

Apostles of Bahá'u'lláh



A black and white portrait of Shoghi Effendi, a man with a mustache wearing a dark suit and a fez. He is looking slightly to his left with a faint smile.

**Shoghi Effendi, ‘sign of God on earth’
—great grandson of Bahá'u'lláh —
designated the 19 Apostles of
Bahá'u'lláh.**



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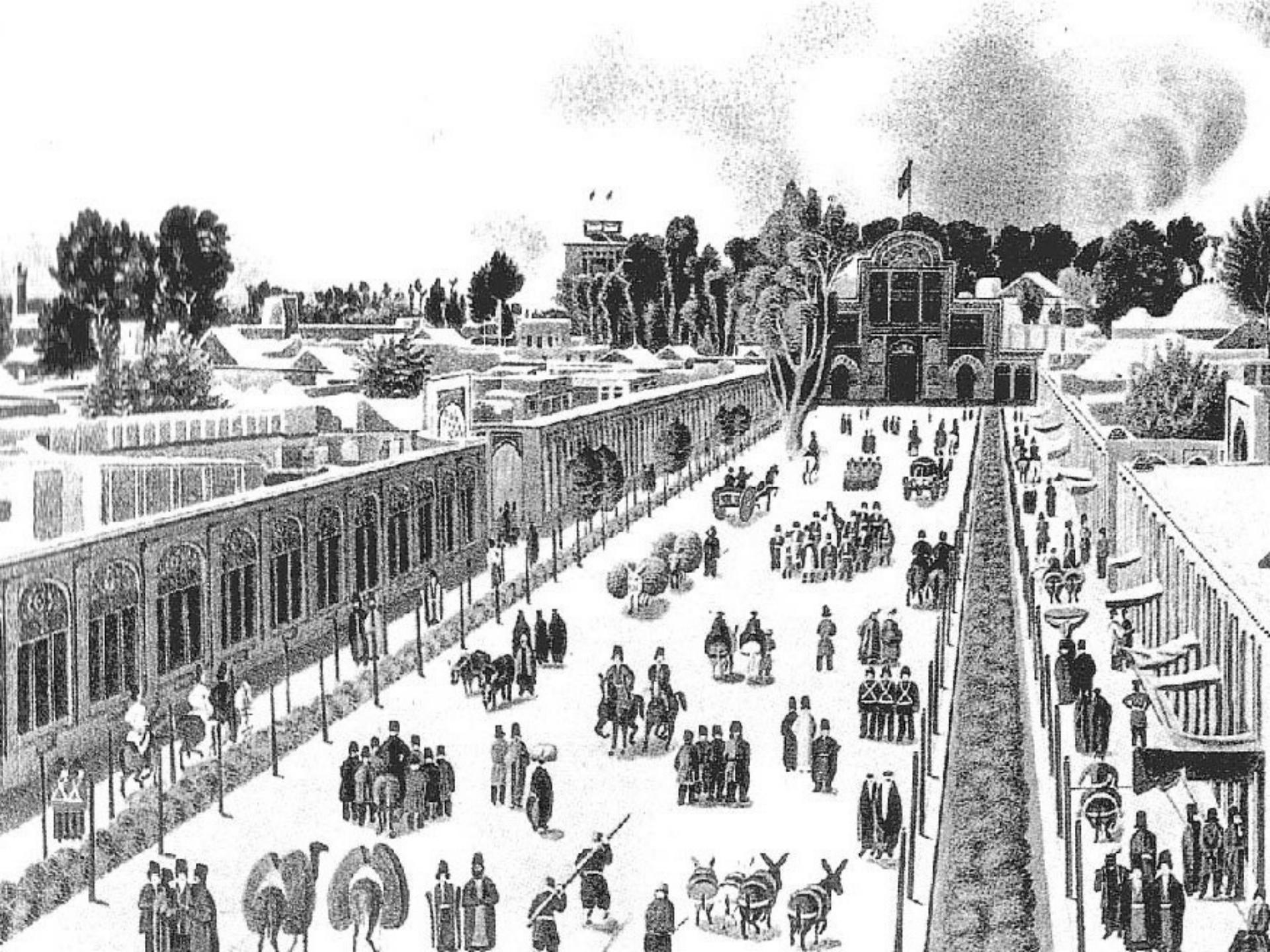
*Násiri'd-Dín
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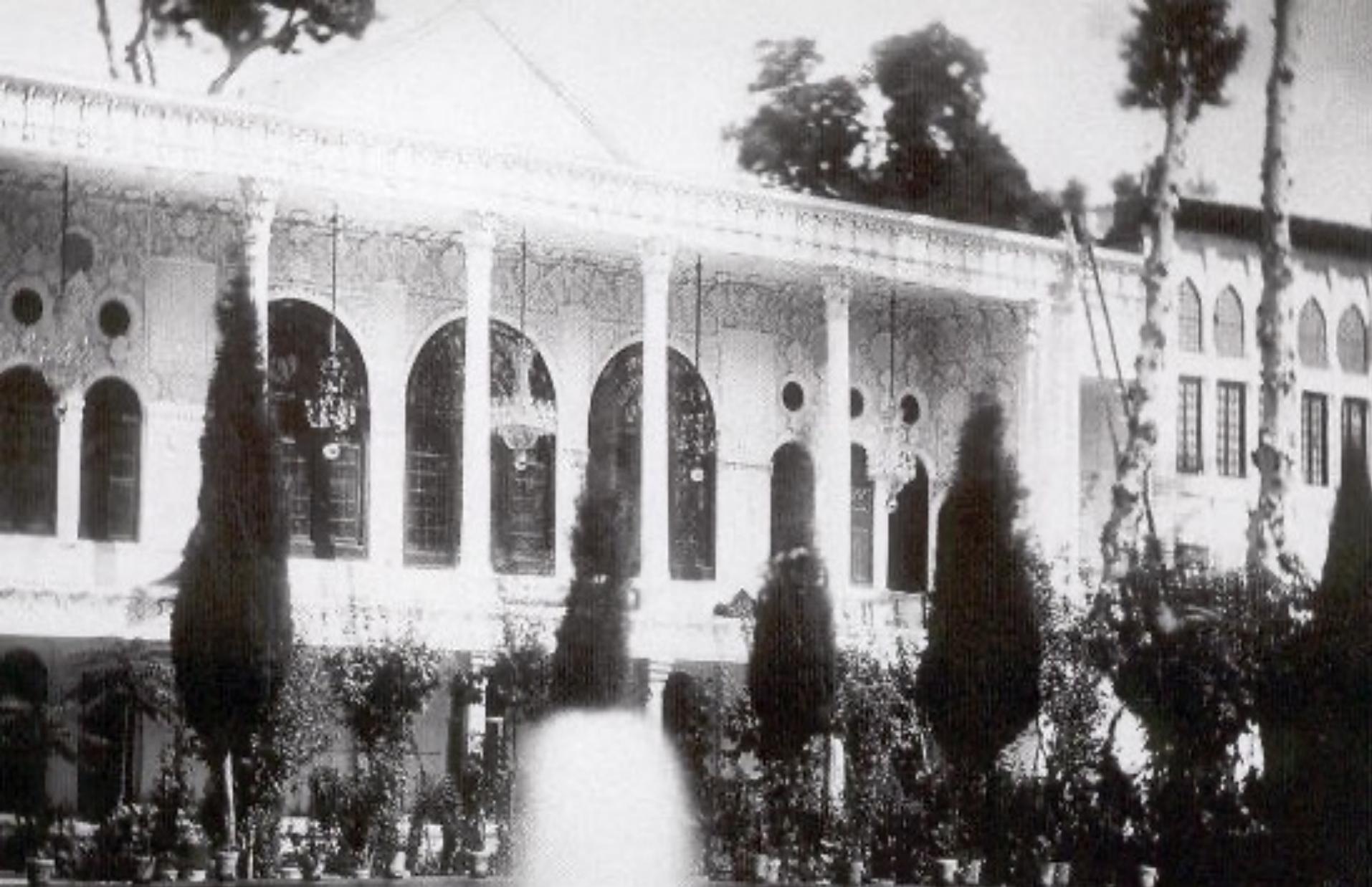
*“Prince of
Oppressors”*



































