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**Requests and Offers**

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### THE MEANING OF LIFE COURSE VIDEOS LAUNCHED WORLDWIDE

This 35-hour course on 14 videos is essential for anyone inside or outside the Faith who is interested in the deeper aspects of our existence on this planet and our role in life. The course material is based on more than 45 years of research and dedicated study by our course tutor, Mr Khosro Deihim. To obviate conjecture and personal interpretation, the content of the course has been based on the Bahá'í Holy Writings ie the Revelation of the Báb, the Revelation of Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá. It also includes material from Shoghi Effendi.

We are pleased to inform the Friends, that having sent a set to our beloved National Spiritual Assembly who reviewed and approved it, we then submitted a set to our beloved Universal House of Justice and received back the following message on its behalf: *"The spirit of dedication of the team of the George Townshend Travelling Bahá'í Teacher Training and Teaching Project in undertaking this endeavour is greatly appreciated. We extend to the participants of this project the loving commendation of the House of Justice and its assurance of prayers at the Sacred Threshold that the Blessed Beauty may continue to assist and sustain their concerted endeavours as they persevere in their service to His Cause."*

It now gives us great pleasure to offer this course to all the Friends in their communities for personal and group study or for use in presentations to Interfaith Fellowships, churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, societies, clubs, adult educational departments, colleges, universities, high schools, public libraries, and regional television broadcasting services. The course would also suit Bahá'í firesides and Bahá'í deepenings.

### THE COURSE SYLLABUS

#### Introduction to the course and Reference Material

**PART I: SPIRITUAL AWAKENING** What is our place in the Universe? Where have we come from? Who are we? What is the Meaning of Life? What is our purpose? Where are we going? What are the spiritual Dimensions?

**PART 2: Developing our Spiritual Gifts: Mind, Emotions, Will, The Covenant of God. The 7 Powers for Self-Development and Empowerment. Moral Excellence. Our Knowledge of the Physical Universe. Harmoniously developing our Mind, Emotions, and Will. Spirituality. Life as a Metaphor. Magnetic Principle, and Dynamics of Success and Failure. Importance of Prayer and Meditation.**

**PART 3: GLOBAL HARMONY** 13 Social Principles. A New World Order and Goals of the New World. A More Advanced Civilisation. 7 Candles of Unity. Unity in Diversity. Blueprint for Global Governance.

**PART 4: PLANNING TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS** Your Authority, Courage, Loyalty, Devotion, Responsibility, and Strategic Planning. Your own Project, its Structure, Principles, Practices and Aims. How to find Right Minded Friends to work with. The

Universal House of Justice, National Spiritual Assemblies. Tablets of the Divine Plan.

### THE COURSE MATERIAL

Course material consists of 14 videotapes supplied in VHS PAL (UK) or VHS NTSC (USA) formats boxed complete with 218 pages of course support notes in a plastic folder.

To order the course material from inside the European Union (EU) please send your cheque for UK£250 inc p&p and from outside the EU UK£285 payable to:

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### Women's Weekend Retreat

Llandelio, Carmarthen, February 1 – 3, 2002

Owing to public demand, we are offering a repeat of the hugely successful women's retreat held in October. If you missed the last one, book now to avoid disappointment. Ideal for friends of the Faith. Held in beautiful surroundings in the heart of rural Wales – log fires, big squashy armchairs, wonderful meals. Sessions on encouragement, emergence and making ripples are aimed to help raise self-esteem, acquire skills and gain confidence in order to effect change.

£50 all-inclusive. Mostly own rooms but some have to share. Places limited to 24.

Contact: Jan Fussell or Tracey Roberts-Jones via the National Office

## Bahá'í Academy for the Arts

July 27 – August 3, 2002 Sidcot School, Somerset

**Children's courses:** (20 places only)  
5–7 years Judy Dudnath

8–10 years Gabriella Tortenssen



**Junior courses (11- 14 years):** (30 places only) o **Guest speaker:** Hussein Amanat –  
Instrumental music Ollie Heath Architect of the Arc buildings  
Theatre Annabelle Knight o Ten Scholarships are available for  
Dance Cymbeline Smith the

## Adult options for students of 15 years and above:

Water colour painting  
Theatre  
Woven textiles  
Singing  
Screen writing  
Shiatsu  
Photography  
Ceramics  
Sculpture  
Creative writing

Rachel Collins  
Arlette George  
Helen Foroughi  
Jedda Bradley  
Anne King Hall  
Tom Fox  
Peter Lee  
Ravi Butalia  
George Ballentyne

Sidcot Academy – details to follow  
o Academy outreach events throughout the year – details to follow  
o All ages and abilities encouraged to attend

### Brochures and information:

Margaret Appa:  
[margaretappa@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretappa@hotmail.com) or  
Cecilia Smith:  
[SmithCeciliaA@aol.com](mailto:SmithCeciliaA@aol.com)

### Advanced courses:

Painting  
Music

Don Rogers  
Lasse Thorensen

### Outreach events information:

Janita Appa:  
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## Shirin Dalvand Teaching Project

### Swindon Learning Weekend

DO YOU WANT TO bring about change and transformation in your town? Is it your heartfelt desire to create a spiritual dimension in the life of the people in your locality? Can you do it from where you are without making some big changes? What are the things we need to do as Bahá'ís to bring about the spiritual transformation of our towns and cities? What does it mean to be the “quickeners of mankind”? If you're interested in how you, your local Assembly and Bahá'í community can be a force for change today, then this learning weekend is for you.

In the past year the Swindon Assembly has received many queries about its projects and recently produced a document on its experiences over the past four years. On behalf of the Swindon Assembly I would now like to invite you to a special learning weekend in Swindon, called: From Events to Environments. It will be held on the weekend of Friday, January 25, 6.00 pm – Sunday, January 27, 4.00 pm at Legge House, Church Hill, Wroughton, near Swindon.

The areas we will be exploring together will include:

- Identifying the needs of your town – and a Bahá'í response
- The desire to act – vision building in the Assembly and community
- Following the guidance from the Universal House of Justice and attracting divine blessings
- From plans to practice: learning the value of process and systematic planning
- Training
- Creating environments of growth
- What is Teaching?
  
- Mobilising your community: the importance of sacrifice
- Receptivity
- Value of Consultation
- Fear of failure
- Gaining new insights
- Sustaining the effort
- Expect the victories!

We hope you will be able to join us in Swindon for this exciting weekend of learning and sharing experiences. The cost, including full board, will be £50. Legge House is a residential and conference centre, and accommodation will be in dormitories. You will need to bring a towel, duvet, pillow case and sheet. As places are limited, please can you confirm your booking before Monday, January 14th. Further details will follow if you decide to attend. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

With warmest loving greetings,  
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