

BAHA'IS MARK ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY MESSAGE

Prophetic Announcement Made 92 Years Ago

The Baha'is of the World are to-day celebrating the 92nd anniversary of the great announcement made by the Bab (The Gate) Who proclaimed on May 23, 1844. His two-fold mission as an independent Manifestation of God and Herald of One greater than Himself, Who would inaugurate a new and unprecedented era in the religious history of mankind. Of the early life of the Bab, His sufferings, the heroism of His disciples, and the circumstances of his tragic martyrdom, one may read in "The Dawnbreakers": Nabil's Narrative of the Early Days of the Baha'i Faith. Suffice it to say that at the early age of 31 the Bab was publicly martyred by a military firing squad at Tabriz, Persia, on July 9, 1850.

True to the prophecy of the Bab, Baha'u'llah, the Founder of the Baha'i Faith announced His mission in 1863.

The Revelation proclaimed by Baha'u'llah, His followers believe, is divine in origin, all-embracing in scope, broad in its outlook, scientific in its method, humanitarian in its principles and dynamic in the influence it exerts on the hearts and minds of men. The mission of the Founder of their Faith, they conceive it to be to proclaim that religious truth is not absolute but relative, that Divine Revelation is continuous and progressive, that the Founders of all past religions, though different in the non-essential aspects of their teachings, "abide in the same Tabernacle, soar in the same heaven, are seated upon the same throne, utter the same speech and proclaim the same Faith." His Cause, they have already demonstrated stands identified with, and revolves around, the principle of the organic unity of mankind as representing the consummation of the whole process of human evolution. The final stage in this stupendous evolution, they assert, is not only necessary but inevitable, that it is gradually approaching, and that nothing short of the potency with which a divinely ordained Message can claim to be endowed can succeed in establishing it.

Baha'is of Chicago and its suburbs are tonight celebrating the anniversary of this great event in the Foundation Hall of the Baha'i House of Worship, at 8 p.m. Sunday afternoon at 3:30 the subject of the regular afternoon lecture at the Temple will be "THE GREAT ANNOUNCEMENT — THE BAB." Mrs. Sarah Walrath of Chicago will be the speaker.