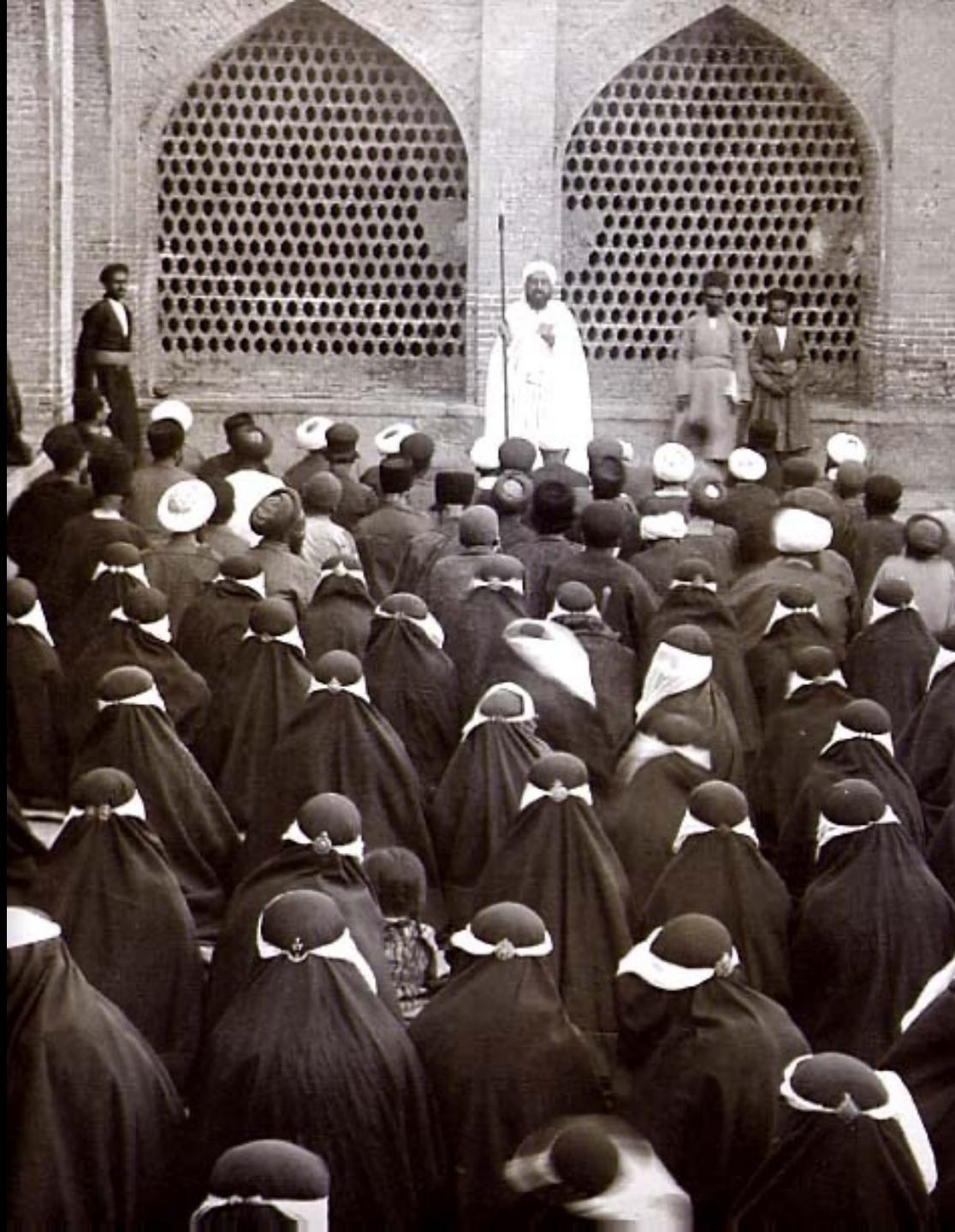






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Sacred Writings

House of Bahá'u'lláh in Tíhran

Mírzá Músá's Tombstone in 'Akká

Chains of Bahá'u'lláh

Mírzá Músá Áqáy-i-Kalím

Apostle 1

‘Most Great Prison’ ‘Akká

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Bahá'u'lláh's







Báb's Pilgrimage
Garb 1844

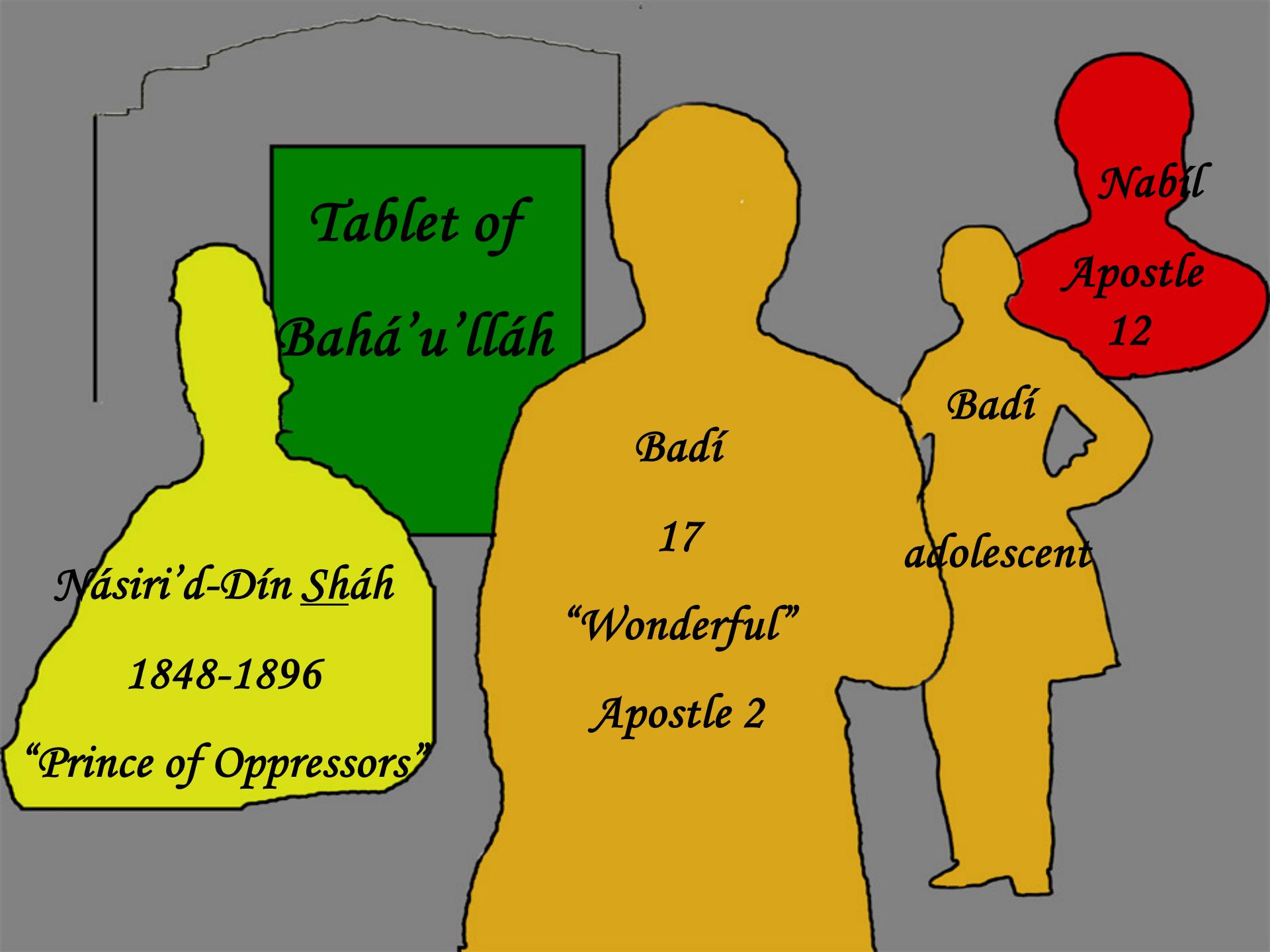
Articles of the Báb's clothing



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Apostle

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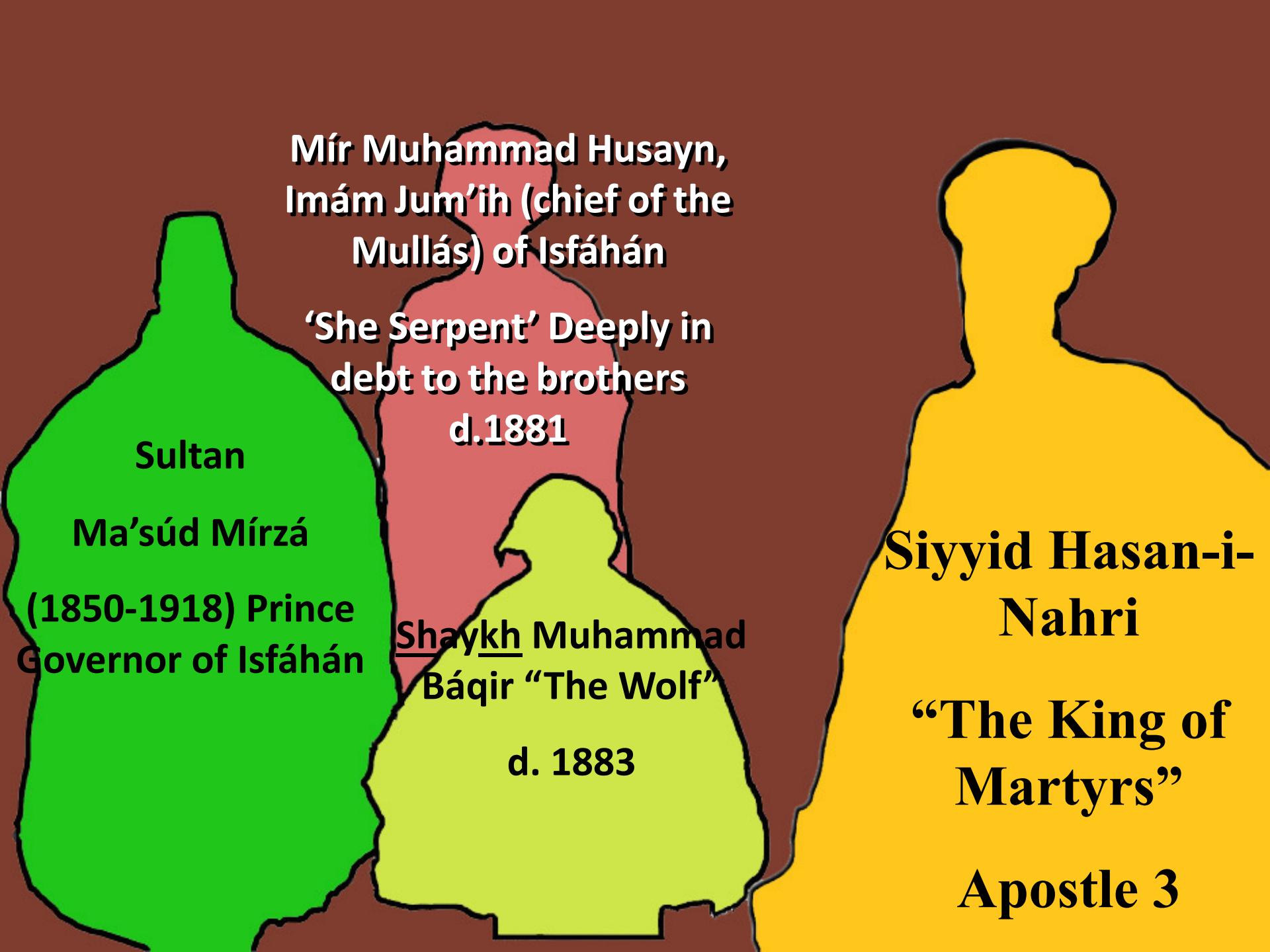
*Áqá Buzurg-i-Khurásání
Surnamed Bádí
“Wonderful”*

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Mír Muhammad Husayn,
Imám Jum'ih (chief of the
Mullás) of Isfáhán

'She Serpent' Deeply in
debt to the brothers
d.1881

Sultan

Ma'súd Mírzá

(1850-1918) Prince
Governor of Isfáhán

Shaykh Muhammad
Báqir "The Wolf"

d. 1883

Siyyid Hasan-i-
Nahri

"The King of
Martyrs"

