

Amazing Stories from the Dawn-Breakers

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(The story so far: *Through searching and praying to God, Mullá Husayn has found the Báb. He was the first disciple of the Báb and the first of a special group of eighteen believers called Letters of the Living. But before we read about the next seventeen Letters of the Living, this chapter is about the life of the Báb Himself, from the time He was born until the time when Mullá Husayn recognised Him as the Promised One.*)

Part 6

The Báb

The Báb was born and brought up in Shíráz. He was gentle and kind and everybody loved Him.

When He was a child, His father died and so His uncle helped His mother to look after Him.

When the Báb was taken to school, His knowledge was so great His teacher took Him home again. He told the uncle that there was



nothing more he could teach this remarkable Child.

“I have brought Him back to you,” the teacher told the Báb’s

uncle. He added that the Báb’s knowledge and understanding came from God and was like the knowledge of the Promised One. But although the Báb understood more than His teacher, His uncle insisted that He should return to school.

The Báb spend many hours praying every day. People noticed that His face would shine with happiness as He said His prayers. At times He would be in tears as He thought of how the holy Manifestations of God had suffered because people did not believe in Them at first.

When He was about twelve years old, the Báb left school, and by the time He was fifteen, He was working in His uncle's business in Bushihr.

He became well-known in the town because of His honesty, His generous character, and His deep faith in God.



When He was twenty-one, He went to Karbilá for a year and listened to the talks of Siyyid Kázim. Then, when He was twenty-two, He returned to Shíráz and married a lovely young woman called Khadijih Bagum, and they had a beautiful baby boy called Ahmad. But Ahmad died soon after he was born. The Báb comforted His wife and said it was the Will of God and not to be sad.

When He was twenty-four, the Báb knew it was time to tell people that He was the Promised One. It was then that God guided Mullá Husayn to Shíráz and he met the Báb and became the first to believe in Him.

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