

RUDOLF STEINER'S BIRTHDAY

By Charles Kovacs

Charles Kovacs authored books on subjects ranging from botany, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, ancient mythologies Parzival, and the human being in relation to the animal world.

I was still a very young member of the Anthroposophical Society in Vienna when one of the old members, a dear old lady, told me of an occasion when Rudolf Steiner, in a private talk, expressed his disappointment about certain things that had happened in the Society. My friend, trying to defend the members and herself, said "Aber, Herr Doktor, wir alle verehren Sie doch so," –

"But, Herr Doctor, we all venerate you so much." And the "Herr Doktor" looked at her reproachfully and answered "I do not want to be venerated; I want to be understood."

With this reply in my mind, I feel that the celebration of his birthday should, perhaps, not be made an occasion to praise the greatness of the man or his work – but that on this day one could make a special effort at "understanding" him.

We can be quite certain that what Rudolf Steiner meant by "being understood" was not a matter of having a vast anthroposophical knowledge – nor did he mean what is usually meant by "understanding a person" – that is a sympathetic attitude.

I believe that, in order to "understand" Rudolf Steiner in the sense which he meant it, one has to have a feeling, a perception of his task – the task to which he devoted his life – a task that goes on, even when that life was finished. What was this task?

If one were to summarize the whole of Rudolf Steiner's life-work: the books, lectures, works of art, the new impulses brought into the world – if one were to summarize all this – one could say that in all this there lives a therapeutic impulse – there is at work a healing, curative, life-restoring force.

But this "therapy," this cure for the malady of the present age, has a central point – a focal point where the cure must begin if it is to have any real effect. There is something in every one of us that is – one could say – "infected" by the age we live in – and which has to be healed first.

It is our thinking – our way of forming ideas – or judgments, our way of understanding the world around us – our fellowmen and ourselves. Our thinking – or to use another term employed by Rudolf Steiner: our intelligence.

What we now call "thinking" was in past ages clairvoyant perception of the spiritual world. This spiritual perception faded in the course of centuries; it became a dance of shadows, the shadows we call ideas, concepts – abstractions. Representative for this stage is the Greek philosopher Aristotle.

RUDOLF STEINER'S VISION:

How can we create a future worthy of the human being?

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About 1500 years later, in the early Middle Ages, this abstract thought-life struggled to comprehend the Christ-impulse. And abstract though it was – it was also refined, purified to a degree that it had not reached before. Representative of this stage is the scholastic philosopher Thomas Aquinas.

Now in our time thinking has to undergo another transformation; it has to become again a means of spiritual perception, more than that: it has to become a means of communication with the spiritual world – or as Rudolf Steiner called it: a new communion with the spiritual world. And he did not use the word "communion" lightly. What the holy sacrament of communion is in the Christian tradition, that is what thinking has to become for modern man. And the alternative to this development is a withering of the powers of thought.

And one could ask: Are our selfish feelings and emotions – or the weaknesses and wrongness in our will forces not just as important, or even more important than the thoughts we think? Is it not more important for us to make our feelings purer – to purify our will impulses than to be concerned with the thoughts we think? Yes – feeling and will are more important for our personal destiny – for our own karma. But with our thought life we live in a space which belongs to all mankind and what takes place in this sphere concerns the karma of all mankind.

There is nothing wrong with the feelings of people who regard social injustice as an evil – nothing wrong with the will-impulse of these people to abolish this evil – but everything wrong with the Marxist thinking which – in trying to bring social justice into the world, has turned one half of this world into a vast prison. In this field as in many others, it is not the feeling or the will, but human thinking which has fallen into the grip of the powers of darkness.