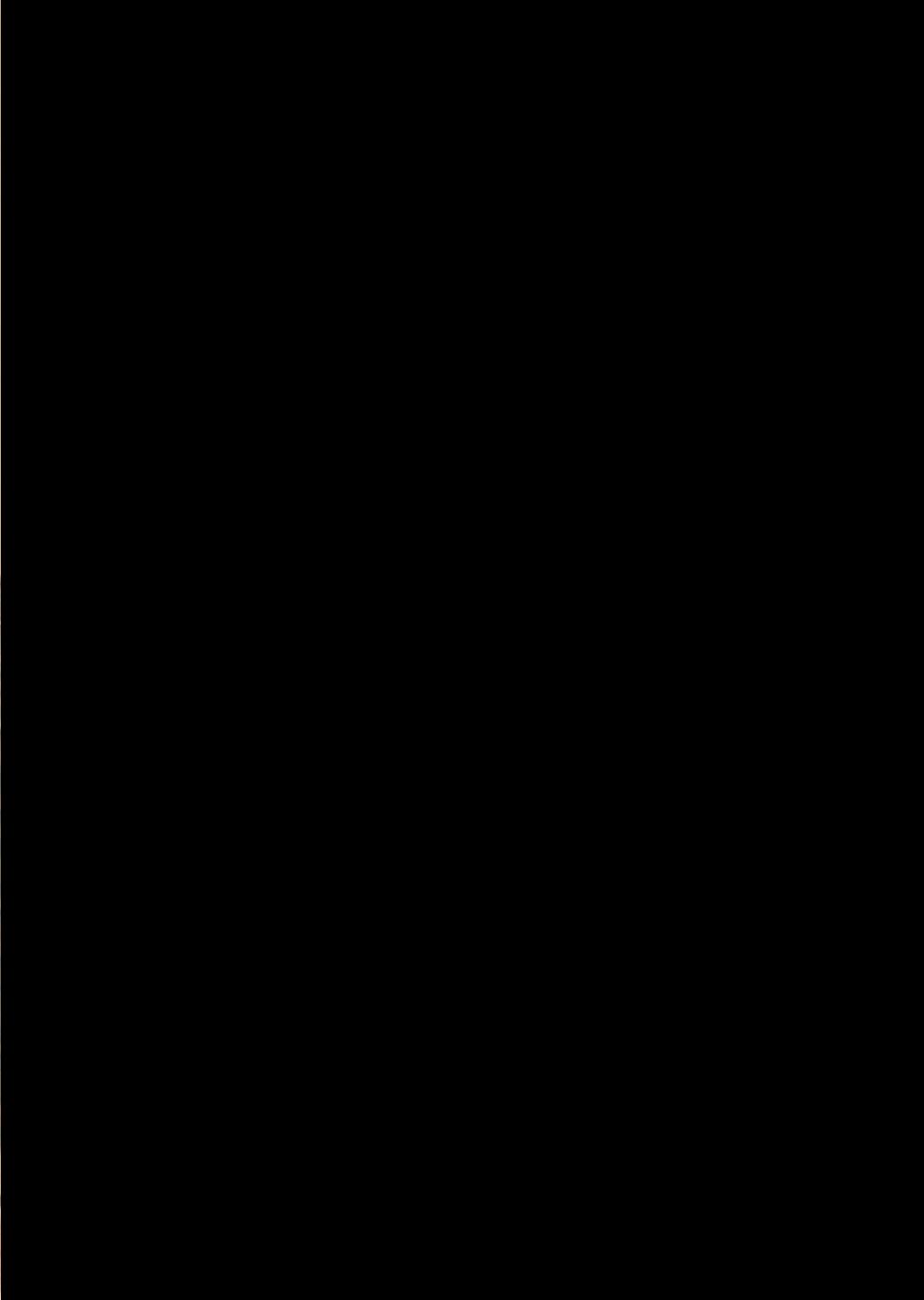
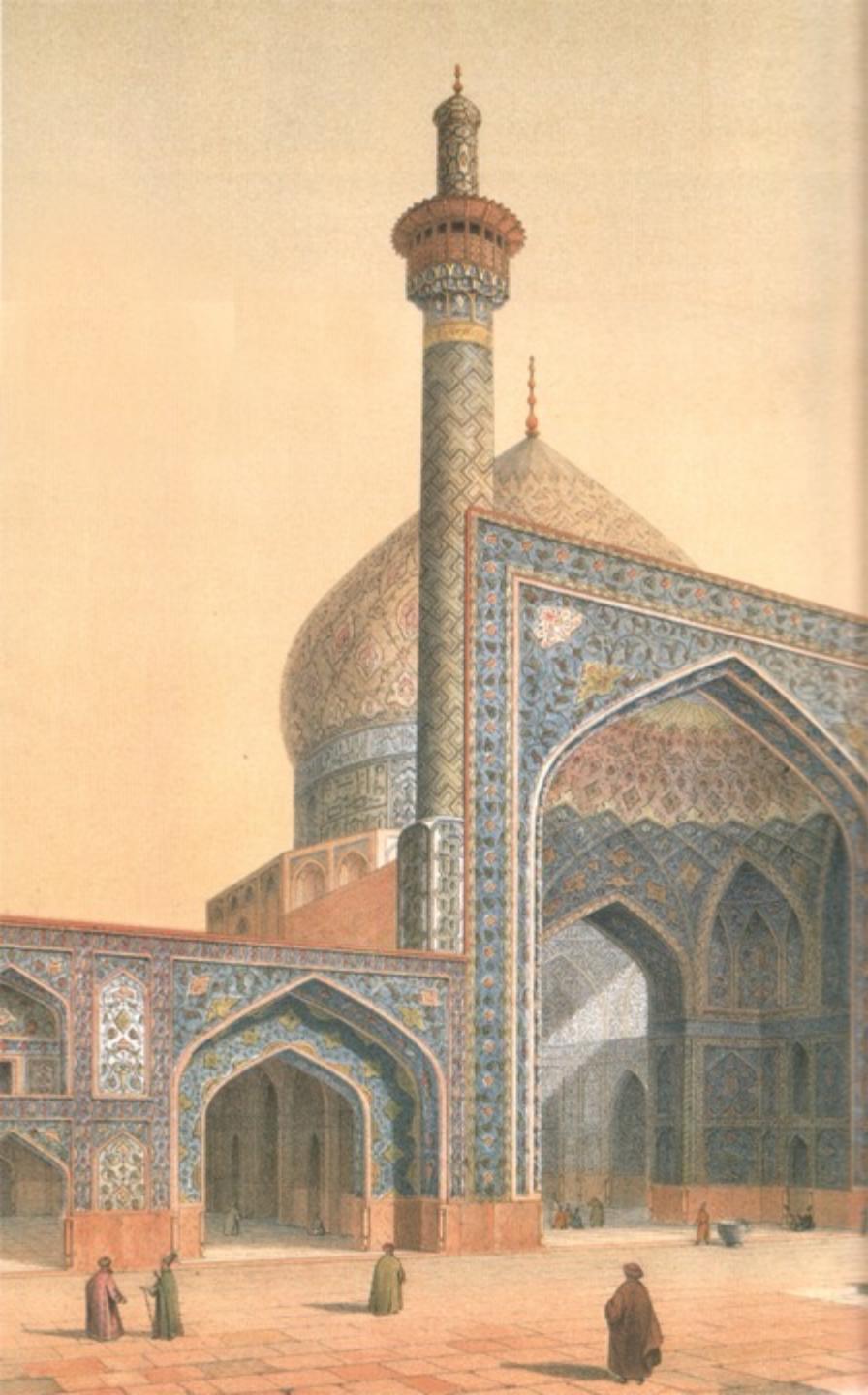
Apostle 3

Siyyid Husayn-i-Nahri





















Mírzá Muhammad-Husayn

Mahbúbu 'sh-Shuhadá

“Beloved of Martyrs”





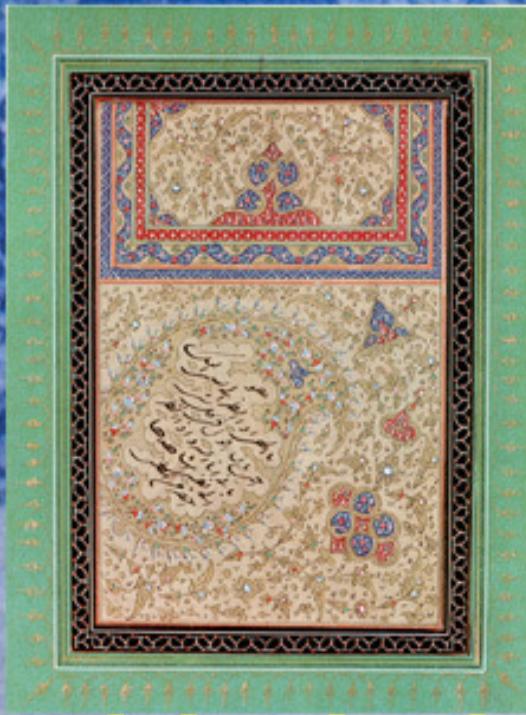
O Shaykh!

*My Pen is abashed to
recount what actually took
place. In the land of Sád
(Isfahán) the fire of tyranny
burned with such a hot flame
that every fair-minded
person groaned aloud.*

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Huqúqu'lláh



Hájí Mírzá Abu'l-Hasan-i-Ardikání

c1832 Ardikán d. 1928 Tíhrán





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Hájí Mírzá Abu'l-Hasan-i-Ardikání

Hájí Amín

Amín means “Faithful, honest, trustee”





“Mirza Abu'l-Hasan was so overwhelmed at the majestic presence of his Lord [Baha'u'llah] that he shook, stumbled, and fell to the floor; his head was injured and the blood flowed out.” –Abdu'l-Bahá

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Mírzá Abu'l-Fadl
is widely regarded as
perhaps the greatest
scholar the Bahá'í
Faith has yet produced.

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'Abdu'l-Bahá named
one of the doors
of the Shrine of the
Báb in his honor.

Mírzá Abu'l-Fadl-i-Gulpáygání





Sultán ‘Abdu'l-Azíz deposed in May 1876; Mírzá Abu'l-Fadl embraces Faith shortly thereafter.

Mírzá
Abu'l-
Fadl, wrote
*The Behai
Proofs*,
translated
by Alí Kuli
Khan



Alí Kuli Khan
– translator
for Mírzá
Abu'l-Fadl
during
American
sojourn 1901-
1904

Mírzá Abu'l-Fadl Gulpáygání



His tomb is
outside Cairo



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Mírzá 'Alí-Muhammad
Surnamed Vargá - "Dove"

Rúhu'lláh
“the Spirit of
God”, i.e.

Jesus

Age 12
martyred in
1896 in the
prison of

Tihran



**Mírzá 'Alí-
Muhammad**
“Varqá”
('Dove')

**Bahá'u'lláh directed Varqá to get painting of Báb that's now in the
International Bahá'í Archives in Haifa**

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Mírzá
Mahmúd-i-
Furúghí
b. Dúghábád

d. 1927

Mírzá Mahmúd-i-
Furúghí

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Mullá 'Alí-Ákbar-i-
Shahmírzádí

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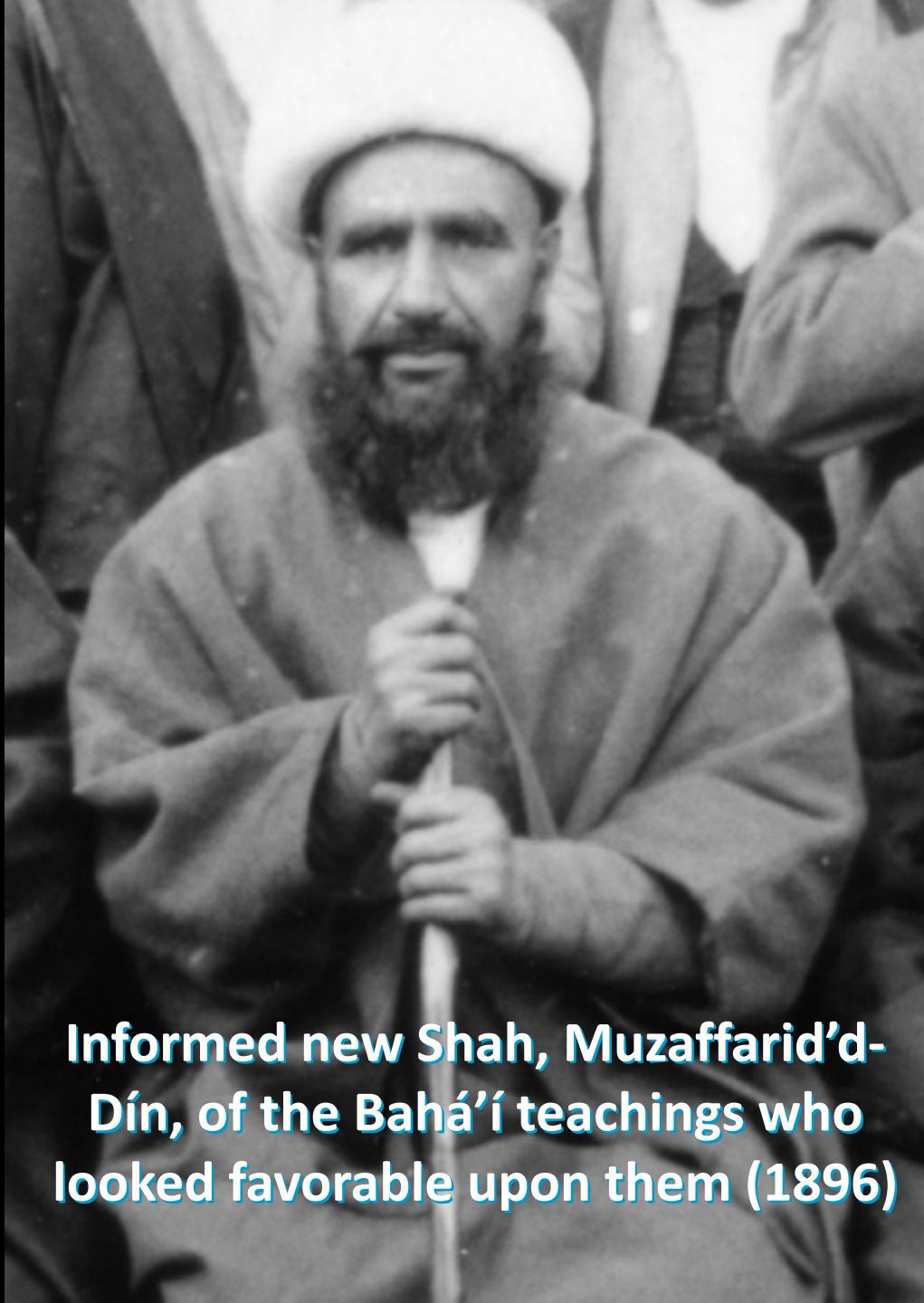
Also called Hájí Ákhúnد



(7) Mírzá
Mahmúd-
i-Furúghí



(17) Shaykh
Muhammad
‘Alí



Informed new Shah, Muzaffarid'd-Dín, of the Bahá'í teachings who looked favorable upon them (1896)

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Mullá 'Alí-Akbar-i-Shahmírzádí

Known as Hájí

Akhund

1842/3-1910

b. Shahmírzád

d. Tíhrán

“This honored man was successful in converting a multitude. For the sake of God he cast all caution aside, as he hastened along the ways of love. He became as one frenzied, as a vagrant and one known to be mad.”

