

[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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Ayatollah Tabrizi's Fatwas¹ About the Baha'is

Ayatollah Tabrizi, one of the religious jurisprudential authorities, [said that] socializing with the followers of the Baha'i sect is not permissible and considers marriage with the Baha'is as annulled. Regarding dealing with the Baha'is, he said, "Dealing with them is not permissible if it is considered [to support] the promotion of this sect." The promotion of the Baha'i sect is not permissible and dealing with them is not permissible if it is considered [to support] the promotion of this sect.

Adyannet – Ayatollah Tabrizi, one of the religious jurisprudential authorities, like other clergymen, has always been considered within the stronghold of [religious] science as a protector of beliefs for Shias. He was born in 1305 [1926] in Tabriz and died in 1385 [2006] in Qom. In this article, God willing, we present his fatwas regarding the Baha'is. Due to the number of questions, we mention below the titles of the questions and his answers:

1. Socializing with Baha'is: "Socializing with the perverse Baha'i sect is not permissible, except by those who are self-confident and have the power to guide them to the truth, and God is the All-Knowing." [1]
2. Dealing with the Baha'is: "The promotion of the Baha'i sect is not permissible and dealing with them is not permissible if it is considered [to support] the promotion of this sect." [2]
3. Regarding the Baha'is who had been dismissed from their jobs for being Baha'is—unfortunately, some have been re-employed by some government agencies—he said, "If it turns out that they are Baha'is, they have no right to work and be employed by the hospital, and God is the All-knowing." [3]
4. Marriage to Baha'is: "The marriage of a Muslim man to a Baha'i woman is annulled, and the marriage of a Muslim woman to a Baha'i man is annulled. And if the marriage took place out of ignorance of this matter, the children born of this marriage are not considered as illegitimate and belong to their mother and father, and if the father or the mother of the child is Muslim, the child remains in Islam, and God is the All-Knowing." [4]
5. Paying diyah [blood-money] to the Baha'is: Blood-money is obligatory only for Muslims and tributary infidels, and God is the All-Knowing." [5]

¹ [Fatwa: A legal opinion or decree handed down by an Islamic religious leader]

According to his fatwa, since the Baha'is are not considered as Ahl-i-Dhimmi², no blood money is due to them.

According to the fatwas of His Honour and other religious jurisprudential authorities [6], it seems necessary to stay away and keep distance from the followers of this perverse sect. Hoping for the day when this perverse sect is rooted out.

Postscript Notes:

1 Ayatollah Javad Tabrizi, New Istifta'at³, Qom, Bi Na, Bi Ta, vol. 2, p. 199, question 910.

2 Ibid., p. 200, question 917.

3 Ibid., p. 259, question 1123.

4 Ibid., p. 348.

5 Ibid., p. 421, question 1718.

6 See Articles: The supreme leader's fatwas on the Baha'is, the fatwas of Ayatollah Makarem Shirazi on the Baha'is and fatwas of Ayatollah Safi on the Baha'is.

² [Ahl-i-Dhimmi: people of the Book, recognized religious minorities, and their status under the Islamic rule.]

³ [Istifta'at: religious inquiries]