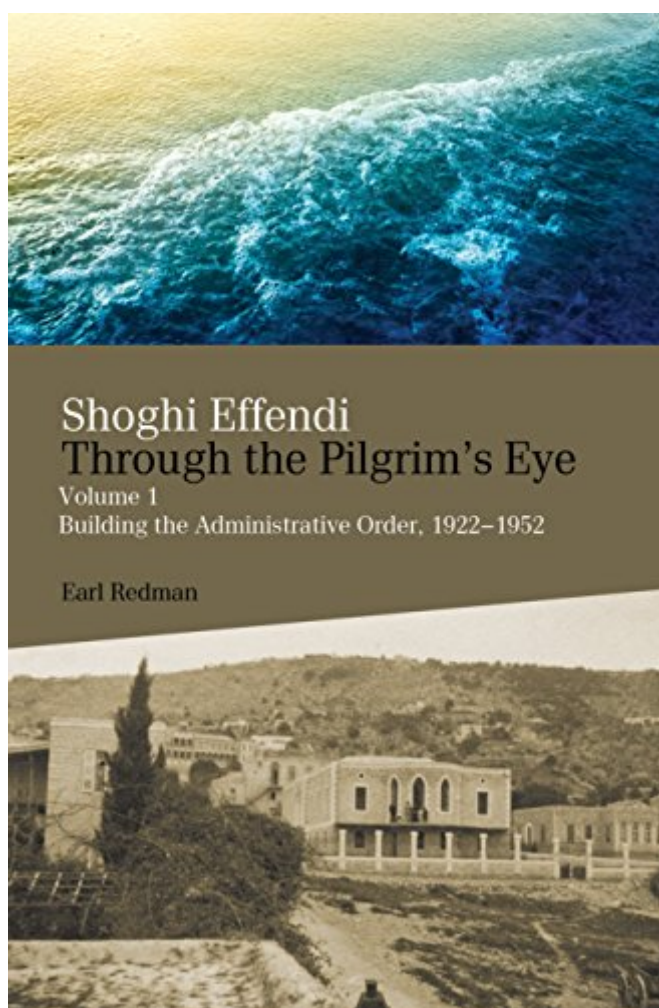


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Shoghi Effendi Through The Pilgrim's Eye: Volume 1 Building The Administrative Order, 1922-1952



Synopsis

Shoghi Effendi Through the Pilgrim's Eye tells the story of the Guardian's ministry from 1922 when the young Shoghi Effendi, just 24 years old, was charged with guiding the affairs of a worldwide Faith. Rather than a biography, it draws on the diary entries and letters (many now published for the first time) of the many pilgrims and visitors to the Bahá'í Holy Places in Haifa and Akkí, as well as the accounts of those who worked to assist the Guardian in his many extraordinary achievements. As in all such cases, these recollections must be taken in the spirit of pilgrim notes – interesting and thought-provoking highlights and observations, but not any part of the Bahá'í Sacred Text. They do, however, provide unique insights and inspiration. Volume I (1922–1952) covers the years when the Guardian was laying the foundations of the Bahá'í Administrative Order destined to culminate in the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh, while at the same time planning and carrying out the extension and development of the Shrines of the Báb and Bahá'u'lláh, translating the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh as well as The Dawn-Breakers and writing his own major works, as well as facing challenges to his authority and responding to the confiscation of the House of Bahá'u'lláh in Baghdad and the persecution of Bahá'ís in Iran and Egypt. The volume ends just before the dramatic decade that was to begin in 1953 with the celebration of the Bahá'í Holy Year, the first intercontinental conferences and the launching of the ten-year worldwide spiritual plan to carry the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh to every place on the planet.

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The author has succeeded admirably in writing about this period of Baha'i history from 1921 to about 1953, when the Guardian of the Baha'i Faith, Shoghi Effendi Rabbani, successfully transitioned the Faith from the period of the Founder, Baha'u'llah, and His Son, 'Abdu'l-Baha, through major upheavals in the world, e.g. world depression, WWII, Korea, the establishment of the UN and Israel. It's a fascinating look at Baha'i history and combines historical writings and first person accounts in one volume. (A second volume begins in 1953 to the period of Shoghi Effendi's death in 1957.) This youth, who at the age of 22, carried the Baha'i Faith significantly into the international realm, and those handful of staunch supporters who loved him and supported every effort unquestioningly, save one. Fascinating insights. Highly recommended to Baha'is wishing a more intimate view of their Faith, and to those others who have more than a passing familiarity with the Baha'i Faith. Other recommended volumes: The Priceless Pearl by Madam R. Rabbani, and God Passes By, Shoghi Effendi Rabbani.

Wonderful stories that, many of which have, never been heard before. This book has deepened my love and reverence for what Shoghi Effendi has accomplished--these pilgrims notes are special, providing a unique view into the development of the World Centre of the Baha'i Faith through the Guardian's guidance. Started reading this during the Fast this year, and continue enjoying it page by page. I can envision reading this again from cover to cover with interest. Any Baha'i would be grateful to have read this book, as it exposes a history after 'Abdu'l-Baha's ascension that goes way beyond any cursory look at the initial years of the formative age. Enjoy!

This is a rare and exciting account of the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, at his assumption of the Guardianship through the eyes of pilgrims. Fascinating material is available here that is not readily accessible to the general public.

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