—’Abdu’l-Bahá

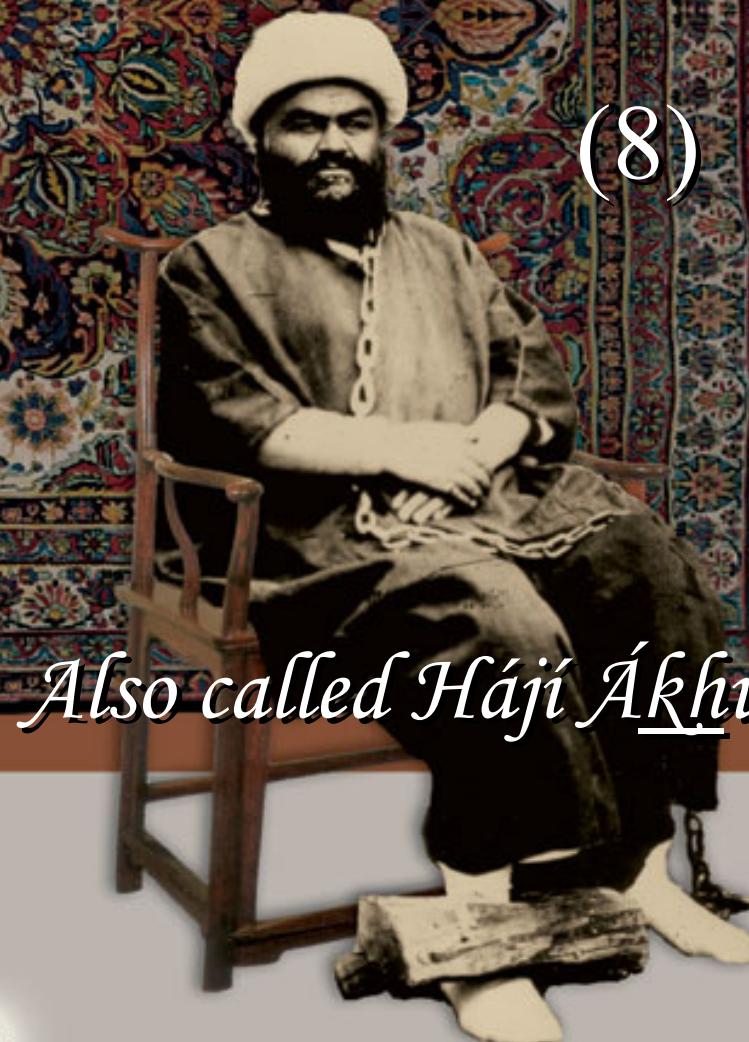
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Áqá Shaykh
Muhammad-'Alíy-i-
Qá'ini



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Surnamed Nabíl-i-Akbar
Nabíl means “Learned or
Noble”

A portrait of Nabil-i-Akbar, a man with a dark beard and mustache, wearing a black turban and a light-colored robe. He is looking slightly to the right.

“A thousand ways I tried
My love to hide -
But how could I,
upon that blazing pyre
Not catch fire!”

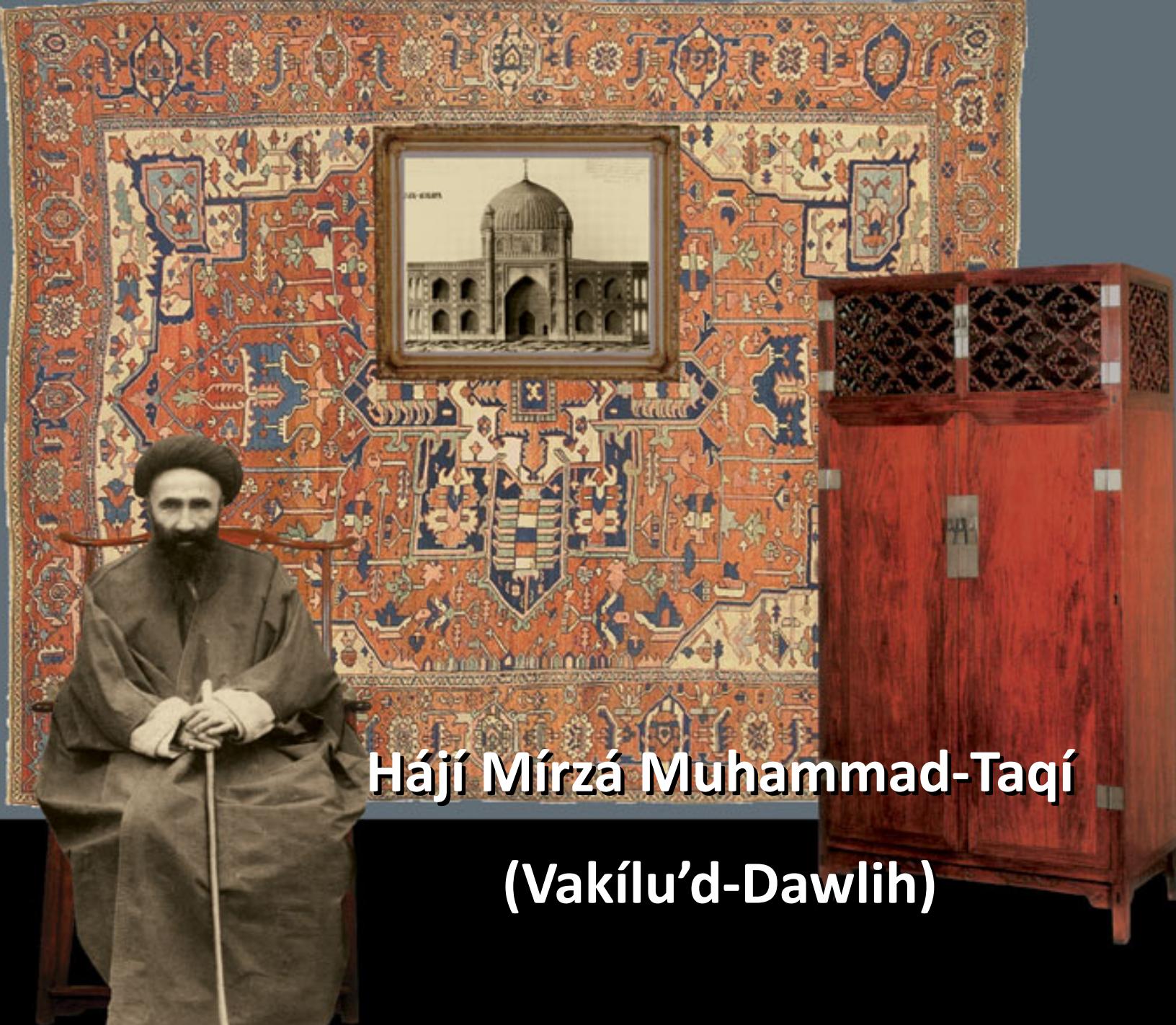
Quoted by ‘Abdu’l-Bahá
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(Tablet of Wisdom (Hikmat)
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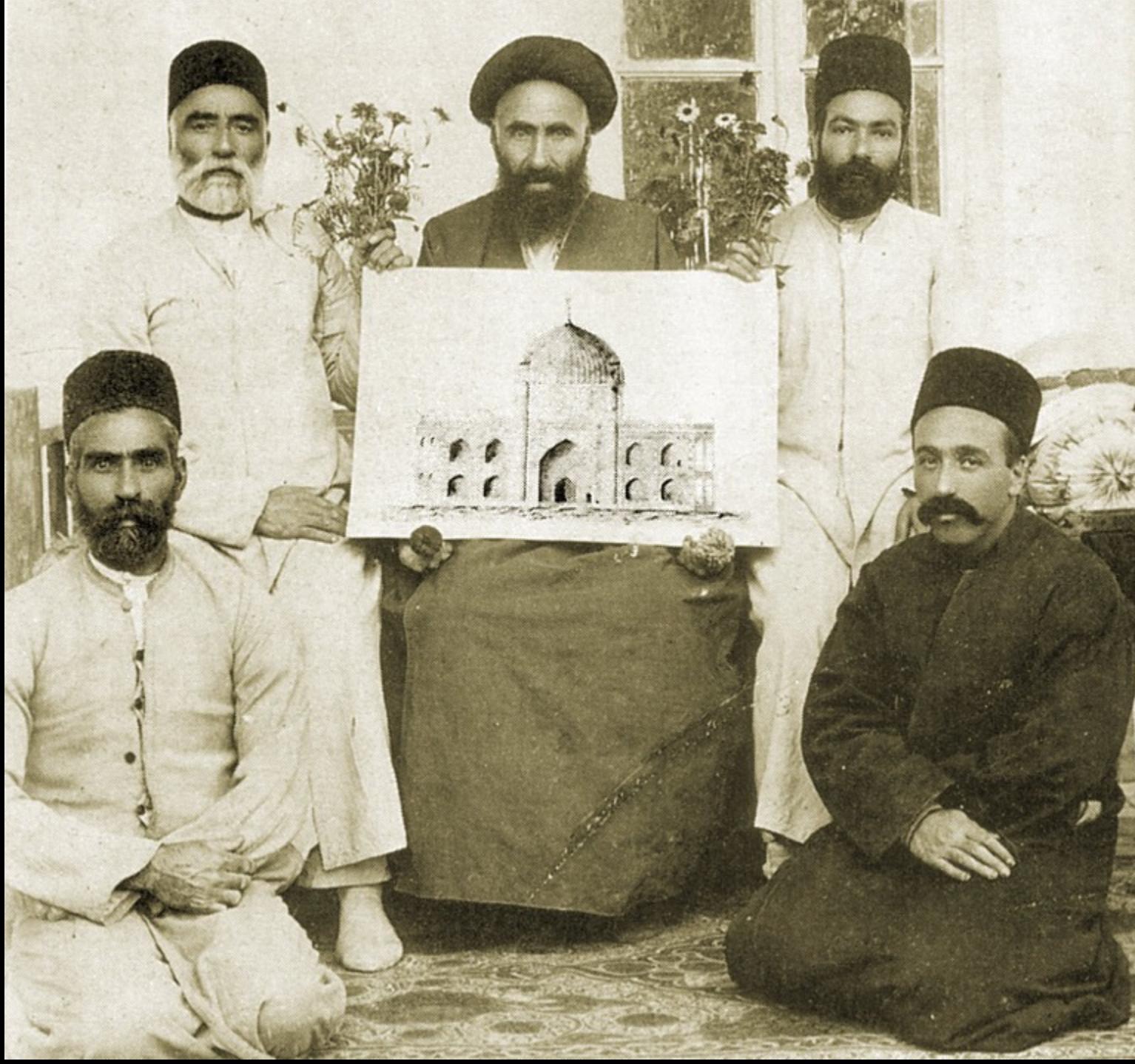
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**Hájí Mírzá Muhammad-Taqí
(Vakílu'd-Dawlih)**



Hájí Mírzá oversaw the construction of the first Bahá'í house of worship (Turkmenistan) for 'Abdu'l-Bahá.