In our time it is the human thought-life that needs a cure, a therapy, first. Moreover, the sphere of thinking is also one where one can, even as a single individual, give something to the whole of mankind – after death. When we die and our etheric body – the bearer of thought – dissolves in the cosmos – it makes a difference what kind of thought-life is given to the cosmos. And as Rudolf Steiner explained in a lecture given on the 24th of October 1916 in Zurich – in our time it is only the thinking we develop through the study of Spiritual Science which – flowing out into the cosmos – can bring new life into the withering thought-forces of mankind. So, in death, this is a gift that every one of us can give to mankind.

But no one – of all the Anthroposophists who have left the earth – no one had a more powerful – a more radiant thought-life than Rudolf Steiner himself. And – in as far as we strive to study his works – in as far as we strive to make our thinking a "communion" with the Spiritual World – in so far we can be certain to have his thought-forces, life-giving, with us. And this is, perhaps, the nearest we can come to a realisation of what Rudolf Steiner meant when he said "I don't want to be worshipped – I want to be understood."

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RUDOLF STEINER'S VISION: HOW CAN WE CREATE A FUTURE WORTHY OF THE HUMAN BEING?

People from different places and of different ages will be coming together in Portland for this anniversary conference ~ 150 years of Rudolf Steiner!

by Valerie Hope, Portland, Oregon

Our purpose for this conference, our hope, is that individually and collectively we will touch what Rudolf Steiner called "earnestness" - in our own striving, in ourselves and in our communities, to help create the healthy future that he indicates is necessary for humanity.

As a conference contact person for the Portland Branch Council I have had the pleasure of connecting with many of the people, from Portland and all over the country, who are contributing to the richness of our gathering - with offers of housing, help, and their varied talents and contributions. I feel an especial indebtedness to our hosts, the members of the Portland Waldorf School Community, who have extended themselves to accommodate our expanded offerings. One of the great gifts of this conference has been the opportunity we have all had to work together. Which is not to say it has been easy; no utopian dream, this.

Keeping in mind that it is also the 100th anniversary of the founding of eurythmy, we have arranged for eurythmists from all over the country (and the world, as it turns out) who will deepen our experience in a variety of ways - performing, among other things, the Foundation Stone, a fairy tale, and a humorous piece.

In support of all the Anthroposophical art forms, significant effort has gone into arranging for visual artists, musicians, dramatists, speech artists, and one hip-hop artist, courtesy of the Youth Section (which will be meeting in Portland on Thursday and Friday). We are pleased that several of the attendees of the youth section will be joining us for the conference. And many of us may become artists as we learn to waltz on Saturday evening at the Birthday Bash.

We have the great good fortune to have as our keynote speaker Virginia Sease, who has been a member of the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society in Dornach, Switzerland, since 1984, and who has a substantial resume besides. She is one of the clearest speakers I have ever heard, not only in her crystal clear elocution, which allows for understanding every word - but in her organization of important ideas. Virginia will speak to *Rudolf Steiner's Vision for the Human Being: Love Manifested through Spiritual Activity*.

I would like to offer some highlights of our time together so you can share my enthusiasm.

Thursday evening at 7pm will see a public opening of the art exhibit which is being curated for the conference by Elizabeth Kennamer, who has enlisted a crew to help with the installation. More than 14 visual artists will be displaying their work. Vancouver B.C., alt. folk band *Wake! Owl* will

perform, we may get a sneak preview of L.A. Funk/Fusion /Hip Hop artist Matre, who will also perform on Saturday evening. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday evening, 5 pm begin registration and a reception with a light supper. The art exhibit will be open for viewing.

Friday evening, 7 pm *An Evening With Rudolf Steiner.* How is this possible, you ask. After all, it has been 86 years! Well, Diane Ramage, a Portland astrophist, who has extensive experience with eurythmy, speech and drama, has organized an artistic evening of music, readings, and eurythmy designed to bring Rudolf Steiner into the room. Our Secretaries General Marijo Rogers and Torin Finser will read passages by those who knew Rudolf Steiner. This will be interspersed with classical music on piano and saxophone by Marianne and Dennis Dietzel; and eurythmy by Alice Stamm and Molly Amies, with Kim Snyder-Vine reciting.

