

# The Gate

AN ACCOUNT OF THE BAB,  
WHO STOOD FIRM  
ON THE COVENANT OF GOD



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## ***Who is the Bab ?***

The Bab; is the Title of Mirza Ali Mohammed Shirazi who was born on 20<sup>th</sup> October 1819; was a 19<sup>th</sup> century figure who upon the continuation of the Shaykhi Moslem School of thought declared himself as the Gate of the Promised Mihdi (The promised savior of Islam).

The Shaykhi School of Thought was based on the concept of certain revered personalities having a connection with the promised Mihdi. Mirza Ali Mohammed Shirazi taking inspiration from this concept of the Shaykhi Faction of Islam claimed himself to be one step above the Connection to the Mihdi. He declared himself to be the Gate of the Promised Mihdi, leading the faithful to the Mihdi himself. A great many number of people facing difficult times and awaiting a savior bought into his proclamation of being the Gate of the said Mihdi as a way of seeking succor from their problems.

However, within a short span of time, Mirza Ali Mohammed Shirazi conveniently declared himself to be the Promised Mihdi. Those who continued to follow him came to be known as the Babis.

Following this declaration of his being the Mihdi, came a challenge from the establishment of Islam. The Bab was interrogated at many occasions asking for definite proof and was also challenged to prove his ministry.

The Bab when faced with this challenge, under duress recanted his claim in court and apologized for misleading his followers. This most shocking event laid bare all the divine claims of his so called ministry, for no man of God possessing the truth, whenever faced with a challenge over his ministry has ever recanted his claim. On the contrary they have stood firm on their mission from God.

Read on to find out more about this maverick man of god whose heroism lasted only 2 whacks....

## ***The Sayyid***

The first thing which should be clarified is the Honorific Moslem Title of “Sayyid”. Diving into how the Moslems use the title we find that its use was reserved for those persons whose fathers were direct descendents of the Prophet Muhammad. In Persian Moslem tradition there is another Honorific title “Mirza” which is used for those persons whose mothers are from the direct lineage of the Prophet Muhammad (and their fathers are not).

Interestingly, Historical records show that The Bab – Ali Mohammed Shirazi was a Mirza and not a Sayyid. Somewhere down the line, in a very sinister manner, the Honorific has been changed from Mirza to Sayyid so as to accommodate his claim of being the Mihdi, who according to Moslem Legends will be a Sayyid.

Being a Mirza quite effortlessly brings down this charade of The Bab being the Mihdi, since he is not from the direct descendent of the Prophet Muhammad. Some independent research would be encouraged on this topic to bring clarity on the very foundation of these claims...

***A little Independent Investigation of Truth wouldn't hurt, Would it ?***

## ***The Steadfastness of the Bab***

The Bab, in the fulfillment of 'his' mission, went about declaring that he was the Mihdi. However when challenged by the people to prove the same, he was more than shy to come out in the open.

The Bab delegated most of the perilous work to his Letters of the Living, who did the dirty work for him. These letters of the living had to bear all the brunt while the Bab enjoyed the fame.

However, on the one occasion quite early into his ministry the Bab was faced with a strong challenge. He was to face a jury of Clerics who were to interrogate him on his claims. When questioned, he did not answer and when inquired upon, he chose not to respond, maybe invoking his 5<sup>th</sup> amendment rights to remain silent. However he had made his claim in 19<sup>th</sup> century Persia and not the 21<sup>st</sup> century United States. The clergy ordered that The Bab be given a couple of whacks to compel him to answer.

Quite amazingly, from the thunderous sound of the whacking stick arose the Bab with all his grace and aura and then like a nimble chicken, who has heard the tiger growl, recanted his claim.

Yes. This man who claimed to be the Mihdi, Recanted his claim. In fact, he even submitted a written letter of recantation to the Jury, a copy of which is attached in this booklet.

You might think that I am making things up, but this is a well documented fact by secular scholars who specialized in Baha'i Affairs as well as some Baha'i Scholars themselves.

