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Press Release

New Introduction to Bahá'u'lláh Transports
Readers to a Remarkable Place and Time

Portrait of the Founder of the Bahá'í Religion Offers Drama, History, and Hope to Faithful of All Ages

From the affluent courtyards of Tehran to the prison-city of Acre on the shores of the Mediterranean, *The Story of Bahá'u'lláh* brings to life in rich detail the compelling story of the prophet and founder of the Bahá'í Faith, the youngest of the independent world religions. Born to wealth and privilege, Mírzá Husayn-'Alí, later to be known by the title Bahá'u'lláh (meaning “The Glory of God”), was known as the “Father of the Poor” for His help to the needy. Imprisoned for His open support of new religious teachings that authorities believed threatened the established order, Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892) lost all of His worldly endowments and, when released, was banished with His immediate family and a small band of followers to a series of increasing remote locations in an effort to suppress His influence. His exile lasted nearly forty years. Today millions study His teachings.

With the pacing and drama of a well-told narrative and written to be read aloud, *The Story of Bahá'u'lláh*, by Druzelle Cederquist (Bahá'í Publishing, \$15, soft cover, ISBN 1-931847-13-4) gives a richly detailed account of the prophet's extraordinary life. Interwoven through the text are stories of the Báb (forefunner of Bahá'u'lláh) and His principle disciples, basic facts about Islam, and details about the millennial expectations of Christians throughout the world at the time. Well-known American figures and the turmoil of contemporary world events provide a backdrop.

Bahá'u'lláh taught that there is one God whose successive revelations of His will to humanity have been the chief civilizing force in history. The agents of this process have been the Messengers of God—among them, Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Krishna, Christ, Muhammad—

whom people have seen chiefly as the founders of separate religious systems but whose common purpose has been to bring the human race to spiritual and moral maturity.

In 1863, Bahá'u'lláh announced that He was the Messenger of God for humanity today and declared that His mission was to usher in the age of peace and prosperity prophesized in the scriptures of the world's great religions. Over His lifetime He wrote the equivalent of over one hundred volumes—collectively referred to as the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh—presenting divinely inspired teachings on subjects ranging from the nobility of the human soul to the role of women in families and society to the prerequisites for the nations of the world to achieve a just and lasting peace.

To receive a review copy of *The Story of Bahá'u'lláh*, or to schedule an interview or author event with Druzelle Cederquist, please contact Tim Moore, Bahá'í Publishing sales and marketing manager, at 847-425-7964. E-mail: tmoore@usbnc.org.

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