

THOSE WHO ENTERED THE MOST GREAT PRISON WITH BAHÁ'U'LLÁH ON 31 AUGUST 1868

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References and information

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All biographical information completed from sources in *Bahá'u'lláh: The King of Glory* and own knowledge, the list is as ordered by Mr. Balyuzi, found on pages 277-279, *Bahá'u'lláh: The King of Glory*. Birth dates and ages have only been provided for the members of the Holy Family.

Mr. Balyuzi's numbering has been with two exceptions: the two full brothers of Bahá'u'lláh have been placed first in the list of men in Bahá'u'lláh's extended family, and the men and women have been placed separately though their numbers from the original list have been kept.

This category is extended family indeed, as opposed to the Holy Family, circling Bahá'u'lláh's name symbolically at the center of the design, because it counts one of the wives' of Bahá'u'lláh's unfaithful half-brother, Mírzá Yaḥyá, as well as all the children of His brothers.

The Holy Family

1. **Bahá'u'lláh**, born in 1817, 51 years old.
2. **Ásiyih Khánum, Navváb but listed as Buyúk Khánum**, Wife of Bahá'u'lláh and His consort in every world, mother of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahíyyih Khánum, and Mírzá Mihdí, birth date unknown, several years younger than Bahá'u'lláh, perhaps three.
3. **'Abdu'l-Bahá** (the Most Great Branch), born in 1844, 24 years old.
4. **Bahíyyih Khánum** (the Greatest Holy Leaf), born in 1846, 22 years old.
5. **Mírzá Mihdí** (the Purest Branch), born in 1848, 20 years old.

Bahá'u'lláh's extended family

11. **Mírzá Músá - Jináb-i-Kalim, 'Áqáy-i-Kalim**: brother of Bahá'u'lláh and Apostle of Bahá'u'lláh.
17. **Mírzá Muḥammad-Qulí**: brother of Bahá'u'lláh.
6. **Fátimih Khánum, Mahd-i-'Ulyá**: the mother of Mírzá Muḥammad-'Alí, second wife of Bahá'u'lláh.

7. **Mírzá Muḥammad-'Alí**, the eldest son of Bahá'u'lláh's second wife Fáṭimih Khánum, half-brother to 'Abdu'l-Bahá, and later Arch-breaker of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh.

8. **Mírzá Badi'u'lláh**: son of Fáṭimih Khánum.

9. **Mírzá Ḍiya'u'lláh**: son of Fáṭimih Khánum.

10. **Ṣamadíyyih Khánum**: sister of Mírzá Muḥammad-'Alí and wife of Mírzá Majdi'd-Dín (Son of Mírzá Músá).

12. **Fáṭimih-Sulṭán Khánum**: daughter of Shaykh Sulṭán-i-'Arab (who had gone to find Bahá'u'lláh in Sulaymaníyyih, and brought Him back to Baghdád) and wife of Mírzá Músá.

13. **Ḥavvá Khánum**: second wife of Mírzá Músá.

14. **Mírzá Majdi'd-Dín**: son of Mírzá Músá and Fáṭimih-Sulṭán Khánum.

15. **Liqá Khánum**: wife of Mírzá Muḥammad-'Alí.

16. **Mírzá 'Alí-Riḍá**: son of Mírzá Músá.

18. **Khánum Ján**: wife of Mírzá Muḥammad-Qulí.

19. **Nash'ih Khánum**: second wife of Mírzá Muḥammad-Qulí.

20. **Mírzá 'Abdu'r-Ra'úf**: son of Mírzá Muḥammad-Qulí.

21. **Mírzá Dhikru'lláh**: son of Mírzá Muḥammad-Qulí.

22. **Mírzá Vaḥid**: son of Mírzá Muḥammad-Qulí.

23. **Qudsiyyih Khánum**: daughter of Mírzá Muḥammad-Qulí and Nash'ih Khánum.