***Read on,***

***It only gets more interesting.....***

## ***The Bab - Mirza Abul-Fadl-i-Gulpaygani***



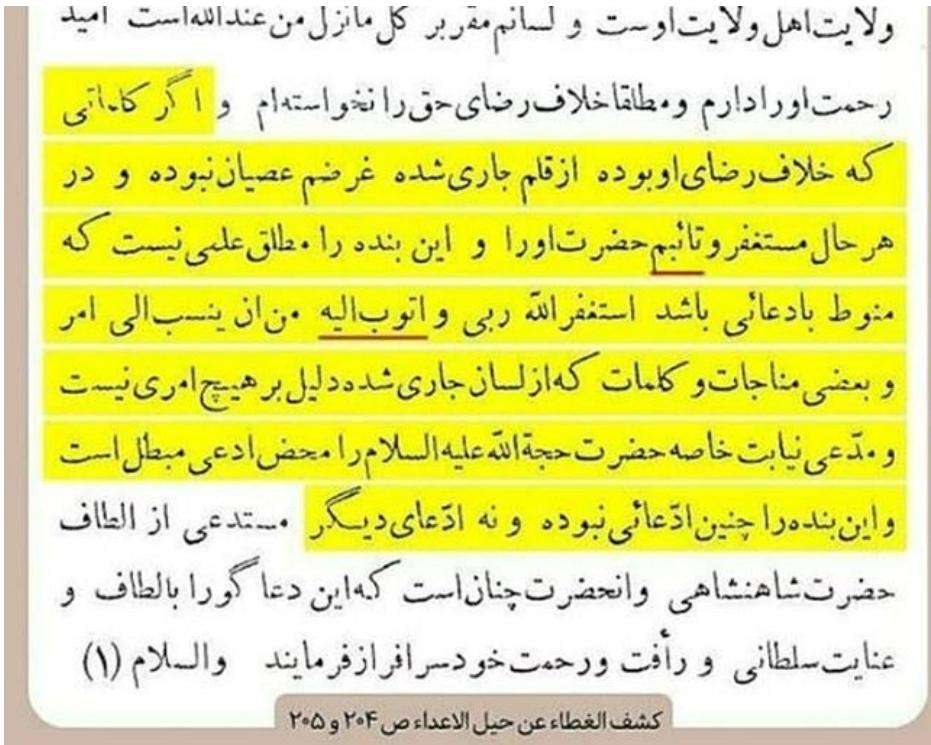
Mirza Abul-Fadl-i-Gulpaygani was the foremost Baha'i scholar who helped spread the Baha'i Faith in Egypt, Turkmenistan, and the United States. He is one of the few Apostles of Baha'u'llah who never actually met Baha'u'llah. His given name was Muhammad, and he chose the alias Abul-Fadl (progenitor of virtue) for himself, but Abdul-Baha frequently addressed him as Abul-Fadail (progenitor of virtues).

The virtues of this scholar are such that his words have very strong meaning to all the Baha'i. In fact, any Baha'i who wants to deny what Mirza Abul-Fadl has written must in fact check whether he is a Baha'i or not.

This man of deep knowledge and scholarship has noted and attested to the court events of the Bab facing the clergy. This scholar has authenticated the notion that the Bab recanted all his claims and in fact used lunacy and a weak mind as the excuses behind making such a claim.

While it might sound difficult to believe these words, allow me to present on this page a scanned clipping from the Book titled - Kashf Ul Gheṭa'a written by the respected Baha'i Scholar about whom we have discussed above.

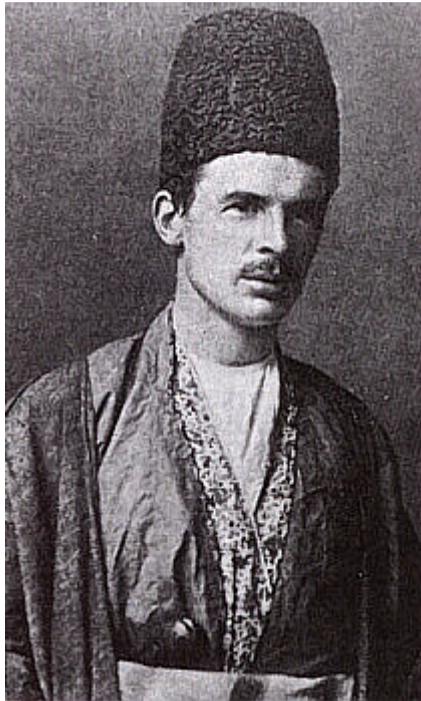
Please see for yourself – And do please conduct some independent investigation of Truth?



