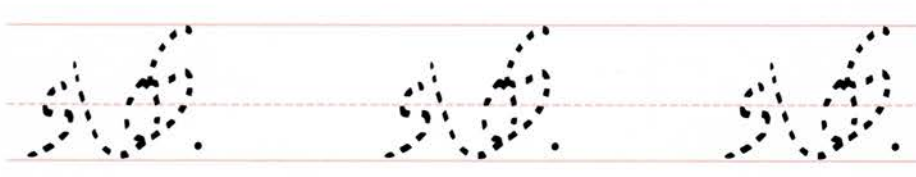


A Tablet written by the Báb in the form of a five-pointed star. This is a symbol of the Bahá'í Faith. The nine-pointed star is also used as a Bahá'í symbol.



**Bahá (Glory)**

*In Roq'a Style,  
a very common  
and simple style*



**Bahá (Glory)**

*In Divani Style,  
a more  
formal style*

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