24. **Badri-Ján**: one of the wives of Mírzá Yaḥyá, Ṣubḥ-i-Azal.

The Bahá'ís: the women

25. **Ábájí Qazvíní**: a maid-servant.

30. **Gawhar Khánum**: wife of Áqá Riḍá, mother of 'Aynu'l-Mulk (later I'tiḍádi'd-Dawlih).

32. **Salṭanat Khánum**: wife of Mírzá Maḥmúd-i-Káshání, sister to Gawar Khánum.

34. **Zahrá Khánum**: mother of Ḥájí Áqáy-i-Tabrizí.

38. **Khánum Ján**: wife of Hájí 'Alí-'Askar.
39. **Ma'sumih**: daughter of Hájí 'Alí-'Askar.
40. **Fáṭimih**: daughter of Hájí 'Alí-'Askar.
41. **Husniyyih**: daughter of Hájí 'Alí-'Askar and wife of Áqá Muḥammad-Javád-i-Qazvíní.
50. **Za'farán Khánum**: wife of Mírzá Ja'far-i-Yazdí.
52. **Habibih Khánum**: wife of Amír and a maid-servant in the household of Bahá'u'lláh
53. **Badí'ih Khánum**: daughter of Amír and Ḥabíbih, married to Ḥusayn Áqá Qahvih-chi.
54. **Şáhib-Ján Khánum**: a maid-servant.

The Bahá'ís: the men

26. **Mírzá Riḍá-Qulí-i-Tafrishí**: brother of Badri-Ján, would later join the other two Azalís and be murdered.
27. **Mírzá Faḍlu'lláh**: nephew of Mírzá Riḍá-Qulí, son of Mírzá Nasrull'áh.
28. **Áqá 'Azim-i-Tafrishí**: attendant to Mírzá Nasru'lláh and Mírzá Riḍá-Qulí, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.
29. **Áqá Riḍáy-i-Shirází, Qannád (Confectioner)**: devout believer and follower of Bahá'u'lláh in His exiles who wrote a narrative used by H.M. Balyuzi in his research for *Bahá'u'lláh: The King of Glory*, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.
31. **Mírzá Maḥmúd-i-Káshání**: responsible with Áqá Riḍá for the was responsible for the culinary arrangements and for the preparing and dispensing of meals during the march from Baghdád to Sám-sún, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.
33. **Hájí Áqáy-i-Tabrizí**: brother of Gawhar Khánum and Saṭṭanat Khánum, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.
35. **Áqá Riḍá**: brother of Hájí Áqá, and responsible with Mírzá Maḥmúd-i-Káshání for the was responsible for the culinary arrangements and for the preparing and dispensing of meals during the march from Baghdád to Sám-sún.

36. **Hájí 'Alí-'Askar-i-Tabrizí:** after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.

37. **Husayn-Áqá Qahvih-chi:** son of Hájí 'Alí-'Askar, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.

42. **Áqá Muḥammad-Javád-i-Qazvíní:** present in the photos of the Bahá'ís in Adrianople with 'Abdu'l-Bahá, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí, he would become a Covenant-breaker after the Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh.

43. **Mashhadí Faṭṭáh:** brother of Hájí 'Alí-'Askar-i-Tabrizí, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.

44. **Áqá Muḥammad-'Alí-i-Yazdí:** when the exiles ran out of money between Baghdád and Sámsún, he sold his horse in Amasiya and it fetched an excellent price, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.

45. **Áqá Abu'l-Qásim-i-Sulṭánabadi:** he was the first among the exiles to die in the barracks upon arriving in 'Akká (malaria and dysentery were rampant).

46. **Áqá Faraj-i-Sulṭánabadi:** cousin to Áqá Abu'l-Qásim-i-Sulṭánabadi, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.

47. **Áqá Muḥammad-Ismá'il (Ismá'il-i-Khayyát):** brother of Áqá Muḥammad-Báqir (Ustád Báqir), he was among the three to die in the barracks, along with his brother and Áqá Abu'l-Qásim-i-Sulṭánabadi.

