

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

[Translator's notes appear in square brackets.]

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[The excerpt below is from the section of the article that pertains to the Baha'i Faith]

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From: Dr. Hosein Gol-e Golab, the Erudite Professor of the University of Tehran

When the Pravda newspaper published the news regarding the Baha'is, the Soviets in Moscow asked me for some information regarding the reason for combating the Baha'is...

As the esteemed readers are informed, in the month of Ordibehesht [April/May], Dr. Gol-e Golab, a professor of the School of Medicine of Tehran [University], travelled to [Russia] in order to take part in the 200th anniversary of the establishment of the University of Moscow. You studied parts of the memoirs of his travels in the last six issues, and now the continuation of the story...

...The Pravda newspaper did publish the news about resisting the Baha'is in Iran. Then Aliov said that [he had news]. "Comrade Dr. Gol-e Golab, what is this matter of the Baha'is?" I became startled and asked, "Is this something new?" He said, "Don't you know?" Immediately he took out a copy of the Pravda newspaper, the organ of the Soviet Communist Party, from his pocket and showed me the few lines of the news regarding resisting the Baha'is in Iran.

The day that I had left Tehran, although it was during the month of Ramadan, confrontation of the Baha'is from the pulpit had not yet begun, and the news that Pravda newspaper had published was already old, because in the previous ten days, the act of resisting the Baha'is in Iran had started, which had led to the occupation of the Hazirtu'l-Quds.

I focused into the Pravda's news, pretending that it was normal news. Aliov looked at me and asked, "Is it possible that, in the atomic age, one has religion and belief?" [I said], "How strange! How strange! Comrade Aliov why do you speak like this? Religion is the foundation and pillar of the lives of humanity." Aliov, who was not expecting such an answer, said, "Leave this nonsense of religion and religion-making. It no longer has buyers in the world; for instance, these Baha'is, what do they say and what is their aim?"

In order to close the matter, immediately I raised another subject of conversation, and thus prevented discussion regarding religion...