**The Trustworthiness of the Báb**

When He was fifteen years old, the age of maturity according to Islamic law, the Báb joined His uncle and guardian Hájí Mirzá Siyyid 'Ali, in business in Shíráz, buying and selling bales of cloth and other goods. Shortly afterwards the Báb moved to Búshihr and continued to work in the family business. When He was sixteen, the Báb took over the complete management of the trading-house in Búshihr. His scrupulous attention to detail and His undeviating fairness in transaction became widely known in the region.

Once when the Báb was given goods to sell on consignment for a customer, He waited too long before selling them and missed getting the best price. So instead of just giving the customer the amount He had received from the sale, the Báb added some of His own money to make it up to a higher amount. The man was astonished. This was not the way merchants usually did things! He wanted to return some of it to the Báb, but the Báb told him that it was only fair and just that he should be given that particular sum, because his goods would have fetched exactly that amount had they been offered for sale when the market was at its best.

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