48. **Áqá Muḥammad-Báqir (Ustád Báqir):** brother of Áqá Muḥammad-Ismá'il (Ismá'il-i-Khayyát), he was among the three to die in the barracks, along with his brother and Áqá Abu'l-Qásim-i-Sulṭánabadi.

49. **Mírzá Ja'far-i-Yazdí:** later in the barracks, he would become so gravely ill that he was given up for dead but made a miraculous recovery, and Bahá'u'lláh called him Badí'u'l-Ḥayát (Wondrous Life), he would later be involved in the murder of the three Azalís.

51. **Áqá Muḥammad-Ibráhím-i-Nayrízí (Amír):** he was of the company of Bábis were with Vahíd at Nayríz, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.

55. **Mírzá Muṣṭafá (Abú-Hurayrih):** son of Şáhib-Ján Khánum, he was known as Abú-Hurayrih, after one of the fickle followers of the Prophet Muḥammad, he was an attendant of Bahá'u'lláh, and later broke the Covenant.

56. **Darvish Šidq-'Aliy-i-Qazvíní**: originally from Qazvín, the same city as Ṭáhirih, he became a Bahá'í in Baghdád and followed Bahá'u'lláh in each of His exiles, Bahá'u'lláh honored him by setting aside one day each year, dedicated to him, on which all dervishes should gather, after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.

57. **Mírzá Áqá Ján**: originally from Kashán, he became a Bábí in Baghdád, was the amanuensis and attendant to Bahá'u'lláh for His entire ministry, accompanied Him in His latter three exiles, but tragically, after his many years spent in close companionship with Bahá'u'lláh, he would break the Covenant after His Ascension.

58. **Háji Faraju'lláh-i-Tafrishí**: after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí.

59. **Áqá Ḥusayn-i-Ashchí (Broth-maker)**: from a young age involved with broth-making, and later the kitchens of the Holy Family, he is pictured in the photograph of the early bealivers in Adrianople with 'Abdu'l-Bahá, he would later be involved in the murder of the three Azalís, his vivid and detailed memoirs of seven decades in close association with the Bahá'u'lláh and the Holy Family were one of the main sources of eyewitness accounts for H.M. Balyuzi in his book *Bahá'u'lláh: The King of Glory*.

60. **Áqá Muḥammad-'Aliy-i-Işfahání**: after the murder of the three Azalís, he would be one of the 16 men detained for six months in the Khán-i-Shávirdí, in much later years, he fell under the influence of Mírzá Yaḥyá.

61. **Ustád Aḥmad-i-Najjár**: would later be involved in the murder of the three Azalís.

62. **Áqá Mírzá Ḥusayn-i-Najjár**: would later be involved in the murder of the three Azalís.

63. **Áqá Muḥammad-Ibráhím-i-Náẓir**: a weaver and carpenter, he would later be involved in the murder of the three Azalís.

64. **Khayyat-Bashi**: a tailor exiled from Baghdád, he told by Bahá'u'lláh to stay in Constantinople but disobeyed and arrived in Adrianople a day or two after Bahá'u'lláh.

65. **Mírzá Asadu'lláh**: No information found.

The Azalís (followers of Mírzá Yaḥyá)

66. **Siyyid Muḥammad-i-Işfahání**: The Antichrist of the Bahá'í Dispensation, no one short of Mírzá Yaḥyá, the Arch-Breaker of the Covenant of the Báb, worked hard to undermine Bahá'u'lláh, destroy His reputation and credibility, cause Him unwarranted pain and suffering, and orchestrate His perpetual banishment.

67. **Áqá Ján Big, known as Kaj-Kuláh (Skew-cap):** Became closely associated with Siyyid Muḥammad in Constantinople, and was arrested and sent away with the Bahá'is, he was a retired Ottoman army officer, worked long and hard to make Bahá'u'lláh's life impossible.