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*Hájí Mírzá Muhammad
Taqíy-i-Abharí*



He is God! The Hand of the Cause of God, Jinab-i-Ibn-i-Abhar, upon him be the Glory of God

**O thou who art steadfast in the Covenant,
A few days ago I was glancing at some
photographs of the friends. By chance I
came across thy photograph. As I beheld
thy person standing poised and in the
utmost dignity with chains around thy
neck, I was so affected that all sorrow
was turned into joy and radiance, and I
praised God that the world's Greatest
Luminary hath nurtured and trained
such servants who, while tied in chains
and under the threat of the sword, shine
forth in the utmost exultation and
rapture. And this is but a token of the
grace of thy Lord,...**

-'Abdu'l-Bahá



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Mullá Muhammad-i-Zarandi

Surnamed Nabíl-A'zam

Nabíl means “Learned”

A'zam means “Greatest”



Áqá Muhammad
Mustafá-Baghdádí

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Shepherd – poet – transcribed & circulated Tablets of the Báb – assisted conversion Badí – 1st to perform Bahá'í pilgrimage to House of Báb & House of Bahá'u'lláh – Taught first Christian (Dr Faris) in Alexandria, Egypt in 1868 – Author authoritative history of Babí Dispensation: *The Dawn-Breakers*

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Shaykh Muhammad

Kázim-i-Qazvíní

Surnamed Samandar

“Phoenix”





Shaykh Muhammad Kazim-Qazvini
1844-1914



His father was a Bahá'í of great distinction. Shaykh Kazim-i-Samandar excelled both in trade and in learning. ...As soon as Baha'u'llah made known His Mission, Samandar gave Him his fealty.

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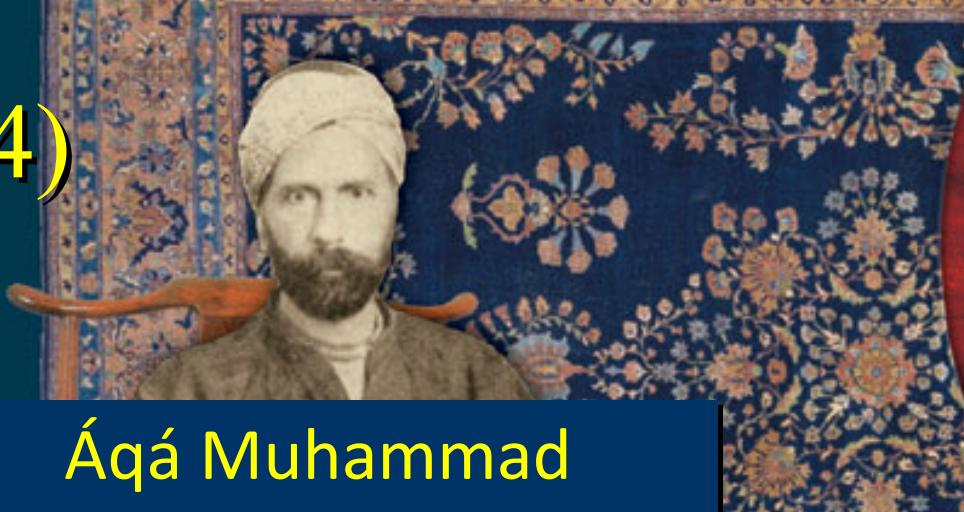
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**Assisted with movement of
Báb's remains to 'Akká.
Bahá'u'lláh's assistant in
Beirut. (Father of Dr Zia
Baghdadi.)**



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**Muhammad-Mustafa was
a blazing light. He was like
a shooting star, a missile
hurled against the
demons; against the
violators, an avenging
sword.**

—'Abdu'l-Bahá

Áqá Muhammad Mustafá-Baghdádí

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Mírzá Husayn,
surnamed Mishkín-
Qalam

1826/7 Isfahán

1912 `Akká

*He had amazing verve,
intense love. He was a
compendium of perfections:
believing, confident, serene,
detached from the world, a
peerless companion, a
wit - and his character like
a garden in full bloom. He
was selflessness itself,
living on the breaths of the
spirit.*

- 'Abdu'l-



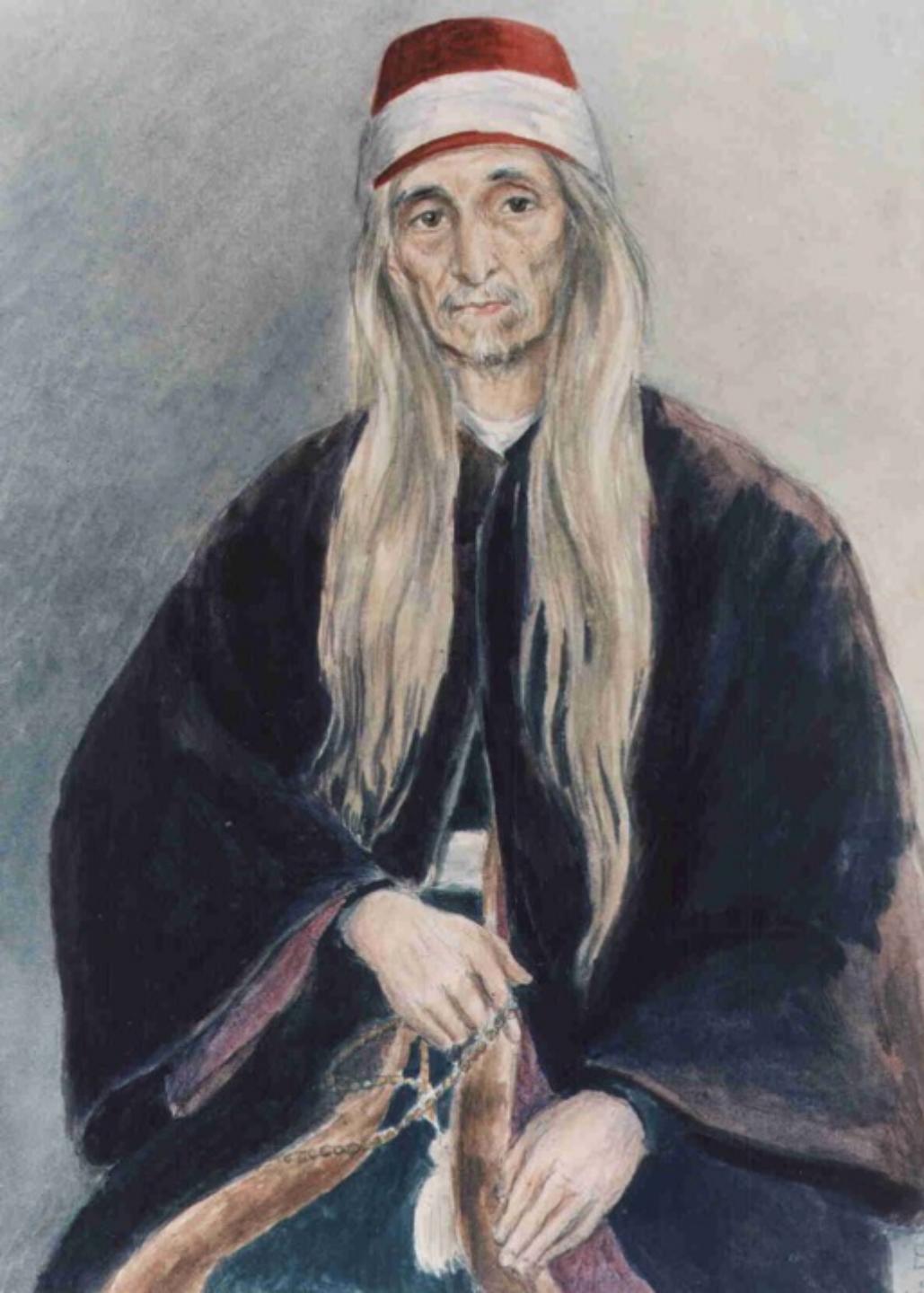
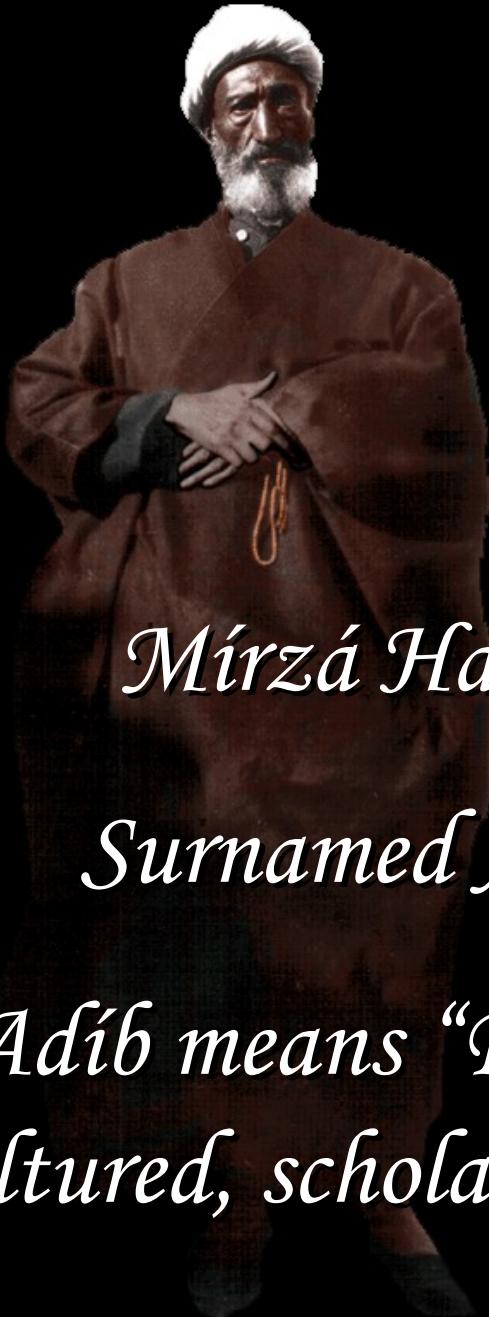


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*He was one of
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the Tarbiat
Schools in
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Consulting Assembly of Tíhrán - 1899

(16) Adíb

(19) Ibn-i-Asdaq

(8) Hají Akhund

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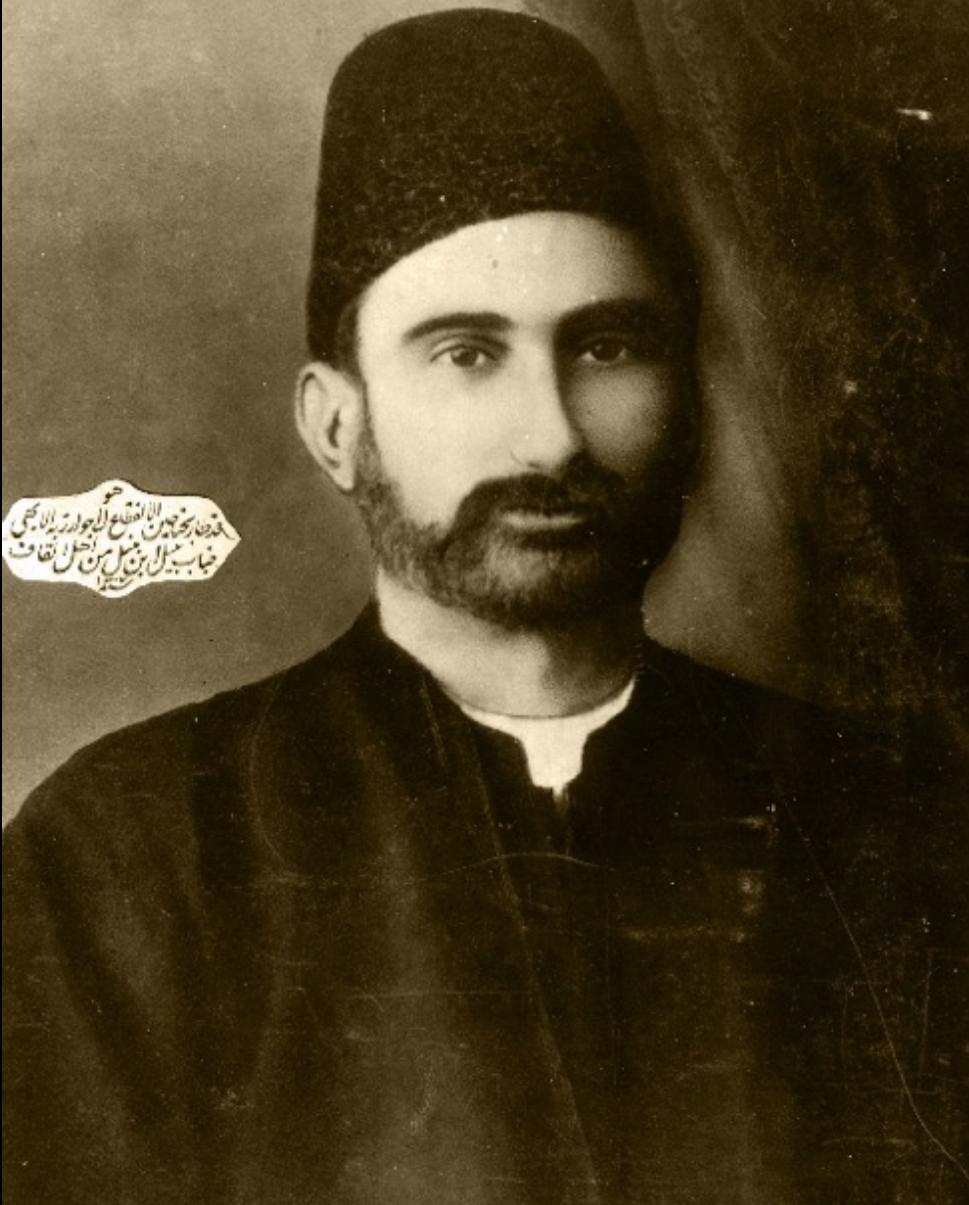
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**(17) Shaykh
Muhammad-'Aliy-i-
Qa'ini – born near
Birjand 1860/61.
Died April 1924
Ishqabad)**