Above is a section from the Book – Kashf Ul Gheṭa'a Pg 204-205, showing the portion of the recantation of the Bab. We are not going to worry about providing a translation here since we shall be providing a hand written copy of the Babs recantation letter after this.

If you, my dear reader are so inquisitive as to what is written then please look for a Persian speaking Baha'i and ask him to translate it for you.

## ***The Bab - Edward Granville Browne***



Edward Granville Browne was a British Orientalist and a secular scholar of the Baha'i religion, who was also a Fellow of the British Academy – A title granted by the British Academy to leading academics for their distinction in the humanities and social sciences.

He is best known for his documentation and historical narratives of Babism as relayed by Arthur de Gobineau. He published two translations of Babi histories, and wrote several of the few Western accounts of early Babi and Baha'i history.

The book “Materials for the study of the Babi Religion” is one of the few authoritative works by a neutral author which has mentioned in detail the happenings and the narratives of the formative years of the Babi and Baha'i movements.

Edward Browne is also one of the few Orientalists who can claim the credit of writing about the happenings in Persia during the period of Babi establishment as well as having the graces to meet Baha'u'llah, the founder of the Baha'i Movement.

In his authoritative compilation of the formative Babi years he has mentioned about the recantation of the Bab in great detail, giving every minute detail as had happened in the court where the Bab was interrogated by the clergy.

**Quoting Ad Verbatim from Edward Browne's Material for the Study of Babi Religion, page 253, where he has fetched the court hearing –**

*"I therefore summoned Akhundi-i-Mulla Muhammad and Mulla Murtaza-Quli, while of [Your Majesty's] servants this slave Aslan Khan, Mirza Yahya and Kazim Khan were also present in the assembly.*

*First Hajji Mulla Mahmud asked, saying: 'It hath been heard that thou sayest, "I am the Imam's vicegerent and the Bab"; nay, that thou hast uttered certain words implying that thou art actually the Imam or a Prophet.' The Bab answered, 'Yes, my friend, my Qibla, I am the Imam's Vicegerent and the Bab, and what I have said, and you have heard is true. It is incumbent on you to obey me, by virtue of [the saying] "Enter the Door [Bab] with adoration."*

*But I did not utter these words: 'He uttered them who uttered them.' They asked, 'Who, then, is the speaker?' He answered, 'He who shone forth on Mount Sinai: "[If to say] 'I am the Truth' be seemly in a Tree, why should it not be seemly on the part of some favored man?" There is no I-ness in the case: God hath said these things, while I am but as the Tree [or Burning Bush] on Sinai at that time [the Divine Word] was created in it, and now in me. And I swear by God that I am that person whom you have been expecting from the beginning of Islam until now; I am he whom forty thousand doctors will deny.*

*They enquired, 'In what book is this tradition that forty thousand doctors will deny?' He replied, 'If it be not forty thousand, it is at any rate four thousand.' Mulla Murtaza-Quli said, 'Very well; then according to this statement, thou art the Author of a [new] Dispensation. But it is in the Traditions and a*

necessary part of our Faith that the [Promised] One shall appear from Mecca, and that the leaders of men and Jinn, together with forty-five thousand Jinnis will believe in him, and that he will have with him the heirlooms of the Prophets, such as David's coat-of-mail, the rod of Moses, Solomon's ring, and the White Hand. Where, now are the rod of Moses and the White Hand?' The Bab answered, 'I am not permitted to bring them.' Akhund-i- Mulla Muhammad said, 'Thou didst err in coming without permission.' Then they asked him, 'What hast thou of signs and miracles?' He replied, 'My miracle is this, that I can cause verses to be revealed for my staff,' whereupon he began to recite the following words:

*"In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Forgiving. Glory be to God the Holy the Glorified, who created the Heavens and the Earth as He created this staff, as one of His signs."*

But according to the rules of [Arabic] grammar he wrongly vocalized the word Samawat (Heavens) as Samawata. They said, 'Make its [final] vowel i.