This year is the 100th anniversary of Rudolf Steiner's second Mystery Drama, *The Soul's Probation*, and the evening will end with a fairy tale from that drama performed by the Puget Sound Eurythmy Troupe. The Troupe's members come from distances ranging from Portland to Vancouver, B.C. It is the fairy tale "*The Rock Spring Wonder*" from Scene V of *The Soul's Probation*. The fairy tale describes a sensitive child who clairvoyantly beholds three beings (representing three soul forces) at a spring in the woods. They create a chalice and present it to him. He then dreams that a dragon steals the chalice and for years, he can no longer see the three beings. He grows up and moves away. Then, as a young man in his 20's, after a particularly rough day, he finds himself pondering about life. Suddenly, he feels himself again as a boy, and once again he sees and hears the three beings. He realizes that they have followed him, but in a transformed state, and that they now offer him hope, strength and love, which protect him from the dragon.

Our experience of this fairy tale will be deepened when the Portland Mystery Drama Group performs Scene V on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m.. It is a fortuitous "coincidence" that the two groups happened to be working on the same scene.

Similarly, our experience of Virginia Sease's talk will be deepened when we form conversation groups after the break on Saturday morning. And our experience of the Foundation Stone will be deepened through both eurythmy and speech. We can deepen in our diverse interests through one of the ten afternoon workshops. Our relationships can deepen during breaks and over meals.

The Saturday *Birthday Bash* after dinner will be an eclectic evening, with something for most everyone. We'll begin with the Portland Mystery Drama group's performance of *The Rock Spring Wonder*. Then we'll waltz in the spirit of old Vienna, with lessons, even. And courtesy of the youth section, at 9pm we'll enjoy the stylings of Anthroposophist and hip-hop artist MC MATRE.

See you at the Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison, Milwaukie, 97222-7527.

AGM CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

AT THE PORTLAND WALDORF SCHOOL

Friday, October 14

- 5:00 pm** Registration and reception, light supper
7:00 pm An Evening with Rudolf Steiner

Saturday, October 15

- 9:00 am** Foundation Stone Meditation in eurythmy offered by Lemniscate arts.
No one will be admitted while the performance is in progress
 Announcements
- 9:20 am** Rudolf Steiner's Vision for the Human Being: Love Manifested through Spiritual Activity presented by Virginia Sease
- 10:30 am** Break
- 11:00 am** Conversation Groups
- 12:00 pm** Foundation Stone in speech with Kim Snyder-Vine
- 12:30 pm** Lunch at the school
- 1:30 pm** Singing with Diane Rowley
- 2:00 pm** Workshops
- 3:30 pm** Break
- 4:00 pm** Share conversation and workshop experiences, respond to the question:
How are we creating a future worthy of a human being?
- 5:00 pm** Foundation Stone in speech with Kim Snyder-Vine
- 5:30 pm** Virginia Sease – closing words
- 5:45 pm** Foundation Stone in eurythmy presented by Lemniscate Arts
- 6:05 pm** Dinner at the school
- 7:30 pm** Rudolf Steiner's Birthday Bash!, including Scene V from the Soul's Probation

Sunday, October 16

- 9am-1pm** Annual General Meeting for Members of the Anthroposophical Society

Register at www.anthroposophy.org

Portland Anthroposophical Society Calendar - October 2011

Ongoing Activities and Study Groups

Anthroposophical Course for Young Doctors, Study Group

1st Tuesday of the month 7-8:30 PM

Pohala Clinic, 12050 SE Holgate Blvd.

Contact Julie Foster by phone at (503) 572-4196 or by e-mail at julie@pohalaclinic.com.

Karma Exercises and Study

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 PM

NE Portland

The study group has just completed its multi-year work with the entire *Karmic Relationships* lecture cycle, and is now working with Rudolf Steiner's karma exercises. Call James Lee for information (503) 249-3804 or send an e-mail to him at anthroposophy@earthlink.net.