حَقَّهُ رَجُلٌ مُؤْمِنٌ أَفْشَعَ الْجَوَادَيْرَ الْأَكْبَارِ
خَابَتْ إِلَيْهِ الْبَنَسُونَ اَحْلَقَ قَافَ



(7) Mírzá
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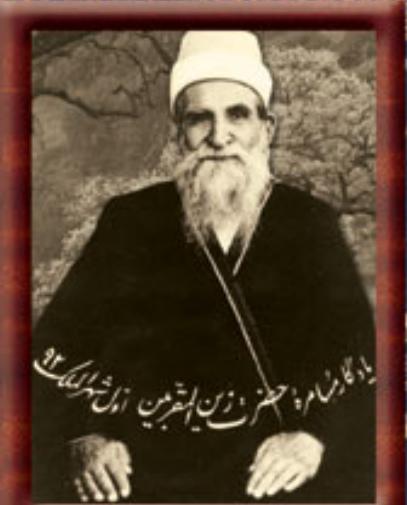
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18 Mullá Zaynu'l-‘Ábidín-i-Najafábádí 1818-1903

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Mullá Zaynu'l-
‘Ábidín-i-Najafábádí
Surname Zaynu'l-
Muqarrabín

“Ornament of the Near Ones”

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Áqá Mírzá ‘Alí-
Muhammad

Ibn-i-Asdaq

“This distinguished man was one of the greatest of all the Bab's companions and all the loved ones of Baha'u'llah.” –

'Abdu'l-Bahá

***O Zayn! Upon thee be My glory
and My loving-kindness***

–Bahá'u'lláh

He was like refreshing waters to those who thirsted, and to seekers, a clear answer from the Concourse on high. –'Abdu'l-Bahá

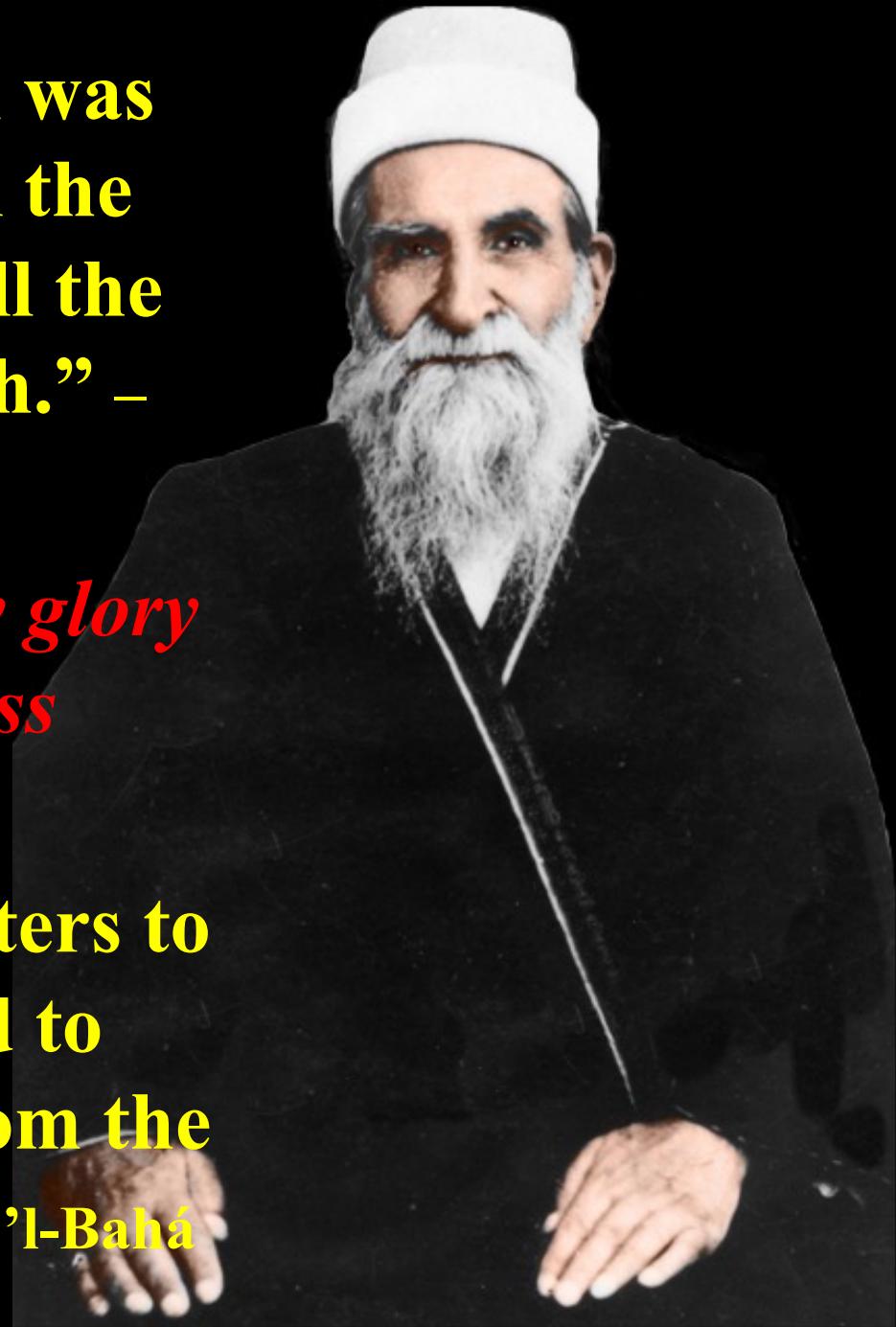
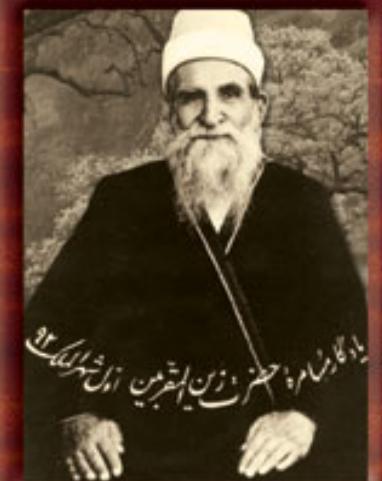


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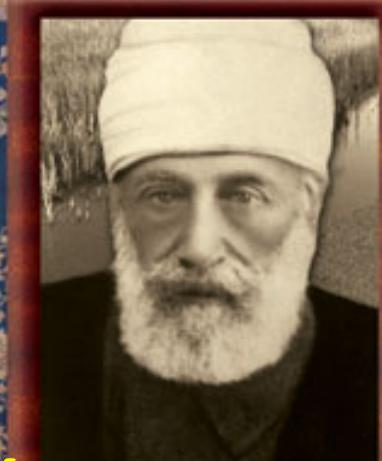
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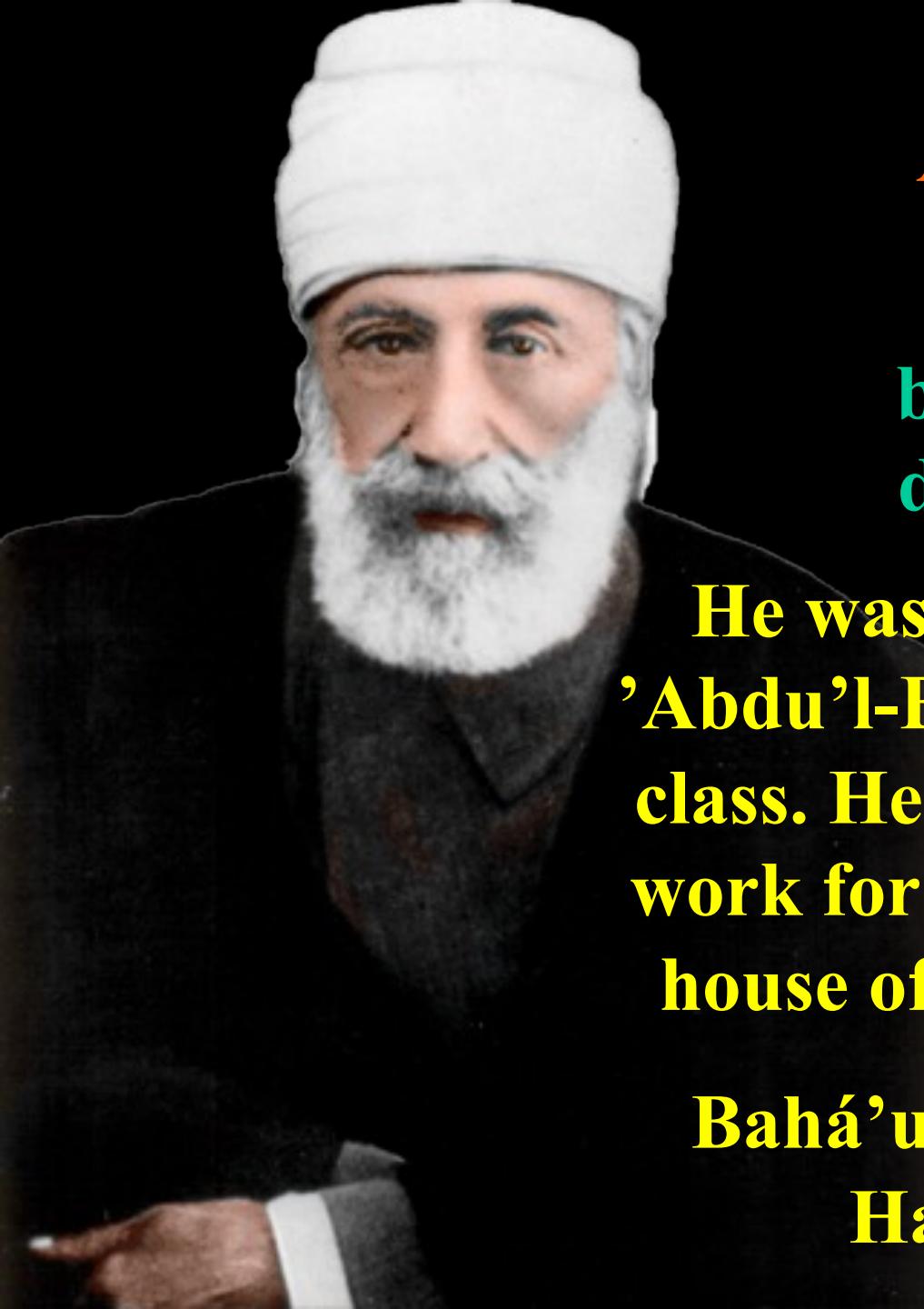
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Áqá Mírzá 'Alí-
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Áqá Mírzá ‘Alí- Muhammad

