

God Passes By, by Shoghi Effendi: Review

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By Shoghi Effendi.

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This is the first complete and official history of the Bahá'í religion written from the inside and from the top. Shoghi Effendi, great-grandson of Bahá'u'lláh and grandson of Abdu'l-Baha, is "Guardian of the Faith" by his grandfather's appointment, so his book is comparable to a history of the papacy written by the pope. Much of it describes a noble and sincere effort for spiritual uplift. But there have been internal dissensions and opposition from without. The author recites with satisfaction the horrible disasters that have overtaken many who challenged the authority of his house: two "died prematurely," one died of cancer and two others from heart attacks, one "fell a prey to a fatal and loathsome disease," and another "died in obscurity and poverty," and a "greedy and conceited" dissenter who criticized the leader "met his death soon after he had uttered these denunciations." But the movement is a going concern which has gained no little influence in its single century of history.

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