'Then he recited the word al-ard (the Earth) also with a [final] i. Amir Aslan Khan observed that if such words were of the nature of 'Signs,' he likewise could produce such, and proceeded to recite: 'Praise be to God who created the staff as He created the morning and the evening': whereat the Bab was greatly ashamed.

"After that they asked some questions on Jurisprudence and other sciences, which he was unable to answer, not even the plainest juridical questions, such as those concerning doubt and error [arising during the performance of prayer], but hung his head and again began to utter such meaningless words as,

'I am that very Light which shone forth on Sinai, for it hath come down in tradition that that Light was the Light of one of the Shi'is.'

Thereupon, this servant remarked, 'Wherefore shouldst thou be that Shi'i? Perhaps it was the Light of Mulla Murtaza-Quli.' Thereat he was more ashamed than before and hung his head.

*When the discussion was concluded, His Reverence the Shaykhu'l-Islam was summoned, who had the Bab beaten and inflicted on him an exemplary chastisement, so that he apologized, recanted, and repented of and asked pardon for his errors, giving a sealed undertaking that henceforth he would not commit such faults.*

**Such was the “Manifestation” that his grammar of Arabic language was of such poor standard that he could not even phrase the heavens and the earth correctly. Also his miracle in a court full of questioners was a verse about his staff.**

**Also for your satisfaction we are pleased to present on the following page a hand written copy of the Letter of Recantation of the Bab in his own Hand writing.**

The document given on the next page is a recantation in the Babs own handwriting. Probably his verbal recantation that was furnished in the presence of Arslan Khan and others was considered insufficient and thus a written recantation was demanded.

Handwritten text in Urdu script, likely a letter of recantation, written in a cursive style. The text is arranged in several lines, starting from the top right and moving downwards. The paper appears aged and slightly textured.

**The Babs Letter of recantation in his own Hand Writing**

This letter, which was addressed to Nasiruddin Shah, the then Crown Prince, is as below:-

***"May my life be thy sacrifice, Praise be to God such as He deserves and merits, in that He hath caused the mani-festations of His grace and mercy under all circumstances to comprehend all of His servants.***

***Praise be to God and again praise, that He hath deigned to make one like your Excellency the source of His clemency and mercy, by the manifestation of whose kindness He hath pardoned His servants, cast a veil over (the faults of) sinners, and shown mercy to the transgressors.***

***I take God to witness on His part that this weak servant never intended aught contrary to the good pleasure of the Lord of the world and the company of Saints. Although my very existence is utterly faulty, yet since my heart firmly believes in the Unity of God (glorious is His mention), and the Prophet hood of His Apostle and the saint ship of the community of saints, and since my tongue acknowledged all that hath been revealed on the part of God, I hope for His mercy.***

***Never have I desired aught contrary to the will of God, and, if words contrary to His good pleasure have flowed from my pen, my object was not disobedience, and in any case, I repent and ask forgiveness of Him. This servant has absolutely no knowledge connected with any claim.***

***I ask forgiveness of God my Lord and I repent unto Him of (the idea) that there should be ascribed to me any (Divine) mission. As for certain prayers and words which have flowed from my tongue, these do not imply any such mission (amr), and any (apparent) claim to any special vice regency for His Holiness the Proof of God (on whom be peace) is a purely baseless claim, such as this servant has never put forward, nay, nor any claim like unto it.***

***Therefore, it is thus hoped from the clemency of His Imperial Majesty and of your Excellency, that they will exalt the head of him who continually prays for them by the favors and graces of their clement and compassionate court. Farewell."***

It is most surprising to read such a letter from a person who is today claimed to be a manifestation of God and at His time claimed himself to be the Gate of the Mihdi and then as the Mihdi himself.

Never mind the fact that a couple of years of imprisonment rendered him senile and caused to him to make bizarre claims including that of being God Himself!!!

However, coming back to the recantation - It is said that the Bab recanted after the second slap. He held on tight to his proclamation right up till the second slap after which his holiness broke down and could not tolerate a third one. Maybe the slap master had strong hands or maybe the Bab had a delicate face. Who knows?

