



ADĪB ṬĀLAQĀNĪ

ADĪB ṬĀLAQĀNĪ, ḤĀJJ MĪRZĀ ḤASAN, prominent Iranian Baha'i author of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was born in Ṭālaqān in Šawwāl, 1264/September, 1848, the son of an eminent 'ālem, Mīrzā Moḥammad-Taqī. After his father's death he studied in Tehran and Isfahan; in 1291/1874 he was employed by E'tezād-al-salṭana and later by Mo'tamad-al-dawla, playing an important part in the production of books by these two princes. He became, eventually, Emām-e Jom'a and teacher in the Dār al-Fonūn, and was given the title Adīb-al-'olamā'. He was also prominent in the Shah Ne'matallāhī order of Sufis.

His close friend, Shaikh Hādī Naǰmābādī, pointed out to Adīb the similarity of his views to those of the Baha'is and thus prompted him to investigate the Baha'i faith. In about the year 1307/1889 after conversations with Mollā Moḥammad Nabīl-e Akbar, he was converted and was soon afterwards designated by Bahā'allāh (q.v.) as one of the Hands of the Cause ([Ayādī-e Amr Allāh](#)). In 1315/1897-98, he participated in the meetings of the Hands of the Cause in Tehran which evolved into the Spiritual Assembly of Tehran, of which he was the chairman. He played an important part in the founding of the Tarbiyat Baha'i school in Tehran in 1317/1899 and in its administration. In 1903, he traveled to Isfahan and became involved in the upheaval there, being briefly imprisoned. From there he went to Ābāda, Shiraz, Bombay, and eventually to 'Akkā, where he met 'Abd-al-Bahā'. After going on a tour of India and Burma with the American Baha'i, Sidney Sprague, he returned to Tehran, where he died on 6 Du'l-qa'da 1337/2 September 1919.



Adīb was the author of several books, including *al-Estedlālīya* on Baha'i proofs, an autobiographical tract, and much poetry. He was also one of the four contributors to the encyclopedic work *Nāma-ye dānešvarān*. But his adoption of the Baha'i faith caused his dismissal soon after the publication of the first volume in Ša'bān, 1296/September, 1878.

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