

Study Circles - The Benefits

Study Circles bring people together in a spirit of investigation and exploration. The Study Circles use a sequence of books for the courses, each book dealing with different spiritual themes that Bahá'ís see as relevant to the world we live in today.

Another benefit of studying together in this way is for people to find out more about the Bahá'í Faith first-hand, from local Bahá'ís, that are also taking part in the courses. Some of the questions that people may have about the Faith, and its founder (Bahá'u'lláh) are addressed throughout the sequence of Study Circle courses, such as:

- What sort of spiritual ideas do Bahá'ís believe in and why?
- How do Bahá'ís view the world's other religions and systems of belief?
- What does it mean to be a Bahá'í in day-to-day life and in one's work?
- What do Bahá'ís mean by acting in a spirit of service to humanity?
- What is the history of the Bahá'í Faith and what changes do Bahá'ís believe it may bring about in the world?

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“Let your vision be world-embracing, rather than confined to your own self.”

Bahá'í Writings

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“Could ye apprehend with what wonders of My munificence and bounty I have willed to entrust your souls, ye would, of a truth ... gain a true knowledge of your own selves ... and would perceive ... the seas of My loving-kindness and bounty moving within you.”

Bahá'í Writings

The Bahá'í Faith

The main theme of its founder, Bahá'u'lláh (1817-1892), is that humanity is one single race, and that the day has come to bring it together in one global society.

Bahá'ís believe that to build a peaceful and progressive world is not only possible but inevitable. A worldwide community, representing most of the nations, races and cultures of the earth, is working together to give practical effect to Bahá'u'lláh's teachings of 'unity in diversity'.

Their experience is an example and a source of encouragement to all who share their vision of humanity as one global family and the earth as one homeland.

“The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens.”

Bahá'í Writings

About Study Circles - Why Join a Study Circle?

Exploring the Bahá'í Faith together...

The Study Circle process is a well proven, inclusive and participative method of learning about spiritual themes, guided by the principles and teachings of the Bahá'í Faith.

Participants have repeatedly found that joining in Study Circle courses has greatly helped to unleash many hidden talents and interests, and has allowed them to realise more of their potential.

The atmosphere in the Circles is one of love, friendship and respect, in small groups of five to ten people, along with a trained tutor, to act as a facilitator. All members of the group can play an active part in the Study Circle.

There have been many experiences of groups performing all kinds of enjoyable and rewarding arts or social service projects both during and after their time on the Study Circle courses!

Our Study Circles are free of charge, and are open to all. Participants may be requested to purchase their course book, which they then own.

For dates of devotionals, contact Helen Simpson on 0115 9565041 or email carltonbahais@yahoo.co.uk. For further information about the Bahá'í Faith visit www.bahai.org

Study Circles - The Purpose

- Study Circles are successful because they are based on a method that has been tried and tested, in many different countries around the world, during the past three decades.

- Study Circles help people to reflect upon spiritual meaning in their daily activities and to consider their role and potential in a rapidly changing world.

- Study Circles feature a warm, friendly atmosphere and lots of opportunities to explore arts, music and drama.

- Study Circles have transformed many individuals towards more happy and rewarding lives.

- Study Circles are respectful of the teachings and traditions of the world's religions, yet allow for new spiritual reflections upon the common truths and essential unity of all Faiths.

“Divine things are too deep to be expressed by common words. ... When the spiritually minded dive deeply into the ocean of their meaning they bring to the surface the pearls of their inner significance. There is no greater pleasure than to study God's Word with a spiritual mind.”

Bahá'í Writings