

**[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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**Cultural Poverty and Unfamiliarity With Religion Are Among the Factors That Lead to the Perverse Baha'i Sect**

Rasa News Agency – Good-naturedness, helping fellow human beings, visiting patients, sending gifts, selling cheaply, seeing and visiting neighbours, and helping vulnerable groups are some of the Baha'i methods of practical propaganda.

Hojatoleslam Ahmad Haj-Gholi, in an interview with Rasa News Agency, referring to the statements of the supreme leader of the Islamic Revolution about the weakening of the purpose of religion by promoting Baha'ism, said, “The perverse Baha'i sect uses two direct and indirect methods to propagate itself.”

He added, “The Baha'is consider teaching the Faith as obligatory for all Baha'is, and a Baha'i is also a teacher of Baha'ism. On the other hand, dissimulation is forbidden in Baha'ism.”

Hojatoleslam Haj-Gholi stated, “The issue of teaching the Faith is very serious for Baha'is, and [using] various tools and methods, such as publishing books and magazines in different languages, they claim to have translated and published their books in 800 languages and dialects—television, radio, satellite, the Internet, and even donating money to promote their sect.”

He pointed out, “The perverse Baha'i sect uses two direct and indirect methods to propagate itself. Intense [teaching] and destructive methods are direct methods of propagating Baha'ism; the publication of books and pamphlets, the design of attractive slogans, the publication of [information on] the lives of leaders and the history of Baha'ism are among the intense Baha'i practices.”

He said, “In a destructive way, they occupy the minds of Muslims, especially Shias, by asking questions and raising doubts; also, mocking and insulting great Islamic and religious figures is a destructive method.”

He said, “Because, according to the order of the House of Justice, it is necessary for the Baha'is to obey the government and not to do anything contrary to the laws of the country in which they live—although they do not adhere to this—they use an indirect way of propagating their belief.”

This theological researcher stated, “In the method of indirect teaching of the faith, practical teaching, good-naturedness, helping fellow human beings, visiting patients, sending gifts, selling cheaply, seeing and visiting neighbours, and helping vulnerable groups are some of the Baha'is' practical [ways of] disseminating their faith.

He said, “In its propaganda, the Baha’is target all age groups, especially the youth and adolescents. Low-income and vulnerable people are also among the groups targeted by the Baha’is.” Hence, the Baha’is have also targeted poor African and Latin American countries.

He said, “Cultural poverty and unfamiliarity with the religion of Islam are among the factors that attract target groups to the perverse Baha’i sect. The heretical sect also uses illegitimate music promotion, moral laxity, and intermingling between men and women to attract people.”

Hojatoleslam Haj-Gholi, referring to the method of attracting educated people, said, “The perverse Baha’i sect uses attractive slogans—twelve slogans—to attract educated people or those who do not want to have moral laxity.”