

[PROVISIONAL TRANSLATION FROM PERSIAN]

[Translator's notes appear in square brackets.]

[Personal information has been **redacted**.]

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

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The Baha'i Sect Has Nothing to Offer [About Which] to be Criticized

The Group for Quranic Activities: The gathering called "Baha'ism in the Melting-pot of Criticism" was organized by the Islamic Association of Students and the Waiting Centre of the Imam Khomeini International University in Qazvin with the presence of Hojjatol-Islam Seyyed Muhammad Anjavinejad, the secretary of the Association of Rahpouyan-Vesal-e Shiraz [Vesal-e Shiraz Wayfarers] on Wednesday.

According to the Qazvin branch of the International Quran News Agency (IQNA), Hojjatol-Islam Seyyed Mohammad Anjavinejad, the secretary of the Association of the Rahpouyan-e Vesal-e Shiraz, at the beginning of his speech, criticized the choice of the name of the meeting, "Baha'ism in the Melting-pot of Criticism", and said that the Baha'i sect has nothing to criticize. The secretary of the Association of Rahpouyan-Vesal-e Shiraz, who was speaking in the gathering of the students of the College of Social Sciences of Imam Khomeini International University in Qazvin added, "While the Qajar monarchs were developing their harems, the world Zionists were planning to create a new world order in their own way. They began to distort the cultures, and made changes in all areas of our lives, even in the way we dress, eat, and entertain ourselves, to bring people closer to their goals. He pointed out, "Those who have been pursuing their activities in Iran since the Qajar period could not take the religion of the people from them, because their religion was original and runs in the nature of people, so they could not remove it; therefore, they fought the religion with religion itself. In other words, by creating a religion called Baha'ism, instead of eliminating the religion [of Islam] they introduced the people to an [easily-obeyed] and desired religion, and in the meantime, those who both wanted a religion and were escaping from obeying the laws were attracted to it.

"At that time, 90% of the Iranian people were illiterate. World Zionism, by taking advantage of this ignorance, offered [them] a religion that was favoured by youth and, of course, the comfort-seeking people, and which, in appearance, looked like a religion and did not have the Shari'a and laws."

While enumerating the principles of this religion, he pointed out the obvious contradictions in its laws and said, "The Baha'is, who questioned the Prophet's finality, formed a sect with free interpretations of the laws of other religions, including Islam. And none of the Baha'i elders are willing to debate with us today."