



‘He through the direct operation of His unconstrained and sovereign Will, chose to confer upon man the unique distinction and capacity to know Him and to love Him — a capacity that must needs be regarded as the generating impulse and the primary purpose underlying the whole of creation. Upon the inmost reality of each and every created thing He hath shed the light of one of His names, and made it a recipient of the glory of one of His attributes. Upon the reality of man, however, He hath focused the radiance of all of His names and attributes, and made it a mirror of His own self. Alone of all created things man hath been singled out for so great a favour, so enduring a bounty.’

### **Study Circles**

The aim of the course is to develop the spiritual self through reading and reflecting on the Word of God. Having read the scriptures and considered the meaning of the words, the participants then share their views, creating more insight for the group and enriching their understanding. This permits a more profound awareness of the spiritual realities within each person, and contributes to growth from within.

### **Service to humanity**

Based on a firm belief that service to humanity is the proper expression of our spiritual qualities, the contents of the course guide the individual into practical acts of service to others. The study circle group embarks on service projects for their local community, putting into action their understanding of shared humanity.

**‘Every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God is endowed with such potency as can instill new life into every human frame’**

### **Promoting unity through fellowship**

In order to cultivate a strong bond of friendship between the participants, the course seeks to promote social and cultural activities, through which lasting ties of fellowship can be created.

### **Curriculum**

The curriculum followed is designed to foster our attraction to the beauty of God’s creation. The course will focus on such issues as prayer, God’s will, life after death, and finding the meaning in our lives. It is suitable for people of all religious backgrounds or none.

We will discuss:

**The purpose of our lives**

**The nature of the soul**

**The need for Messengers from God**

**The condition of the soul after death**

**The appropriate attitude towards the present conditions of our lives.**

### **Course structure**

The course is two hours per week for 12 to 14 weeks depending on the group’s wishes. Costs are kept to a minimum, but there is a charge of €5 for the workbook which is used. Courses will run throughout the year, and can be booked either by an individual or by groups.

At this turning point in the history of the evolution of the human race, the Bahá'í Community is offering a course of study and reflection to assist us to respond to the growing summons stirring in the human heart. This irresistibly calls us to our destiny, to recognize and pursue the will of God, to understand the purpose of our life on this earth, and to prepare us for the next life. The course starts from the premise that life is a process of developing and strengthening our spiritual capacities and attributes, and it seeks to empower the individual, through connecting the heart to God, to find and follow his or her own spiritual path.



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a course  
designed  
to assist  
in the

awakening  
of the  
spiritual  
life of the  
individual

# reflections

ON THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT

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