

NABÍL'S NARRATIVE

(*The Dawn Breakers*)

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(Cablegram dated June 22, 1932)

“Shoghi Effendi found great pleasure and spiritual upliftment while working on the translation of *Nabíl’s Narrative*. The life of those who figure in it is so stirring that every one who reads those accounts is bound to be affected and impelled to follow their footsteps of sacrifice in the path of the Faith. The Guardian believes, therefore, that it should be studied by the friends, especially the youth who need inspiration to carry them through these troubled days.”

(11 March '33, Deepening p. 29)

“Shoghi Effendi undertook the translation of the *Dawn-Breakers* only after being convinced that its publication will arouse the friends to greater self-sacrifice and a more determined way of teaching. Otherwise he would not have devoted so much time to it.

“Reading about the life and activities of those heroic souls is bound to influence our mode of living and of the importance we attach to our services in the Cause. Shoghi Effendi therefore hopes that the friends will read, nay rather study that book, and encourage their young people to do that as well...”

(9 June '32, Deepening p. 27)

“I strongly urge you to devote, while you are pursuing your studies, as much time as you possibly can to a thorough study of the history and teachings of our Beloved Cause. This is a prerequisite of a future successful career of service to the Bahá’í Faith in which I hope and pray you will distinguish yourself in the days to come.”

(18 May 1926, Deepening p. 18)

“I would strongly urge you to utilize, to the utmost possible extent, the wealth of authentic material gathered in *Nabíl’s stirring Narrative* and to encourage the youth to master and digest the facts recorded therein as a basis for their future work in the teaching field, and as a sustenance to their spiritual life and activities in the service of the Cause.”

(9 Nov. 1932, Deepening p. 19)

“The [*Dawn Breakers*] will show how the Faith was ushered into the world and how its early adherents heroically faced martyrdom and suffering in their desire to establish the Cause throughout the world. Knowing the life of those heroes will create in us the urge to follow their footsteps and achieve the same.”

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What is Nabíl's Narrative??

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Now let's look at that again!

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