

December 2016 eNewsletter

News about Upcoming Courses, Webinars, Web Talks, Conferences, Learners' Actions, and Much More



News, Webinars, Conferences, 2017 Courses

Letter from the Universal House of Justice

Letter from the Supreme Institution on the Dedication of the House of Worship in Chile

On October 14, 2016, the <u>Universal House of</u> <u>Justice addressed</u>

"the Friends Gathered in Santiago, Chile, for the Dedication of the Mother Temple of South America" a



letter marking "a moment of high achievement for the Baha'i world. The new temple is the third in the 'pan-American axis' (following one in Wilmette, Illinois, for North America and another in Panama City, Panama, for Central America), and completing the Mother Temples now standing "upon the soil of every continent." The House of Justice goes on to say that "The Mashriqu'I-Adhkar is 'one of the most vital institutions in the world," for it and its dependencies "embody two essential and inseparable aspects of Baha'i life: worship and service." The House of Justice reminds us that a House of Worship "becomes the focal point of the community from which it emerges" and brings with it the responsibility for inviting "others to discover the abiding joy that comes from the praise of God and from service to humankind.'

Dedication of the House of Worship in Chile

Dedication of the Baha'i House of Worship for South America

The Wilmette Institute asked Wendi Momen, a frequent contributor to its eNewsletter, to share with us her impressions



Courses for Next Three Months

December 2016 - February 2017

Make good on your promise to write a history of your community or of a Baha'i special to you

Writing Biographies and Histories

One of several courses on skills development

Lead Faculty: Robert Stockman

Faculty: Thelma Batchelor, Roger Dahl, Richard Hollinger, Adam Thorne

Duration of course: Seven weeks (December 1 - January 18, 2017)



Writing Biographies and Histories is designed to help Baha'is who wish to write the history of their local community, compose a memoir about their own lives, or produce a biography of someone. Units in the first half of the course will cover such topics as selecting a topic and settling on an audience; the philosophy and ethics of writing biographies and history; collecting oral history; research in archives and libraries and on the web;

organizing notes and outlining the topic. In the second half of the course, participants will pursue a research and writing project, advised by the faculty. The Wilmette Institute may be interested in publishing some short histories, biographies, and memoirs on its public website.

Course Description Fees Course Schedule Register Financial Aid

Increase your understanding of the "source and background" of the Baha'i Faith

<u>Introduction to Shi`i Islam</u>

One in a series of courses on religion, philosophy, and theology Watch a $\underline{\text{video}}$ about the course.

Lead Faculty: Moojan Momen
Faculty: Daniel Pschaida, Peter Smith

Duration of course: Seven weeks (December 20, 2016 - February 6, 2017)

and reflections on the dedication of the Baha'i

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House of Worship in Santiago, Chile. She captures not only the excitement of the event but also the awe-inspiring beauty of the new Temple, which stole words from her. She kindly provides links to the livestream sessions of each day's events. READ>>

Wilmette Institute News

How Did the Baha'i Community of South Carolina Emerge from the Jim Crow South? Sign Up for Dr. Louis Venters Web Talk on December 4



The final 2016 Wilmette Institute Web Talk on December 4 promises to be a real treat. Dr. Venters will talk about how the South Carolina community emerged from the Jim Crow South and will also address the relevance of the South Carolina story to the present day. READ>>

Seven of Twelve Web Talks Now Scheduled for 2017

Five new speakers and two repeating ones fill out the line-up for the seven Web Talks already scheduled for 2017. Annette Reynolds, Greg Dahl, Houshmand Badee, Jena Khodadad, and Paul Hanley are the new speakers; Todd Lawson and Michael Penn are repeats, but will speak on new topics. Sign up now. READ>>

Twenty Choices for Deepening: Web Talks for Elevated Conversations, History, and Deep Reflection on the Creative Words

Check out the Wilmette Institute's archive Web Talks to find ones that will help you and your community participate in the "prevalent discourse of the wider community," explore spiritual themes so that you can bring spirituality to "conversations of significance," and understand the history of the Bahá'í Faith better. READ>>

Nicola Daniels Added to Wilmette Institute Part-Time Staff as Marketing Coordinator

The Wilmette Institute has added Nicola Daniels to its part-time staff as its Marketing Coordinator. She has been teaching online courses for the Institute since 2010 and is now on the Institute's Board as well as being a member of



the Regional Training Institute of the Southeastern States. READ>>

Hey, There! Yes, You . . . And You . . . And You

For the fiscal year 2016-17, the Wilmette Institute's goal is \$55,000, most of which is for scholarships for needy students worldwide. No sweat, you are thinking. But here is the bad news. In our November eNewsletter we reported that we had received around \$20,000. This month the total is \$23,395.85. You can add that one up in your head, and the amount received is not pretty.