Knowledge of the Higher Worlds

1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:00 PM

3046 NE 33rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97212

Contact Donna Patterson and Bob Kellum at 503-331-7393.

Mystery Dramas, with Speech-Formation Exercises

2nd and 4th Wednesdays

7:30 - 9:00 PM, in SW Portland

Working on the 2nd *Mystery Drama* by Rudolf Steiner, *The Soul's Probation*. No acting experience necessary, just a love of the Word. Contact Diane Ramage by e-mail at drumage@comcast.net or by phone at (503) 908-0131 for information.

Portland Waldorf School Community Choir

Friday morning from 8:45 - 10:15 am

Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie in the Orchard Room

Whenever school is in session. Anyone in and outside the PWS community who enjoys singing songs through the seasons, across the centuries and around the world is very welcome, including drop ins. This event is free and a community builder. More information: Marion Van Namen (503) 956-4046.

Portland Youth Discussion Group

At the moment the group is taking a break. Please contact Chrystal Godleske if you are interested in meeting again. socialsculptor@gmail.com.

Waldorf Education and Teacher Training

Lectures and courses conducted throughout the year by the Michael Institute. Contact John Miles at 503/774-4946. johncmiles@usa.net.

Events

Portland Branch Council Meeting

Monday OCTOBER 10

1304 SE Main Street, Portland, OR 97214.

7 PM - 9PM at the home of Chrystal Godleske. Phone 503-816-2440
All Branch members are welcome to attend.

Laughing in a Waterfall: An Evening with Marianne & Dennis Dietzel

Monday, OCTOBER 17

5919 SE Division St., Portland, OR 97207 Bothmer Hall

7:30 PM *Laughing in a Waterfall: A Mother's Memoir*

An Evening with the Author, Marianne Dietzel and her husband Dennis. Marianne wrote a poignant memoir offering insights into how to create a new culture around the sacred threshold of death and keep a living connection to those on the other side.

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OCTOBER 14-16 - See Pages 3-5 of this newsletter for details, or go online to www.PortlandAnthroposophy.org.

Festival of Remembrance of the Dead

NOVEMBER 1

7:30PM Bothmer Hall 5919 SE Division St., Portland, OR

You are warmly invited to join us for a talk and eurythmy performance, bring photos or mementos of loved ones who have crossed the threshold. Contact Sandra Burch with any questions - galenalyn@gmail.com or (503) 353-1818.

Apocalypse Here and Now

NOVEMBER 3

7:30PM, Bothmer Hall 5919 SE Division St., Portland, OR

Prophecy and apocalypse are crucial ideas for our current time. They are centrally connected with what it means to be a human being. Reverend Sanford Miller, a Christian Community priest from Sacramento will speak about these concepts.

The Living Being of the Year

NOVEMBER 4

7:30PM Bothmer Hall 5919 SE Division St., Portland, OR

Conscious living in time. Learning a right relationship to time and a healthy self-consciousness through celebration of the festivals. Reverend Sanford Miller will speak to us about the festivals.

New Testament Study: Revelation 7:9-17 - Revelation of the Divine

NOVEMBER 5

11:00AM, Bothmer Hall 5919 SE Division St., Portland, OR

Come join us for an interactive discussion of this text, led by Reverend Sanford Miller.

Sunday Services of the Christian Community

NOVEMBER 6

9:15AM for children (adults are welcome too)

10:30AM The Act of Consecration of Man (for adults)

Bothmer Hall 5919 SE Division St., Portland, OR

Please call Sandra Burch (503) 353-1818 to sign up for childcare or with questions about any of these Christian Community events.

