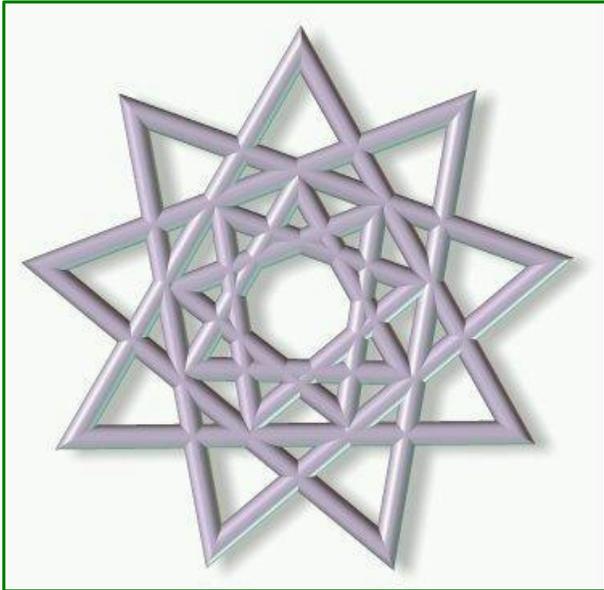


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## **YOU ARE INVITED!**

You are warmly invited to join a study circle being hosted by the Bahá'í community.

A study circle consists of Bahá'ís, their friends and individuals who are seeking to enrich their spiritual life through study of Sacred Writings, prayer, the purpose of life and the journey of the soul. The participants of the study circle meet regularly at a central location or at an individual's home to study the Sacred Writings and participate in service and extracurricular activities that bind the group together in fellowship.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Let the flame of the love of God burn brightly within your radiant hearts. Feed it with the oil of divine guidance, and protect it within the shelter of your constancy. Guard it within the globe of trust and detachment from all else but God, so that the evil whisperings of the ungodly may not extinguish its light. O My servants! My holy, My divinely ordained Revelation may be likened unto an ocean in whose depths are concealed innumerable pearls of great price, of surpassing luster. It is the duty of every seeker to bestir himself and strive to attain the shores of this ocean, so that he may, in proportion to the eagerness of his search and the efforts he hath exerted, partake of such benefits as have been preordained in God's irrevocable and Hidden Tablets.

*– Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, pp 325-326*

## **BAHÁ'Í INFO ON THE WEB**

Information about the Bahá'í Faith can be found online at:

[www.us.bahai.org](http://www.us.bahai.org)

[www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org)

<http://www.wncbahai.org>

<http://www.bahaiprayers.org>

## **IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK WITH A BAHÁ'Í**

If you want to speak with a Bahá'í, please feel free to call:

Becky at 828-747-1474

Elaine at 828-231-4837

Marzi at 828-215-7872

## YOU ARE INVITED!

You are warmly invited to join a “study circle” hosted by the Bahá’í community designed to rejuvenate the soul and foster spiritual transformation. Through individual investigation and reflection on the Writings of the Bahá’í Faith, participants will focus on the themes of prayer and the purpose of life, and learn how they can be applied and relate to our daily life and community members.

Contact us to find out where and when you can join in one of the area’s study circles!

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The following are a few selections from the Bahá’í writings included in the first course, *Reflections on the Life of the Spirit*. Through group and individual study, participants develop understanding of the selections and learn how to apply them to their own lives.

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### FROM THE FIRST UNIT ON “UNDERSTANDING THE BAHÁ’Í WRITINGS”:

“The betterment of the world can be accomplished through pure and goodly deeds, through commendable and seemly conduct.”

“Holy words and pure and goodly deeds ascend unto the heaven of celestial glory.”

“Truthfulness is the foundation of all human virtues.”

“Beautify your tongues, O people, with truthfulness, and adorn your souls with the ornament of honesty.”

“A kindly tongue is the lodestone of the hearts of men. It is the bread of the spirit, it clotheth the words with meaning, it is the fountain of the light of wisdom and understanding...”

“When a thought of war comes, oppose it by a stronger thought of peace. A thought of hatred must be destroyed by a more powerful thought of love.”

“Breathe not the sins of others so long as thou art thyself a sinner.”

“Speak no evil, that thou mayest not hear it spoken unto thee, and magnify not the faults of others that thine own faults may not appear great...”

### FROM THE SECOND UNIT ON “PRAYER”:

“I beseech Thee...to make of my prayer a fire that will burn away the veils which have shut me out from Thy beauty, and a light that will lead me unto the ocean of Thy Presence.”

“There is nothing sweeter in the world of existence than prayer.”

“Forget all save Me and commune with My spirit. This is the essence of My command, therefore turn unto it.”

“Depend thou upon God. Forsake thine own will and cling to His, set aside thine own desires and lay hold of His...”

### FROM THE THIRD UNIT ON “LIFE AND DEATH”:

“And now concerning thy question regarding the soul of man and its survival after death. Know thou of a truth that the soul, after its separation from the body, will continue to progress until it attaineth the presence of God, in a state and condition which neither the revolution of ages and centuries, nor the changes and chances of this world, can alter. It will endure as long as the Kingdom of God, His sovereignty, His dominion and power will endure. It will manifest the signs of God and His attributes, and will reveal His loving kindness and bounty.”

“The whole duty of man in this Day is to attain that share of the flood of grace which God poureth forth for him.”

“...the soul is a sign of God...”

“Having created the world and all that liveth and moveth therein, 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”

“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.”

“Sorrow not if, in these days and on this earthly plane, things contrary to your wishes have been ordained and manifested by God, for days of blissful joy, of heavenly delight, are assuredly in store for you. Worlds, holy and spiritually glorious, will be unveiled to your eyes. You are destined by Him, in this world and hereafter, to partake of their benefits, to share in their joys, and to obtain a portion of their sustaining grace. To each and every one of them you will, no doubt, attain.”