So what to do? A lot of learners around the world are counting on you. <u>Click here</u> for a Contribution Form and instructions for U.S. Baha'is about making online contributions.



Shoghi Effendi states that the Baha'i Faith started as "a heterodox and seemingly negligible offshoot of the Shaykhi school of the Ithna-'Ashariyyih sect of Shi`ah Islam" (*God Passes By* xii). He also said that Baha'is "must strive to obtain, from sources that are authoritative and unbiased, a sound knowledge of the history and tenets of Islam--the source and background of their Faith" (*The*

Advent of Divine Justice 75: 49). In this course we will focus on Shi`ism, and, especially, on the Ithna-'Asharíyyih (or Twelver) school of Shi`ah Islam. We will also examine the history of this sect and its distinctive teachings. In particular, we will look at the split into Sunni and Shi`ah in Islamic history, the history and doctrine of the Imamate, the Twelfth Imam, and the developments in Shi`ism that led to the Babi and Baha'i Faiths.

Course Description Fees Course Schedule Register Financial Aid

NEW COURSE

Connecting with the joy and laughter that draws seekers to the Baha'i Faith and enlivens Baha'i communities

<u>Creating Unity with Friendship, Fun, Social Vitality, and Laughter</u>

A course on relationships and community life Watch a <u>video</u> about the course.

Lead Faculty: Susanne Alexander

Faculty: Wendi Momen

Duration of course: Seven weeks (December 30, 2016 - February 16, 2017)



'Abdu'l-Baha tells us to "laugh, smile and rejoice in order that others may be made happy" by us (*The Promulgation of Universal Peace* 218). In **Creating Unity with Friendship, Fun, Social Vitality, and Laughter**, come build unified friendships, relationships, marriages, and communities with this light-hearted skill-building course. Expand your ability to deepen friendships, have fun together, extend hospitality, share humorous stories, take a lighter approach

to challenges, and more. The course is excellent preparation for couple dates, neighborhood and family activities, and social events. Please invite your friends.

<u>Course Description</u> <u>Fees</u> <u>Course Schedule</u> <u>Register</u> <u>Financial Aid</u>

Expand your capacity for reading and understanding the Baha'i writings

<u>Finding the Hidden Gift: An</u> <u>Approach to Studying the Baha'i</u> <u>Writings</u>

A course exploring the Baha'i writings in general

Lead Faculty: Sandra Lynn Hutchison

Duration of course: Seven weeks (January 7 - February 24, 2017)

Finding the Hidden Gift: An Approach to Studying the Baha'i Writings introduces learners to a systematic method of studying any Baha'i scripture by using a number of literary and exegetical tools. We will study selected passages

The Wilmette Institute's Facebook Page Has Changed

The Wilmette Institute has changed its Facebook page name from "Wilmette Institute" to "Wilmette Institute: A Global Baha'i Learning Center." The old name did not return in searches for Baha'i content. Here is the link for the newly named Facebook page.

A New Way to Consider Bahá'í Law: Roshan Danesh's October Web Talk "Imagining Bahá'í Law"

It is a quarter of a century since the Universal House of Justice published *The Kitab-i-Aqdas*, and 120+ years since the passing of Baha'u'llah. Yet many of His laws are still not binding on the Baha'is worldwide. Dr. Roshan Danesh speculates about the gradualism involved and discusses the way in which Baha'u'llah urges us to think about Baha'i law. You will be amazed. READ>>

Contributions to Public Discourse

Historic Paris Agreement Enters into Force, November 4, 2016

Less than a year after the historic Paris Climate Agreement was hammered out at the COP21 conference in Paris, France, in December 2015, it entered into force on November 4, 2016, when 112 of the 197 signatories ratified it. The web page for the <u>United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change</u> notes that: "The Paris Agreement builds upon the Convention and--for the first time--brings all nations into a common cause to undertake take ambitious efforts to combat climate change and adapt to its effects, with enhanced support to assist developing countries to do so. As such, it charts a new course in the global climate effort."