What we do know is that following the example of Bab, in the face of pressure or persecution all Baha'is should take a maximum of 2 slaps. After that they should also recant. If the Bab can, then of course all Baha'is can. Unless the UHJ asks the Bahais to tolerate more persecution.

## ***The steadfastness of Abraham***

Abraham was a man of God. A patriarch? A Prophet? Depends on what part of monotheistic belief you subscribe to. However, one thing is for sure. In the face of duress Abraham, never recanted his proclamation. NEVER.

Nimrod lit a huge bonfire and threatened to throw Abraham in it. Abraham did not recant. Nimrod had Abraham cast into the Fire. Yet Abraham never recanted. Abraham had to leave Babylon for Canaan and resettle there with all its difficulties, but he NEVER RECANTED.

Because, Abraham was a man of God. He believed that he had a divine mission and hence he was like a mountain in the face of Wind. And God did help him likewise. He came out of the fire unharmed after all.

But, on the other hand our dearest Bab recanted after 2 slaps

How sad...

## ***The steadfastness of Moses***

Moses was a man of God. Father of Israel? A Prophet? The bestowee of the 10 commandments? Depends on what part of monotheistic belief you subscribe to. However, one thing is for sure. In the face of duress Moses, never recanted his proclamation. NEVER.

Moses, given the choice between kingship and execution of his divine mission chose the latter. Moses stood up against the tyrant pharaoh and brought succor for his people unlike the Bab who brought civil war and misery for the people of Persia.

Yet in the face of duress, Moses could trust God and enter into the River Nile, in the face of some of the harshest challenges a leader could face Moses NEVER RECANTED his proclamation.

Also Moses could as a miracle part the river Nile to grant succor for his people. The Bab could not even fake reveal a verse about his staff without grammatical mistakes like a 2 year old child. Maybe he was truly illiterate?

But to compare the two, Moses parted the Nile and entered into it with all the children of Israel and the Bab recanted after 2 Slaps.

How sad...

## ***The steadfastness of Jesus Christ***

Jesus Christ was a man of God. Son of God? Prophet of God? Depends on what shade of monotheistic belief you subscribe to. However, one thing is for sure. In the face of Duress Jesus Christ never recanted his proclamation. NEVER.

The Christ was arrested, charged, tried, tortured and all kinds of torment were applied unto him. But never once did Christ ever even remotely talk about recanting his proclamation. In fact, recantation is all that the Romans asked for. And it would have been a very easy way out for Him. But, It is more Honorable, Nay, Dutiable for Christ to Die on the Cross than to recant his proclamation made to all mankind.

The Christ would give cure to lepers, eyes to the blind and fill joy wherever he was present. In comparison, the Bab had the Miracle of a Verse revealed in the honor of his staff (in faulty Arabic, mind you).

The Christ on the Cross and His proclamation stand intact. The Bab + 2 slaps and.....

How sad...

## ***The Justification for Steadfastness***

Often one would justify that the Bab recanted purely out of concern for further establishing the Babi faith and to complete the proclamation he had started. But this argument is flawed from the initiation.

Men of God – Patriarchs, Prophets, Manifestations are men with divine power. They have a capacity not possessed by ordinary men. They do not function or think the way we think.

Would it not have then made sense for Christ to have recanted in favor of preaching his faith more? But they were the Men of God and knew that irrespective of the circumstances they have to remain steadfast on their mission. And Lo! Behold Christianity today!!

And what happened to The Bab. He recanted under the Duress of 2 slaps and effectively proved to those around him that he was a phony. The Bab was a coward who thought that he could capitalize on the vulnerability of the poor people of Persia into living a life of comforts as their make believe savior.

He was a fraud, who tried cheap trickery on the very vulnerable and found little success. He had no guts to stand up to the challenges in front of him and tried to get his way through using mental health as an excuse initially and violent people later. His Ministry brought nothing but misery for the people. His dummy proclamation and its overzealous followers who were lovers of Anarchy wreaked havoc in Persia when the Babi movement was at its peak.

And then in a form of Poetic justice after getting executed as a miserable twat his Babi Movement was high jacked by an equally slimy Baha'u'llah who looted all the followers and property of the Babis and called himself as the successor of the Bab.

