

THE BÁB

HERALD OF THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH

The Báb, meaning “the Gate,” was born in 1819 in Shiraz, Persia. In 1844 this young merchant announced that He was the Bearer of a Divine Revelation destined to transform the spiritual life of humanity. At a time when His country, Iran, was undergoing widespread moral breakdown, His message aroused excitement and hope among people from every walk of life, rapidly attracting thousands of followers.

With His call for spiritual and moral reformation and His attention to improving the position of women, education, the sciences, and the lot of the poor - the Báb's prescription for spiritual renewal was revolutionary. At the same time that He founded a distinct, independent religion of His own, His primary purpose was to awaken the people to the fact that a new period in human history had begun.

The Báb was the symbolic gate between past ages of prophecy and a new age of fulfillment for humanity. His mission, which was to last only six years, was to prepare the way for the coming of a Manifestation of God Who would usher in the age of peace and justice that was the hope of every longing heart and promised in all the world's religions: Bahá'u'lláh.