Wilmette Institute Supports International Academic Efforts during Global Climate Change Week 2016

Christine Muller, faculty in courses on Climate Change and Sustainable Development and the Prosperity of Humankind, writes movingly about the Wilmette Institute's participation, along with fourteen universities worldwide, in Global Climate Change Week's outreach to academic institutions to raise awareness of the importance of climate change to the survival of our plant. Read about actions Wilmette learners are taking. READ>>

"Travel in the Way of God": An Integrative Writing Project for a Social Action and Public Discourse Course That Is Going 'Round the World



For a Wilmette Institute course on Social Action and Public Discourse several years ago, Cindy Savage wrote a small book as her final integrative project--and then had it published in a small book that has travelled around the world.

READ>>

ebbf Learn Event in Bucharest, Romania: Accomplishing a Twenty-Five Year+ Goal

Dr. Wendi Momen sketches in the history of ebbf (Ethical Business Building the Future) and its more than twenty-five





from Baha'i scripture through four "windows" into the meaning of divine wisdom: Language; Theme; Structure; and the Work as a Whole. Through learning to read carefully, with attention to literal and figurative language, theme, structure, and the place of the work in the author's writings, we will develop tools for analyzing any Baha'i text systematically. The course will also examine quickly five other "windows" into the meaning of scripture: the oeuvre (body of works), the biography, the times, the literary tradition, and the world scriptural tradition.

Course Description Fees Course Schedule Register Financial Aid

Expand your capacity for reading and understanding the Baha'i writings

Thinking of Relationships and Marriage?

A course in our series on marriage

Lead Faculty: Susanne Alexander

Faculty: Alex Blakeson, Hoda Kemp, Wendi Momen

Duration of course: Seven weeks (January 13 - February 24, 2017)



You may excited or uncertain about being in a relationship. You may also be wondering "Why get married?" Come explore, and learn new perspectives and ways of preparing for positive experiences. It can be a natural part of your life journey to establish a close connection with someone.

Thinking of Relationships and Marriage? will help you navigate through a coherent process of building a friendship, assessing character, understanding male-female relationships, and being of service. Your learning will position you to make significant decisions about courtship and the broader horizon of marriage. This course is intended primarily for single individuals not yet in a relationship or

individuals or couples in a relationship; others are welcome.

<u>Course Description</u> <u>Fees</u> <u>Course Schedule</u> <u>Register</u> <u>Financial Aid</u>

NEW COURSE

Learn why agriculture is essential for reconstructing the world and how you can make it part of your core activities

Baha'i Perspectives on Agriculture and Food

One in a series of courses exploring aspects of a global civilization

Lead Faculty: Paul Hanley
Faculty: Arthur Lyon Dahl

Duration of course: Seven weeks (January 15 - March 5, 2017)



Baha'u'llah describes agriculture as "a vital and important matter" that is foremost among the principles for "the advancement of mankind and the reconstruction of the world" (*Tablets of Baha'u'llah Revealed After the Kitab-i-Aqdas* 89, 90). Yet current agricultural policy often prioritizes yield and profit over health and

year goal of reaching into countries formerly behind the Iron Curtain, especially Romania. Goal finally accomplished! Plus Romanian youth "inject accomplished on the state of the state of

accomplished! Plus Romanian youth "inject energy, hope, and spiritual consciousness into the learn event already vibrating with its vision of an ethical future." READ>>

The Board of ebbf Invites Worldwide Action on UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

How can you contribute to the winning of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Develop Goals (SDGs)? Start by clicking on a letter from the ebbf's Board asking its fifty-country membership to take actions, in which anyone can participate. "Everyone needs to do their part: governments, the private sector, civil society, and people everywhere." ebbf's Board offers practical actions in two areas, how to connect spiritual principles with the 2030 agenda, how to apply spiritual principles to solve problems and to bring about positive development in society, mirroring spiritual qualities in your life, and becoming a part of a community of practice.

