

BIG IDEAS

BIG IDEAS: THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH AND THE ISSUES OF OUR TIME

Please join us for a series of talks addressing some of humanity's shared challenges and opportunities as we work to advance an emerging global civilization. This series brings together current research, experience, contemporary discourses and Baha'i perspectives. Please publicize widely.

"Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in and its exigences and requirements." ~ Baha'i Writings



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East is East, and West is West*: Education's Where They Meet!

*Not to forget the global South and North and their roads to reconciliation!

This presentation offers one school teacher's view of the astounding enterprise that EDUCATION genuinely *is*. After decades in Canadian schools, Jay worked with Chinese university students to improve their English and their understanding of "Western Culture", broadly understood. The strengths and weaknesses of educational systems, East and West, will start us pondering the nature and practice of education. What do we think we're *doing*: in our own life's learning, in our communities and schools, *and* as a global population seeking what it means to be a planetary family? This is Education, writ *LARGE*. The teachings of Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha deliver an awesome vision and practical guidelines. How *do* we go about the greatest project of learning we have ever undertaken?

About Jay:

James Howden is a writer, coach and world citizen-in-training. Twenty years of breathlessly teaching reading and writing – and coaching basketball as if global prosperity depended upon it – were followed by work in Ottawa as a speechwriter and five years teaching and learning in Dalian, China. Still active (pandemic aside) as a coach, he lives in the Overbrook neighbourhood of Ottawa with his wife Diana and the youngest of his four sons. Readers track his fitful writing at JamesHowden.com, but his friends call him Jay. He has been feeling his way along the Baha'i path since his teens.

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