

March 2010 eNewsletter

What's New?

How to Study the Baha'i Writings, an Encore

The immensely popular **How to Study the Baha'i Writings** will make an encore appearance starting on June 15. Registration details will be available in April. Sandra Hutchison, the lead faculty, and some additional faculty have agreed to reprise the course. This will enable many of the 109 currently on the waiting list to take the course sooner than expected.

Our Students Speak Up

Sustainable Development and the Prosperity of Humankind



"Since I am on the Advisory Board for the Multifaith Council of Northwest Ohio, I am planning to work with others to present a program involving sustainability, social development, and religion."

-John Krochmalny, Sylvania, Ohio

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Mining the Gems: The Development of the Individual

March - May 2010 Courses

[Building the Fortress: Marriage and Family Life](#)

Lead Faculty: William Huitt

Faculty: Zaid Lundberg

Duration of course: Three months (Mar. 15 - June 15, 2010)

Marriage (a "fortress for well-being and salvation," according to Baha'u'llah) and family life (the crucible for creating unity) provide crucial environments for human development and self-expression and are central to child rearing, education, morality, and spirituality. The course begins with a review of the background of the two institutions and then turns to . . .



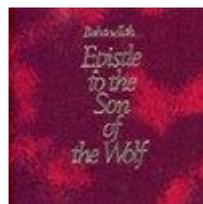
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[Epistle to the Son of the Wolf](#)

Lead Faculty: Hussein Ashchi

Faculty: Ninaz Shadman and Robert Stockman

Duration of course: Three months (Apr. 1 - June 30, 2010)



This course will explore Baha'u'llah's last major work, a single letter containing an anthology of His writings that illustrate major themes of His revelation: God as the source of His revelation; Who Baha'u'llah is; why He came; proofs of His station; His general teachings; the sufferings He endured; humanity's responses to His revelation. . . .

"A new attitude that developed during the course is to view 'knowing' and 'acting' as the two bookends of development. This in turn has caused me to appreciate the importance of the 'practice' component of the Ruhi books."

-Shohreh Anand, Chappaqua, New York



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[Mark Your Calendar](#)

June 7, 2010 - September 7, 2010:
[The Secret of Divine Civilization](#)

June 15, 2010 - September 15, 2010:
[How to Study the Baha'i Writings](#)

July 15 - October 15, 2010:
[Zoroastrianism for Deepening and Dialogue](#)

August 15 - November 15, 2010:
[The World Order of Baha'u'llah: Selected Letters](#)

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[Science and Religion](#)

Lead Faculty: Marleen Chase

Faculty: Robert Sarracino

Duration of course: Three months (Apr. 15 - July 15, 2010)

This course will explore science and religion, the "two most potent forces in human life," according to Shoghi Effendi. It will help you develop a critical understanding of the relationship between science and religion; compare the Baha'i writings to basic interactive models of science and religion; appreciate the dynamic nature of science and religion over time, especially in the Islamic world. . . .



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[Buddhism for Deepening and Dialogue](#)

Lead Faculty: Robert Stockman

Faculty: Anne Pearson

Duration of course: Three months (May 1 - July 31, 2010)



In this course we will survey the life and teachings of the Buddha, the development of His ideas, and the widespread dissemination of Buddhism over much of Asia and, since the late nineteenth century, to the West. We will also read some of the Buddhist texts and. . . .

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[Baha'u'llah's Revelation: A Systematic Survey](#)

Lead Faculty: Cynthia Shawamreh

Faculty: Necati Alkan and Moojan Momen

Duration of course: FOUR months (May 15 - Sept. 15, 2010)

In this four-month course we will undertake a systematic introduction to twenty of Baha'u'llah's most important works, ranging from The Hidden Words to Epistle to the Son of the Wolf. We will study themes in the works, topics that Baha'u'llah progressively revealed during His ministry, and related tablets wherever possible. . . .

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