Learners in Action

Islam for Deepening and Dialogue Course Engenders Reflection, Outreach, Changes in Beliefs, and Application of Learnings

A member of a study group on Islam in New York State finds herself changed by reflecting, having conversations with family and friends, visiting a mosque and befriending Muslim women, learning new insights and



skills, using passages from the Qur'an in devotionals, and undergoing changes in belief. READ>>

"Qur'an Study Resources and Notes" Inspired by the Islam for Deepening and Dialogue Course

A learner in the course Islam for Deepening and Dialogue 2016 takes very seriously the admonitions of 'Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi about studying Islam and the wish of the Universal House of Justice that we prepare ourselves for elevated conversations. Those wishes, plus a penchant for delving into the context of any subject he studies, led to his preparing the lengthy "Qur'an Study Resources and Notes." READ>>

Web Talks/Webinars on South Carolina Baha'is; Baha'i Perspectives on Globalization, Economics, and the Qur'an; and More

Wilmette Institute Web Talk / Dec. 4, 2016 Louis Venters

"No Jim Crow Church: The History of the South Carolina Baha'i Community"

<u>Association for Baha'i Studies</u> / Dec. 21, 2016 Tara Nault and Michele Nault McIsaac

"Weaving a Road to Reconciliation: Understanding



sustainability, while the poor struggle to feed themselves, and climate change makes farming increasingly unpredictable. These and other factors threaten food security. In **Baha'i**

Perspectives on Agriculture and Food, we will examine the teachings of the Baha'i Faith on agriculture, food, and rural development; relate these teachings to contemporary public discourse on these issues; and suggest ways in which agricultural activities can be incorporated into the core activities, community-building, and emerging social action.

Course Description Fees Course Schedule Register Financial Aid

Delve into what Baha'u'llah says about the individual's relationship to spiritual reality

Baha'u'llah's Early Mystic Writings

A course exploring one aspect of the revelation of Baha'u'llah

Lead Faculty: Necati Alkan Faculty: Christopher Buck

Duration of course: Seven weeks (January 22 - March 4, 2017)



In Baha'u'llah's Early Mystic Writings we will explore a theme that dominates Baha'u'llah's early writings and continues throughout His revelation: the relationship of the individual to spiritual reality--to God, to spiritual truths, to principles of personal development, and to laws of conduct. We will explore Baha'u'llah's Rashh-i-'Ama and some of His early poetry, The Four Valleys, The Seven Valleys, The Hidden Words, and the Tablet of the Holy Mariner. We will also read some Sufi texts that

provide historical and literary context for allusions Baha'u'llah uses in His writings. We will round out our study with extensive commentaries and study materials by Baha'is on Baha'u'llah's early mystic writings.

Course Description Fees Course Schedule Register Financial Aid

Study the New Testament to prepare yourself for elevated conversation with Christians

Exploring the New Testament

One in a series of courses on religion, philosophy, and theology

Lead Faculty: Ted Brownstein Faculty: Robert Stockman

Duration of course: Seven weeks (February 1 - March 21, 2017)



The Christian New Testament is a collection of chronicles and letters that pertain to the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, known as Christ. Composed by numerous writers, the works were accepted as a sacred collection in the third and fourth Christian centuries. In **Exploring the New Testament**, we will study the New Testament's major books in the light of progressive revelation and in their historical context. We will cover the Gospels; writings attributed to James, Jude, Paul, and Peter; the Book of Revelation; and specific

themes in the New Testament. We will also briefly examine the vast Christian literature that did not become part of the approved "canon" now known as the New Testament. Our study of the New Testament is for the purposes of deepening and dialogue--that is, for understanding the basics of Christianity as a divinely revealed religion (and, by comparison, the Baha'i Faith) and for learning how to

the Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) Community of Canada and the Spiritual Principles Required for a Deeper Awareness and Understanding"

Wilmette Institute Web Talk / Jan. 15, 2017 Annette Reynolds

"Trudy [White] and Baha'is' Spiritual Path in South Carolina"

Wilmette Institute Web Talk / Feb. 12, 2017 Greg Dahl

"Globalization and Current Events--A Baha'i Perspective"

Wilmette Institute Web Talk / Mar. 12, 2017 Houshmand Badee

"Is There a Baha'i Economic System?"

