

Persian Brings Gospel of Love

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Abbas Effendi Soon to Tour America to Preach Bahai
Revelation.

HAS THOUSANDS OF FOLLOWERS HERE

All Creeds May Meet Upon a Common Ground in This
Faith.

Washington, March 27. -- Abbas Effendi, the leader of the Bahai movement and interpreter of its revelation, will arrive in New York in the early spring for a tour of America.

Preparations are being made for his entertainment, in the various cities he will visit, among the followers of the movement and others who are interested in the cause of universal peace and the advancement of the world.

The Bahais believe that universal peace is possible only through the harmonizing of religious differences among all races and nations. They teach that all religions were of divine origin and that all have been more or less corrupted, after the lapse of centuries, by theology and dogma. Therefore the truth of religion should be simplified and each religionist carried back to the first principles of his own system. Since the fundamental basis of each system is the same as that of every other, Jews, Christians, Mohammedans and Hindoos, if they

live up in each case to the potentialities of their own creeds, will find themselves meeting upon a common basis of service and love.

So All May Be Servants of God.

The Bahai revelation has been given to mankind, they say, to teach this great lesson. It is not enough, they argue that men should theorize and argue among themselves about creeds, but let them live the life, such as was taught by the founder of their religion. They will thus find themselves drawn together by the vital force of the spirit and will find themselves the servants of each other and the servants of God likewise.

It is stated that in Persia, where [text missing] the movement started about 67 years [text missing] ago, there have been no less than 20 [text missing] 000 martyrs. Abbas Effendi himself [text missing] the third of the trinity of leaders [text missing] Bahaiism, was a prisoner of the [text missing] Turkish and Persian governments [text missing] from the age of nine until the revolution [text missing] of the Young Turks a few years [text missing] ago. The sultan, Abdul Hamid, sentenced [text missing] him to prison for life.

Put the Founder to Death.

So great was the fanaticism of the [text missing] Moslems that they regarded any liberal [text missing] tendencies as a mark of infidelity [text missing] and visited it with the most cruel [text missing] punishments. Such was their narrow [text missing]ness and prejudice when Ali Moham [text missing]med, who took unto himself the spiritual title of the Bab, arose among [text missing] the Persians in 1844. He was put [text missing] to death and his successor, Baha 'O'll [text missing] died in prison in 1892.

Abbas Effendi or Abdul Baha [text missing] since that time led the movement. [text missing] was born in 1844, on the very day [text missing] Bab made his declaration. While [text missing] prisoner at Akka he was visited [text missing] by persons from both Europe and America [text missing] who

were attracted by his fame [text missing] a teacher and went in search of li [text missing]

It is estimated that about one-[text missing] of the Persians are now Bahais, [text missing] represent the enterprising and p [text missing] gressive element among them. Besi [text missing] these, the movement is now kno [text missing] and advocated in all parts of the wo [text missing] From the time of the World's Fair [text missing] Chicago, when it first became kno [text missing] in America, the number of the frie [text missing] of the movement has steadily [text missing] creased, so that now Bahai assemb [text missing] may be found in most large cities the country.

Creed no B [unreadable text] to Its Acceptance.

One great advantage which it [text missing] over other movements which [text missing] cate liberalism is that it does not [text missing] people to leave their churches. [text missing] followers are commanded to mi [text missing] freely with the people of all relig [text missing] and take the Bahai spirit of love [text missing] service into whatever fraternities organizations they may be conn [text missing] with.