b. 1850/1 **Mashhad**
d.1928 **Tehrán**

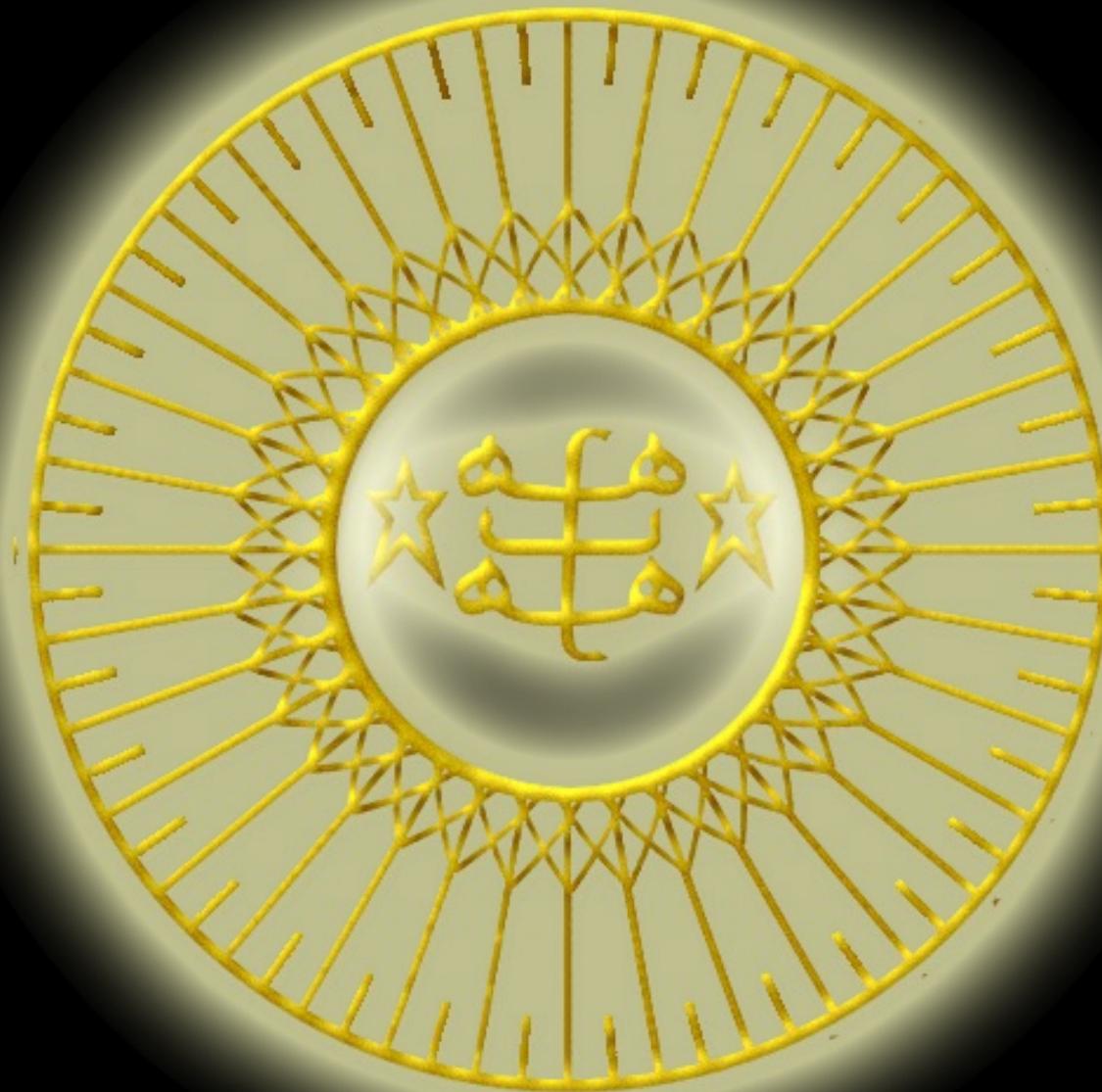
He was specially charged by
'Abdu'l-Bahá to teach the ruling
class. He began the preliminary
work for the construction of the
house of worship in Ishqabad.

Bahá'u'lláh appointed him a
Hand of the Cause

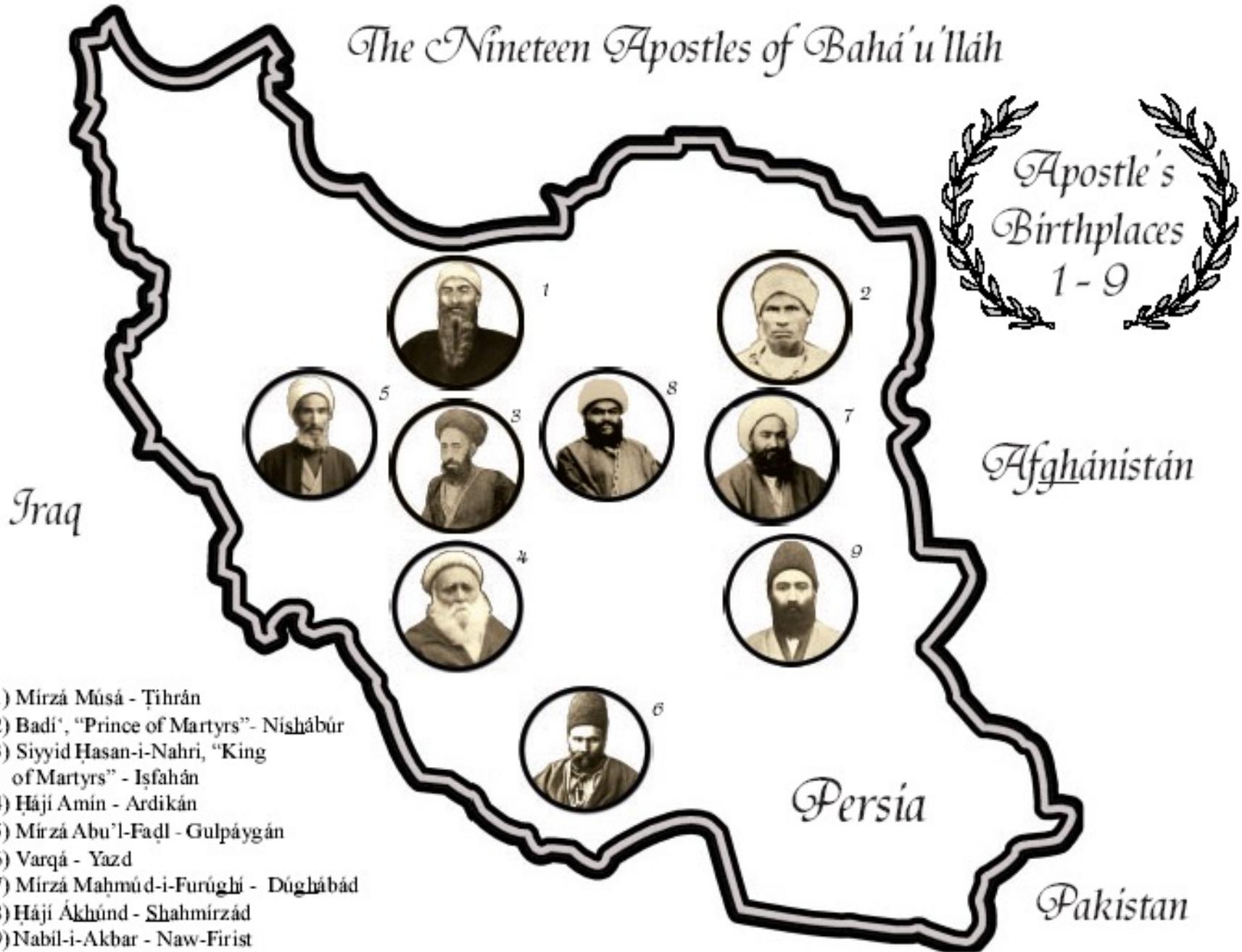


Aqá Mirzá 'Alí-Muhammad
Ibn-i-Asdaq
1850/1-1928





The Nineteen Apostles of Bahá'u'lláh







Iran



*“the land of Iran [will become]
the envy and the admiration of
the peoples and nations of the
world”*

-Shoghi Effendi

“...the government of the native land of the Blessed Perfection will become the most honoured government of the world, and Iran will become the most prosperous of all lands.” ...

The day is approaching when that country will have turned into a blissful paradise, when the wronged ones of Persia will have become the pride of the world and the leaders of mankind. And this is a promise that will not be belied. “