Wilmette Institute Web Talk / April 2, 2017

Todd Lawson

"The Baha'i Faith and the Qur'an"

Wilmette Institute Web Talk / May 14, 2017 Jena Khodadad

"The Hand of the Cause of God Zikrullah Khadem and the Ministry of the Custodians"

Wilmette Institute Web Talk / June 11, 2017 Michael Penn

"A Philosophy of Mind Grounded in Relationships: A Baha'i-Inspired Perspective"

Conferences on Our Place in the **Natural World; Harnessing** Diversity; and 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Baha'u'llah

Artists & Scholars Symposium / Feb. 17-19, 2017

Theme: "Our Place in the Natural World" Call for papers: deadline Jan. 18, 2017 Desert Rose Baha'i Institute, Eloy, AZ, USA

ebbf (Ethical Business Building the Future) /

May 4-7, 2017

ebbf's 27th International Learning Event "Understanding and Harnessing Diversity" Call for papers: deadline January 15, 2017 Geneva, Switzerland

'Irfan Colloquia / May 25-28, 2017 "Bicentennial Celebration of the Birth of

Baha'u'llah" (English & Persian)

Bosch Baha'i School, Santa Cruz, CA, USA

<u> Irfan Colloquia</u> / June 28-July 4, 2017

"Bicentennial Celebration of the Birth of Baha'u'llah" (Persian)

Centre for Baha'i Studies, Acuto, Italy

<u>`Irfan Colloquia</u> / July 5-9, 2017 "Bicentennial Celebration of the Birth of Baha'u'llah" (English)

Centre for Baha'i Studies, Acuto, Italy

`Irfan Colloquia / July 20-23, 2017

"Bicentennial Celebration of the Birth of Baha'u'llah" (German)

Tambach Seminar Center, Tambach, Germany

`Irfan Colloguia / October 5-8, 2017

"Bicentennial Celebration of the Birth of Baha'u'llah" (English & Persian)

share the perspective of the Baha'i Faith with a variety of Christians in an informed and respectful manner.

Course Description Fees **Course Schedule** Register Financial Aid

NEW COURSE

Start now preparing for the 2017 and 2019 anniversaries of the births of the Bab and Baha'u'llah

The Bab and Baha'u'llah: Two Lives, One Story

Another in a series of courses on history and biography

Lead Faculty: Druzelle Cederquist

Duration of course: Seven weeks (February 7 - March 28, 2017)



In The Bab and Baha'u'llah: Two Lives, One Story, we will delve into the dramatic story at the heart of the Holy Anniversary years 2017 and 2019 as the Baha'i world prepares to celebrate the births of Baha'u'llah and the Bab. From Shiraz to Tabriz, from the affluent courtyards of Tehran to the prison-city of Acre, The Story of Baha'u'llah: Promised One of All Religions, the text for the course, brings to life the story of the Twin Manifestations at the origin of the Baha'i Faith: the Bab ("the Gate") and Baha'u'llah ("the Glory of God"), each with a distinct but connected mission. Together their revelations are intended for a humanity about to enter a new evolutionary

stage--the maturity of the human race. The story unfolds in two parts. Part One: The Dawn introduces Baha'u'llah in Tehran and interweaves events in the life of the Bab and His principal disciples, basic facts about Islam, and millennial expectations of Christians. Part Two: The Sun in Its Splendor recounts the dramatic events of life in exile for Baha'u'llah and His family, together with highlights of His writings and the emerging significance of 'Abdu'l-Baha. Throughout our study, references to world events and well-known American figures add context. We will also discuss some basic guidance about storytelling so that in a supportive environment you can explore and practice storytelling yourself, whether in a conversation with a friend or in a more formal setting. There are no hard storytelling requirements; the joy is in learning how simple it can be.

Course Description Fees Course Schedule Register Financial Aid

Prepare yourself for understanding Islam in the way 'Abdu'l-Baha and Shoghi Effendi encouraged us to do

Islam for Deepening and Dialogue

Another course in a series on religion, philosophy, and theology

Lead Faculty: Susan Maneck

Duration of course: Seven weeks (February 15 - April 4, 2017)

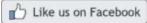
In Islam for Deepening and Dialogue we will begin with a survey of the life of Muhammad, a Manifestation of God, and a review of the origins, development, and content of the Qur'an, including the teachings and practices of Islam. We will then examine the Sunni/Shiite split over issues of succession and authority and discuss Islamic mysticism, or Sufism, and the Sufi poetic tradition. Finally, we will turn to contemporary Islam and to Islam and other religions, including the Baha'i Faith. With ongoing anti-Islamic sentiment throughout the world, there is no better time to improve our understanding of one of the world's most important and influential religions and to prepare for discussing it with Christian and Muslim friends and neighbors.

