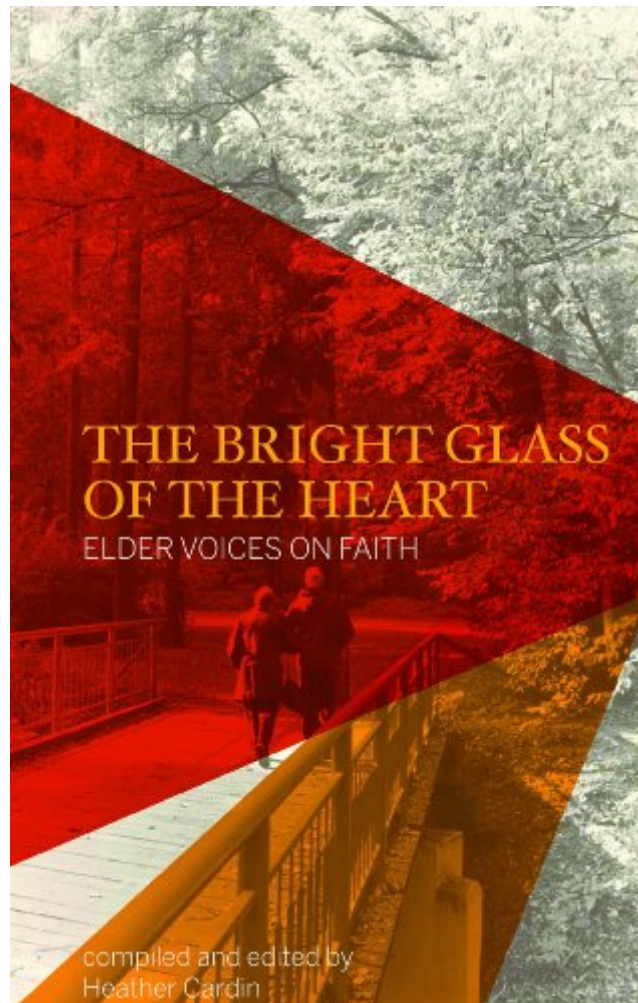


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The Bright Glass Of The Heart: Elder Voices On Faith



Synopsis

An inspiring collection of personal stories of elder Bahá'í's whose commitment and service laid the foundations of the Bahá'í Faith around the world. That most precious of gifts is attainment unto His unfailing guidance, that the inner reality of humankind should become as a niche to hold this lamp; and when the scattering splendours of this light do beat against the bright glass of the heart, the heart's purity maketh the beams to blaze out even stronger than before, and to shine in glory on the minds and souls of men. ^Abdu'l-Bahá We are living the future that the elders envisioned when they, themselves, were young. What was that vision? What did they do to make it a reality? What made them adopt a new religion, perhaps in the face of opposition from family and friends, and spend the rest their lives serving it? What insights can they offer to inspire rising generations? These are the questions Heather Cardin asked elder Bahá'í's around the world. She invited them to share their stories of how and why they became Bahá'í's, their adventures as they lived a new life, often far from their homes, and what the Bahá'í Faith has meant to them. These are the authentic, powerful voices of elder people as they look back on their many years as Bahá'í's helping lay the foundation of the Faith in different parts of the world, and as they look forward to their role in the 21st century.

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This is a compilation of personal accounts of people who have been a member of the Baha'i Faith for many years and what it has meant to them. As myself a Baha'i all my life, I found it personally interesting and inspiring.

I would only recommend this book to Baha'is. It's a collection of personal accounts of elder Baha'is around the world, although mostly Canada, probably since the author is Canadian and knows more Baha'is there. Most of the stories are moving and inspiring. Some quotes that I loved and have been thinking about since reading them: 'I do not pray for anything. I am not nearly strong enough to do that. I pray for strength, patience, understanding, the ability to love God, detachment from the physical world and other qualities. I will pray for the healing or benefit of other people. However I have noticed that some healing prayers have lines like 'Thou, verily, art the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.' So it seems to me we are not praying for healing, we are praying for the correct outcome. 'Many years ago I developed a theory of mutual exclusivity. I had observed in my own life that either God solved a problem or I solved the problem but both God and I did not work on the same problem at the same time. If I decided to solve it then God had better things to do than to help me. If I decided to turn the problem over to God then God would resolve the issue. When I refer to my solving the problem, I am referring to taking wilful action and deciding what the correct resolution is. If my family needs food, go out and work to earn money and feed them. There is a great difference between detachment and doing nothing.'

If you are a Baha'i you will be amazed at the variety of experiences which have led your fellow human beings to change from a main line traditional belief to one which enables participation in helping to achieve a new spiritual and social order in the world. If you are not a Baha'i you will be surprised to know that so many people from all over the world have found a way to achieve goals which everybody wants. This book shows that there really is a way and everyone can share it. It does require struggle. Most of these people found the way from tradition to future possibilities very difficult, but worth it..

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