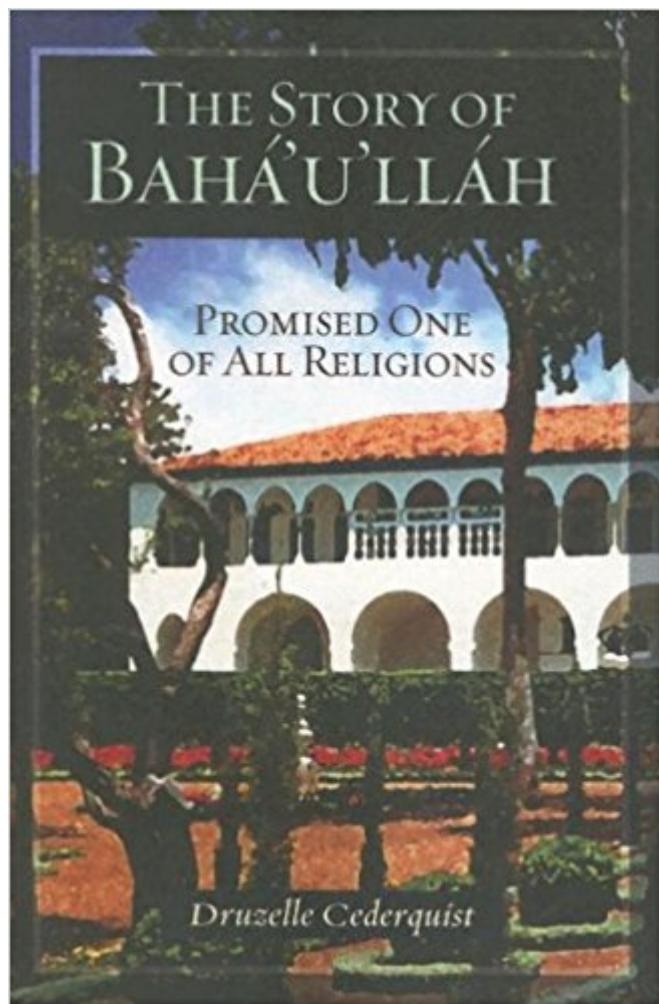


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The Story Of Bahá'u'llah: Promised One Of All Religions



Synopsis

An easy-to-read introduction to the Prophet and Founder of the Baha'i Faith. Born to Persian nobility in the early nineteenth century, Baha'u'llah (1817-1892) seemed destined for a life of wealth and ease. Yet from an early age He showed little interest in courtly privileges, preferring to minister to the less fortunate of His native Tehran. Later, He cast aside all considerations of future material comfort by declaring His recognition of the Bab. The Bab was a young man from Shiraz who claimed to be a Messenger sent by God to transform the spiritual life of humanity and to prepare the way for One who would bring an even greater revelation. His support of the Bab resulted in the loss of virtually all His worldly possessions, imprisonment in Tehran's notorious Black Pit, and a series of increasingly harsh and remote exiles spanning forty years. The first exile was to Baghdad, where, in 1863, Baha'u'llah announced that He was that Promised One foretold by the Bab and, in fact, by all the world's religions. From Baghdad, Baha'u'llah was sent to Constantinople, then Adrianople, and finally to 'Akka, a remote outpost of the Ottoman Empire. Each exile was intended to strip Baha'u'llah of His influence and exterminate the young religion, yet each move had the opposite effect. Baha'u'llah's teachings about the underlying unity of the world's religions and the inevitable emergence of a unified global civilization attracted thousands to investigate further. Today, the Baha'i Faith is the second most widespread of the world's religions, with a growing membership numbering some five million.

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Customer Reviews

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As recently as last week, a very kind lady asked me (with comic deference), "Isn't the Baha'i Faith a cult?" The answer to that question is a definitive "No." I recommend "The Story of Baha'u'llah," to anyone curious about the origins of the Baha'i Faith, now well established across the world. In my lifetime, the Baha'i Faith has raised itself from obscurity, growing steadily. Considering its modernity (originating just 170 years ago), its lack of clergy, liturgy, and dogma the Baha'i Faith is well worth the consideration of religion students and especially by lovers of "Mystery." The Faith described in this book is the first worldwide religion to emerge within the full gaze of documented "history." "The Story of Baha'u'llah" is not academic study; plenty of other Baha'i books are available for scholarly purposes. "The Story . . ." describes what all divine experience shares . . . an epic story begun in obscurity that nevertheless, reaches the masses through archetypal event, binding the mundane to the Divine through organic movement. I salute Druzelle Cedarquist's ability to convey a great amount of detail from Baha'i historical sources (who are themselves, rewarding to read, but sometimes challenging due to 19th century literary conventions). This book is written in straightforward language and conveys the story of Him Who the Baha'i Writings refer to as "The Ancient Beauty," and "He Whom God Shall Make Manifest." Make no mistake, "The Story of Baha'u'llah" explains the beginnings of the Baha'i Faith in its amazingly heroic terms, recounting the blazing sacrifices of early believers in Iran, including the Family of Baha'u'llah. The result of "The Story . . ." is the remarkably swift establishment of a new, open, fresh-faced religion of universal breadth.

This version of the story of Baha'u'llah is well-researched, touching, and written as if a story-teller were personally engaging the reader as the events unfold as opposed to a dry, scholarly re-telling. Baha'is will find this book a beautiful rendering that is at once familiar and also a page-turner. For those who are unfamiliar with Baha'u'llah, this book is an excellent place to start. It is suitable for teenagers as well as adults.

The Story of Baha'u'llah is a wonderful book about the early history of the Baha'i Faith that is easy to read and inspiring. The chapters are mostly short, which I love. The stories are well written and inspiring. The format takes historical events and rounds them out with background and feeling.

Excellent review of the life of Baha'u'llah. Very easy to read, and told in a flowing, narrative style.

Will recommend this book to all my friends.

Clearly written history in story form!

This book "The Story of Baha'u'llah" is a must read for all religious scholars who are not prejudiced towards the Baha'i Faith. I guess this book has particular importance to Baha'is, but also to anyone who has a free spirit and also has some background on the scope of the writings of Baha'u'llah and the comprehensiveness of his mission as regards Progressive Revelation. But I would add that if one is not thoroughly familiar with the background of the Baha'i Faith then the importance of this book would probably escape the reader.

very good book one of my favorites, the story was put together so well, and most certainly brings the truth of Bahaullah into light. highly recommended quit the tear jerker too :)

This book is a well written and comprehensive history of the founder of the Baha'i Faith, a new world religion that presents the answers to the rebuilding of the world. "That which the Lord has ordained as the sovereign remedy and mightiest instrument for the healing of all the world is the union of all its people in one universal Cause, one common Faith."

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