Louhelen Baha'i School, Davison MI, USA

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Mark Your Calendar

March 1 - April 26, 2017 <u>Century of Light</u>

March 10 - April 10, 2017

The Badi` (Baha'i) Calendar: Reshaping Our Material, Social, and Spiritual Reality

March 15 - May 3, 2017 The Baha'i Faith and the Arts

March 22 - June 2, 2017 Economics and the Baha'i Faith

March 24 - June 2, 2017
Creating a Fortress for Well-Being and Salvation:
Strengthening Your Marriage

April 1 - May 18, 2017
Native American Religion and Spirituality



<u>Course Description</u> <u>Fees</u> <u>Course Schedule</u> Register <u>Financial Aid</u>

NEW COURSE

Study the Hands of the Cause of God for Role Models for Your Contributions to the Five Year Plan

The Hands of the Cause of God: Paths of Service

One in a series of courses on history and biography

Lead Faculty: Brent Poirier Faculty: Barron Harper

Duration of course: One month (February 22 - March 24, 2017)



The course on **The Hands of the Cause of God: Paths of Service** will focus on services they rendered with the aim of giving learners the courage, confidence, and strength to help them accomplish their personal goals of service to the Baha'i Faith and to help win the goals of the Five Year Plan ending in 2021. We will study passages from the Baha'i writings, extracts from Ruhi materials, and stories about the struggles of the Hands of

the Cause and their successes. We will supplement our study with photographs of the Hands and with audio and video recordings. Optional live call-in video conferences will provide opportunities for discussing the materials.

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April 10 - May 28, 2017

Christianity for Deepening and Dialogue

April 15 - June 2, 2017 Climate Change

April 22 - June 7, 2017 Science and Religion

May - November 2017 Course Schedule

Below is the Wilmette Institute's course schedule for May through November 2017. The schedule is subject to change. The listing is still partial.

May 1 - June 1, 2017

The Mashriqu'l-Adkar: The First Hundred Years

May 10 - June 27, 2017 Gems of Mysteries and Other Early Tablets

May 15 - July 2, 2017 Hinduism for Deepening and Dialogue

May 22 - July 9, 2017 Baha'i History, 1863-2017

May 25 - July 13, 2017 Applying Baha'i Principles to Discourses on Governance in the United States

NEW COURSE: June 2 - July 7, 2017

Home of Love: Marriage, Family, and Community

June 7 - July 26, 2017 Baha'i Spirituality

June 20 - August 8, 2017 The Promised Day Is Come

June 25 - August 12, 2017

The Baha'i Faith: A Comprehensive Introduction

July 1 - August 18, 2017 Some Answered Questions

July 15 - September 1, 2017 Dynamic Consultation

July 21 - September 15, 2017 Are We Ready for Marriage?

August 1 - September 17, 2017 The Kitab-i-Igan

August 20 - October 7, 2017 Building a World Federation: The Key to Resolving our Global Crises

August 25 - October 12, 2017

Zoroastrianism for Deepening and Dialogue

September 1 - October 19, 2017 Practicing the Arts: A Workshop for Baha'i Artists

September 8 - October 13, 2017

NEW COURSE: Navigating Marriage Challenges

September 10 - October 28, 2017 Sustainable Development and the Prosperity of Humankind Wendi Momen Christine Muller Harriet Pasca-Ortgies Lawrence Peifer Cindy Savage

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September 15 - November 2, 2017 Introduction to the Qur'an

September 22 - November 9, 2017 Leaves of the Twin Divine Trees

October 1 - November 17, 2017 **NEW COURSE:** The Book of Revelation

October 7 - November 24, 2017 Feast Consultation

October 10 - November 27, 2017 Summons of the Lord of Hosts

October 15 - December 2, 2017 The World Order of Baha'u'llah: Selected Letters

October 27 - December 1, 2017 **NEW COURSE:** Communicating as a Couple

Before and After Marriage

October 25 - December 12, 2017 Three Covenants

November 1 - December 12, 2017

NEW COURSE: Eleven

November 7 - December 25, 2017 Baha'i Theology

November 10 - December 28, 2017 The Secret of Divine Civilization

November 15, 2017 - January 3, 2018 The Equality of Women and Men: Application in Public and Private Life

The full tentative 2017 course schedule is here: http://wilmetteinstitute.org/ourcourses/2017-course-schedule/

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