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"Be anxiously concerned with the needs of the age ye live in and its exigencies and requirements."

- Baha'i Writings

Friday, October 9, 2026, 7:30 EDT

'A Whale in the 'Vasty Deep': Becoming an Independent Baha'i Scholar

With Mark Keedwell

Mark Keedwell's presentation "A Whale in the Vasty Deep" is a retrospective of his development as a Bahá'í independent scholar. In his late 20's, when his dream of becoming a university professor of religion went up in smoke, Mark struggled to find alternative, meaningful employment. After earning a professional teaching certificate six years later, he introduced the people of a small northern aboriginal community to the possibility of adult education. This began his 35 year career as an adult educator. The Riqvân 153 Message of the Universal House of Justice realigned his efforts to focus on individual initiative. Five years later this led to his delivery of a short course on Islam and the Bahá'í Faith at an Alaskan summer school. Since that time he has created and delivered 16 other courses of varying lengths on the Faith and its relationship with other religions and thinkers, regularly concentrating on their mystical elements. He hopes that his story will encourage others to consider actively expressing their own commitment to the Faith in creative ways.

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