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SPIRITUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE SOCIETY



Study circle: 15 and above

THE PURSUIT OF A TWOFOLD MORAL PURPOSE IS AT THE HEART OF THE BAHÁ'Í EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM



To attend to one's own spiritual and intellectual growth;



To contribute to the transformation of society.

NURTURING THE HIGHER NATURE

- ❖ *“Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.”*
- ❖ *“Children are the most precious treasure a community can possess, for in them are the promise and guarantee of the future. They bear the seeds of the character of future society...”*



SPIRITUAL EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN (5 TO 11)

- ❖ Lessons for Grade 1 are concerned with the **development of the spiritual qualities** to contribute to the refinement of character.
- ❖ Grade 2 builds on these lessons by **fostering the habits and pattern of conduct** that give expression to the inner state, such as praying.
- ❖ The next grades (4 and 5) turn to the question of **knowledge and the Divine Sources of education.**



ELEMENTS OF A CLASS IN THE 1ST GRADE

- ❖ Prayers
- ❖ Memorization of quotation
- ❖ Songs
- ❖ Storytelling
- ❖ Cooperative games
- ❖ Arts: coloring and crafts



JUNIOR YOUTH SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (12 TO 14)

Through its various facets, the program seeks to:

- ✓ release the intellectual and spiritual powers of young adolescents and
- ✓ direct them towards service to humanity.
- ✓ The aim of the program is to become channels for the flow of the powers of the human spirit: posers of unity, of love, of humble service, of pure deeds.



The program tries to:

- ✓ engage the expanding consciousness of junior youth in an exploration of reality that helps them to recognize the constructive and destructive forces at work in society;
- ✓ to understand the influence these forces, exert on their thoughts and actions,
- ✓ sharpening their spiritual perception,
- ✓ enhancing their ability of expression,
- ✓ reinforcing moral habits that will serve them throughout their lives.



An Age of Promise

The immense potentialities of the junior youth.

Young people should be endowed with a strong sense of purpose to take charge of their own intellectual and spiritual growth and to make enduring contributions to the betterment of society.

Junior youth group: an environment of mutual support.



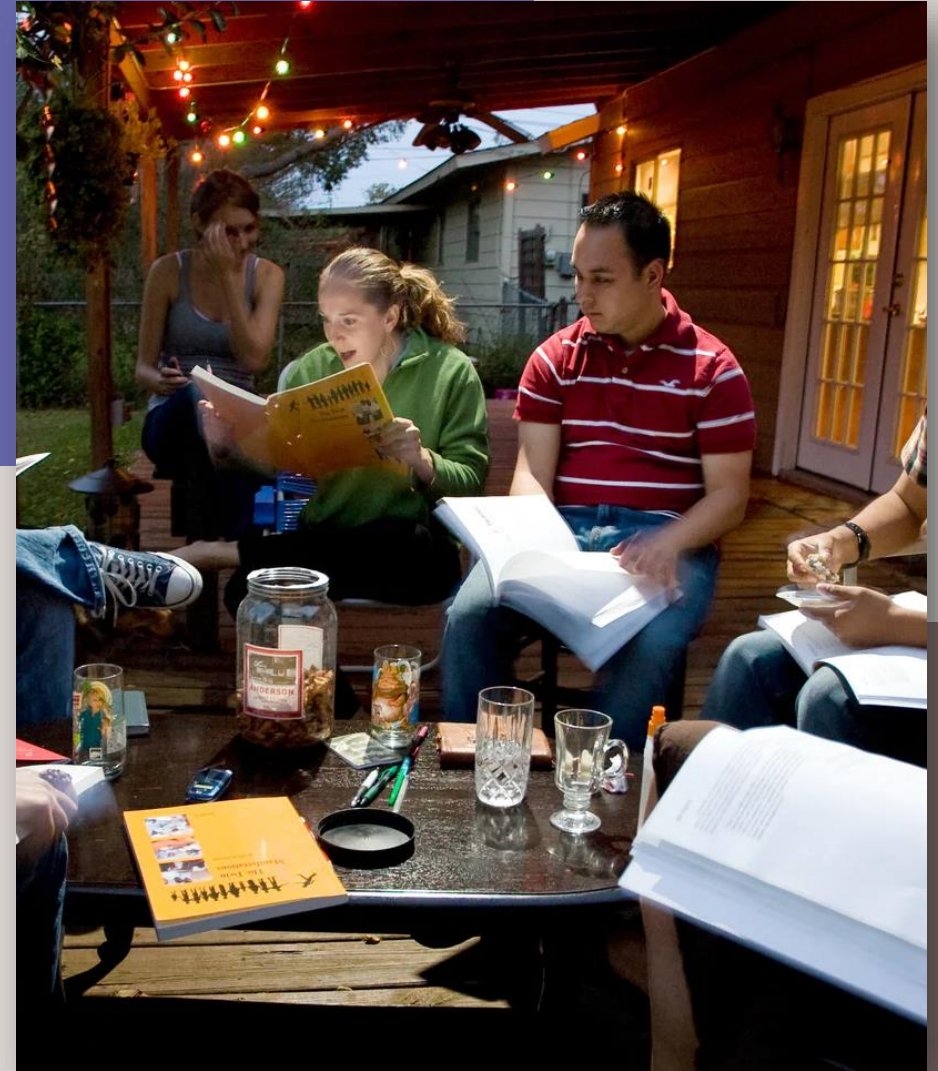
SEQUENCE OF COURSES

- ❖ In a particular setting where a small group begins to study book 1, Reflections on the Life of the Spirit, the participants naturally converse on such spiritual matters as the Word of God, prayer, and the life of the soul.
- ❖ They consider such weighty themes as worship, service to humanity and the education of children and youth.
- ❖ As a person cultivates the habit of study and deep reflection upon the Creative Word, this process of transformation reveals itself in an ability to express one's understanding of profound concepts and to explore spiritual reality in conversations of significance with others.



STUDY CIRCLES (15 – ABOVE)

- ❖ The material offered by the Baha'í community worldwide is read and discussed by a group of friend, who constitute a study circle that meets regularly.
- ❖ One member of the group acts as a tutor and all the participants are consciously engaged in a process in which everyone is seeking to learn.
- ❖ The sources of knowledge upon which the books of the Institute draw are, on the one hand, the teachings of the Bahá'í Faith and, on the other, the accumulating experience of the worldwide Bahá'í community in furthering material and spiritual civilization.



THE ONENESS OF MANKIND

- ❖ It is Bahá'u'lláh's vision of the oneness of mankind and the transformation at the individual and collective level that inspires the Institute courses.
- ❖ ***"the purpose for which mortal men have, from utter nothingness, stepped into the realm of being, is that they may work for the betterment of the world and live together in concord and harmony" Bahá'u'lláh***
- ❖ It is assumed that all participants, independent of background, are open to embracing this vision, which is explicit in every unit of every book.



INVITATION TO WALK A PATH OF SERVICE TO HUMANITY

The courses of the Ruhi Institute trace a path of service to humanity, upon which we each walk at our own pace, assisting and being assisted by others.



INTERESTED? WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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