-Shoghi Effendi

Fire & Light, Bahá’í World 18, p.34

*Would you
like to be an
Apostle?*





Bahá'u'lláh's Calligraphic Style



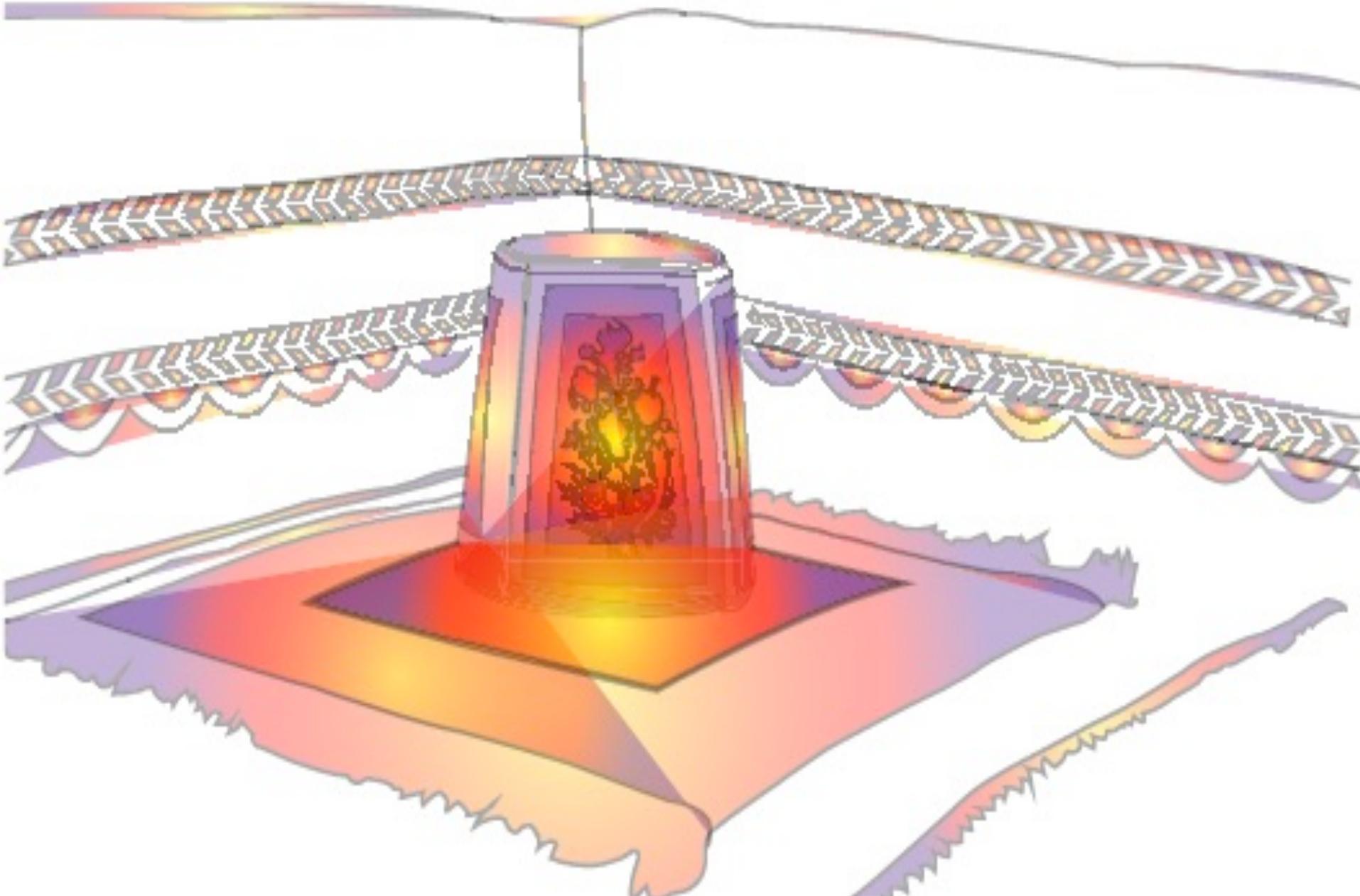




*God
Passes
by*

—
by SHOGHI EFFENDI





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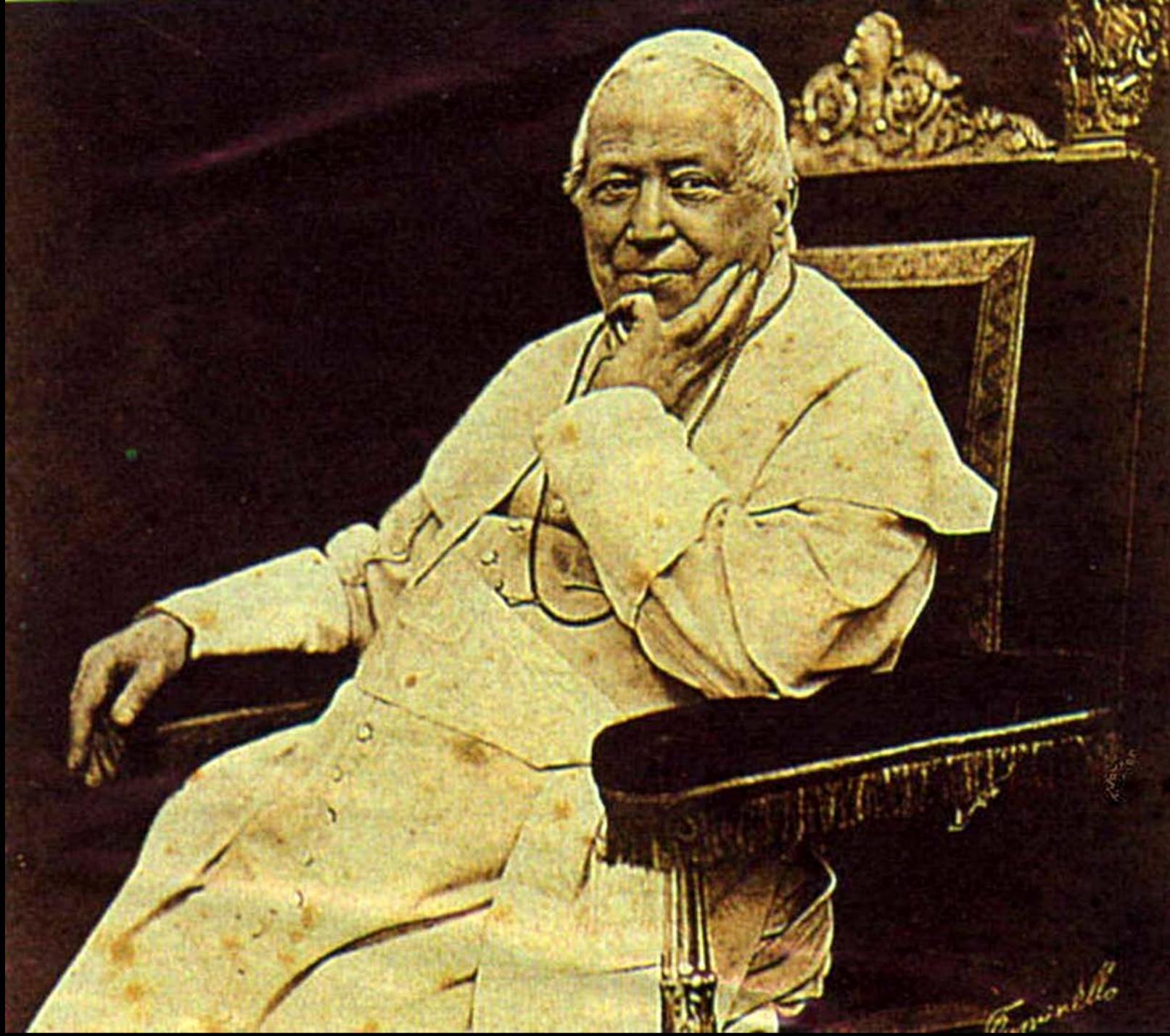
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لد آن حاج جنبش با فساد ندا الی نکمال

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حرب رات
پانصد و سیان الحجج
الیکم فرموده اند
فردا و امروز



Napoleon III

“Emperor of the French”

1808-1873

**Defeated at the Battle
of Sedan in 1870 in the
Franco-Prussian War
(1870-1871)**







مَارِصِيْتُ لِنَفْسِيْ صِرْعَى مَكْلُوْلَةِ اللَّهِ

لَدَّا وَقْتَ لَذَّةِ



CHART OF THE NINETEEN APOSTLES OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH

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| 8 | Mullá ‘Alí-Akbar-i- <u>Shahmírzádí</u> | 1842/3-1910 |
| 9 | Áqá Muhammad-i-Qá’ini | 1829-1892 |
| 10 | Hájí Mírzá Muhammad-Taqí | 1830/1-1911 |
| 11 | Hájí Mírzá Muhammad-Taqíy-i-Abharí | 1853/4-1919 |
| 12 | Mullá Muhammad-i-Zarandi | 1831-1892 |
| 13 | <u>Shaykh</u> Muhammad Ká‘ím-i-Qazvíní | 1844-1918 |
| 14 | Áqá Muhammad Mustafá-Baghdádí | 1837/8-1910 |

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15 Mírzá Husayn, s. Mishkín-Qalam 1826/7-1912

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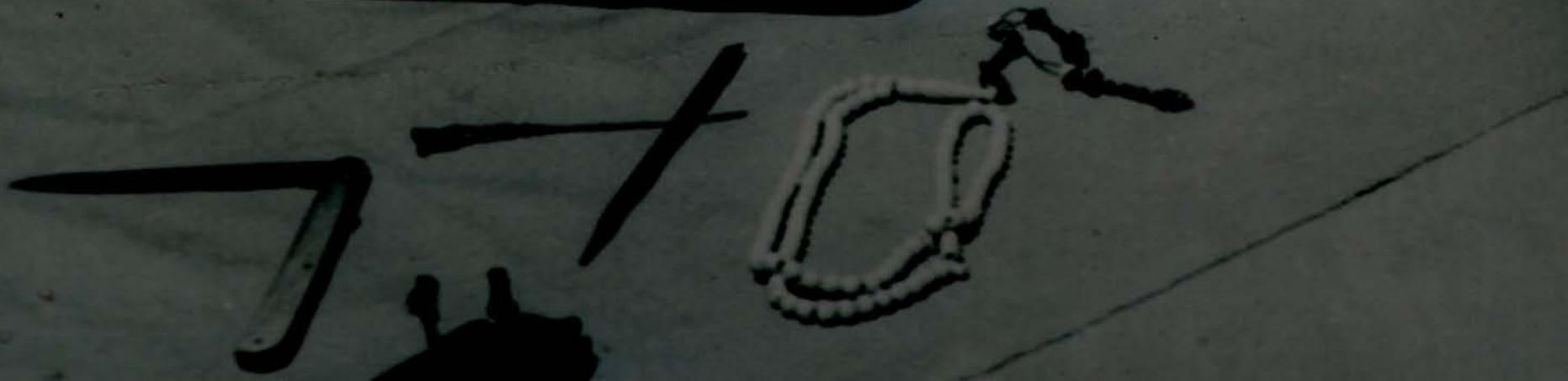
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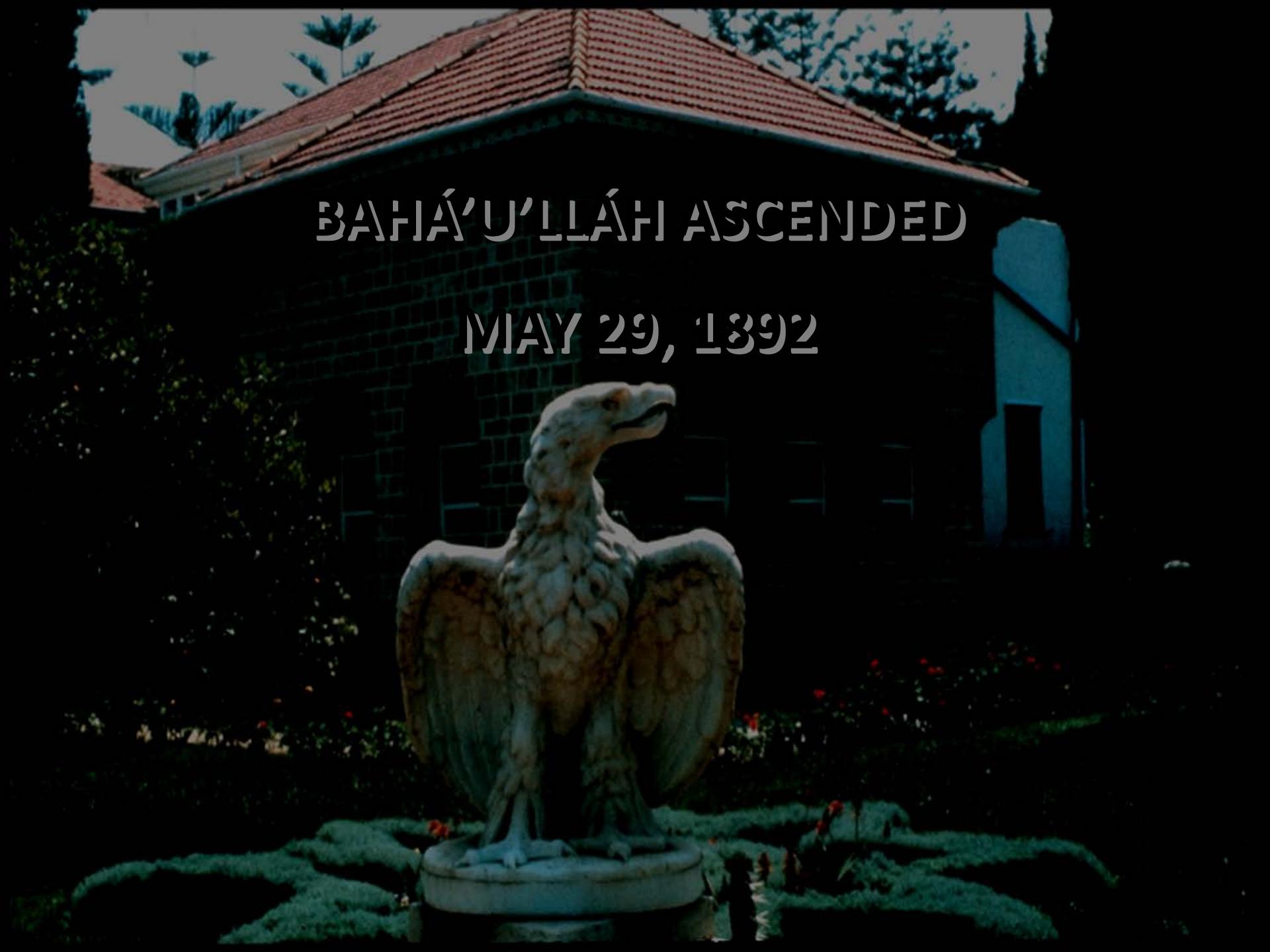
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Shaykh Hasan
"King of Martyrs"
Sultánu'sh-shuhadá

A stylized illustration of a flame with orange and yellow hues, rising from the bottom left towards the center.

Badi'
Aqá Buzurg
Khurásání
'Pride of Martyrs'

*I know not, O my God,
what the Fire is which
Thou didst kindle
in Thy land'*

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