## ***Stories of the Martyrdom of the Bab***

A Baha'i has without doubt heard about the story of the execution of the Bab. Every year, on the day of the execution of the Bab, a commemoration is held where the members of the various LSAs and NSAs shed crocodile tears in his grief. They would probably cry more over the death of their pet dog.

Masterful stories equaling fairytales are narrated about his executions which pose serious questions for a rational man to believe. Cutting all the humbug for you allow me to present to you how our Dear Bab was executed.

The Bab was hung up and then executed in a barrage of bullets which turned him into a piece of perforated meat. Sorry to wake you from your slumber but he did not magically disappear and was then found in his prison cell. He was hung up and like any other murderer or rapist was shot dead. As easy as that.

Never mind the illustration in the Ruhi Curriculum Book 4, which paints a romantic image of his execution. It is meant for the Baha'i sheep which have grass for breakfast and Ruhi curriculum for Dinner.

I will present to you on the Next pages some genuine sketches dated from the site of the execution which give a true picture of all that transpired and all that did not transpire....



**Execution of the Bab. The Person at the Top Right who is Hanging is the Bab Ready to be Shot**



**People standing next to the perforated body of the Bab, cheering the Execution of the mischief maker**

Most accounts of the Bab's execution come from his Babi Followers who wanted to romanticize with the idea of martyrdom for their leader. There is no independent or secular notation of his execution and its happenings because there was no need for any such recording.

The Bab was a nobody. He did not merit such importance that secular or scholarly people of the world or Persia would dedicate their time to go and make accounts of his execution. For the People of Persia he was a criminal and by modern standards his Babi movement was a terrorist organization too, in trying to assassinate the Crown Prince and in launching attacks on innocent villages and towns.

I also personally do not care about the Bab. But as an Ex Baha'i I wanted you to read this on his 200<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary

## ***Bab as the Forerunner to Baha'u'llah***

### ***From a broken oven comes out burnt bread***

After reading about the life, ministry and Death of the Bab we now move on to the topic of his succession. Although the Bab had appointed someone else as his successor, a sly fellow named Baha'u'llah, came out of nowhere dressed as a fakir from the mountains of Sulaymaniyah and declared himself to be In whom God shall Manifest. Except that this was not supposed to happen for at least the next 1000 or 2000 years.

It is rumored that in the Sulaymaniyah mountains Baha'u'llah found the Divine Calendar system and Fast forwarded it by a thousand years. Easy Peasy. Lo and Behold, God Manifested in Him and he brought a new everlasting religion for all mankind. Sounds like a drunken man telling a tale. But i kid you not. This is the Official Baha'i explanation. Soon they will start pilgrimage to the Divine calendar in the Sulaymaniyah mountains for the Baha'is.

Can a rational, thinking, educated, logical Human being ever accept such rubbish? The Forerunner recanted his proclamation in 2 slaps and the next guy to come fast forwarded time by 1000 years. Interestingly the next manifestation of God is going to come after another 1000 years.

How Convenient.

## ***An Appeal***

I hereby appeal to all rational people, and the people for whom logic holds any value whatsoever.

Do take a nice deep look at your beliefs from outside and you will realize that you are wrapped in a system of faith which is cruelly funny. Have you ever read the laws of Aqdas?

Or worst, have you tried reading the laws of Bayaan? The laws of Bayaan are simply lewd and disgust a man beyond belief – Like a ritual talisman where a husband has to ejaculate on his wife’s breasts and so on.

The Bayaan, when read properly, sounds like a vomit of words from a perverted mentally unstable and a morally bankrupt person. No amount of justification can cover it. The famous Baha’i Justification of the Bayaan is that it is to be used a shock tool for the masses. This argument is as unstable as the Babs mind and as slimy as the Baha’u’llahs actions to grab followers and fame.

My Appeal to you my dear reader is this –

***Please,***

***For your sake,***

***Stop fooling yourself.***

***You know that this faith is rubbish and a charade.***

***The Bab did not care for it beyond two slaps, Why should you?***

***Be a rational and think about it objectively and see how you have been fooled by it long enough.***