

Hajji Mirza Mohammad Taqi, Wakil-al-dawla, Wakil-al-Haqq (1246-1330/1830-1912), a successful merchant in Yazd for many years. He then moved to Ešqabad where he devoted his wealth and energies to the building of the Mašreq al-Adkar there. He died in Haifa.

ʿAli-Mohammad Khan Mowaqqar-al-dawla (1282-1339/1865-1921), consul-general, Bombay, 1898; Foreign Ministry agent in Fars, 1900; governor of Bušehr, 1911-1915; minister of public works, trade and agriculture, 1921.

Hasan Mowaqqar Balyuzi (1908-1980), chairman of the British National Spiritual Assembly (Mahfel-e Rawhani-e Melli), 1937-1960; appointed Hand of the Cause (Ayadi-ye Amr Allah) by Shoghi Effendi, 1957; important Bahaʿi historian and author of several works, including translations of English literature into Persian.

Both the maternal and paternal families of the Bab were Hosayni Sayyeds of Shiraz. The paternal family (who are not regarded as Afnan) included the preeminent mojtahed and marjaʿ al-taqlid Mirza Hasan Širazi (Mirza-ye Širazi), whose father was a paternal cousin of the Bab's father. In Bahaʿi terminology, the use of the term Afnan is paralleled by the use of the term Agsan to designate the descendants of Bahaʿallah.

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