

Unfortunately for himself he took refuge in the guard-room, whence he was taken out again and the sentence was carried out.

After his death the new doctrine spread far and wide, and its adherents displayed a spirit of reckless fanaticism and extreme cruelty. At Zenjan the chief mulla headed an outbreak and defied a large Persian army, buoyed up with the hope that the whole world would be the prize of success. The siege lasted for several months, and the crazy fanatics were massacred upon the capture of their stronghold. Two years later an attempt on the Shah's life resulted in cruel persecutions, which proved to the world the earnestness of the Babis and probably gained many converts.

The successor of the Bab fled to Baghdad, and ten years later he and his followers were transferred to Adrianople. While living in this city there was a split in the party, accompanied by assassinations. The Turkish Government interned the winner in the struggle at Acre. The present head of the religion, who is generally known

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as Abdul Baha or "The Slave of the Splendour" is a great personality, who has preached peace and goodwill among men in Europe and America, and is specially concerned with ethical questions. In Persia his followers are far behind their master, and are mainly concerned with questions of dogma, but even so, they are bound to be affected by the teaching and character of their leader.

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