First Class of the School of Spiritual Science

Sunday, NOVEMBER 13

5919 SE Division St., Portland, OR 97207. Bothmer Hall

Blue card required 9:30 AM sharp. Lesson 19. Please contact Diane Ramage at (503) 908-0131 or Cheri Munske at (503) 772-2632

Portland Branch Council Meeting

Monday NOVEMBER 14

1304 SE Main Street, Portland, OR 97214.

7 PM - 9PM at the home of Chrystal Godleske. Phone 503-816-2440
All Branch members are welcome to attend.

SCENE V OF *THE SOUL'S PROBATION*

By Diane Rumage (Artistic Director), Milwaukie, Oregon

The Portland Mystery Drama group will be performing Scene V of *The Soul's Probation* on Saturday evening, October 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Portland Waldorf School gymnasium. It will be performed as part of the Annual General Conference and Meeting of the Anthroposophical Society in America.

2011 is not only the 150th birthday celebration of Rudolf Steiner, but also the 100th anniversary of *The Soul's Probation*, performed first in 1911. As we recently were reminded by Thomas Meyer's wonderful lectures here in Portland, the investigation and presentation of reincarnation and karma was Rudolf Steiner's core mission. Through Steiner's Mystery Dramas he presented for the first time on stage just these issues, portraying the characters in their various incarnations. They show the struggles that men of the western world work through in pursuing spirit goals while working actively in the world (a definite Rosicrucian path with its thorns and roses). They also show the changes of men's consciousness in grappling with spirituality through the different epochs.

We see how people are not perfect, even those on the higher path. We see how each strives to understand the world of sense and spirit and their individual destiny in order to work together as a whole, in a new way, a way never before possible on the earth. And we see failure and disappointment, but what is most heartening is how they all work together, believing in each other's strengths, and helping each other in their weaknesses.

Don't miss this present by Rudolf Steiner, which is being handed back to him, and to you, by our hearts and mind and will. And which only has meaning when an audience participates and experiences it.

**JOIN US SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER
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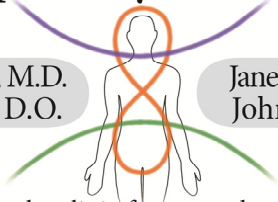
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*How can we create a future
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12:30 p.m. Lunch at the school
1:30 – 2 p.m. Singing with Diane Rowley
2 – 3:30 p.m. Workshops *How are we creating a future worthy of a human being?* (Choose one) – [details are on back page](#)
1. *The Human Terrain: Exploring the Influence of the Four Ethers in Health and Illness* – Dr. Paul Kalnins
2. *Working with Christian Rosenkretz and Master Jesus* – Linda Connell and MariJo Rogers
3. *The Future of Waldorf Education* – Torin Finser
4. *Working with Questions* – Leslie Loy, Luc Schloss, and members of the Youth Section
5. *Eurythmy Forms* – Anna Marie Baeschlin
6. *Holding the Vision for the Cultural/Spiritual Sphere* – Members of the Section for the Social Sciences
7. *Biodynamics and the Promise of the Food Movement* – Robert Karp
8. *At the Intersection of Money and Spirit* – John Bloom
9. *A Bridge Across the Threshold: Creating a Living Connection* – Marianne Dietzel
10. *What are the New Mysteries?* – Matt "Matre" Sawaya and Kathleen Morse
3:30 – 4 p.m. Break
4 – 4:30 p.m. Sharing Workshop experiences and bringing responses to the question: *How are we creating a future worthy of a human being?*
4:30 – 5 p.m. Speech with Kim Snyder-Vine
5 – 5:15 p.m. Virginia Sease – Closing words
5:15 p.m. Foundation Stone Meditation – an offering by Lemniscate Arts
6 p.m. Dinner at the school
7:30 p.m. *Rudolf Steiner's Birthday Bash!*

Sunday • October 16

- 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Annual General Meeting

At this conference we want to understand how what Rudolf Steiner brought to the world is crucial to a future worth living, and how that vision can remain living and evolve. We will explore the contribution we each can make to gain and fulfill such a vision. Our explorations will proceed thoughtfully, artistically, and out of our own life experience. The goal of our time together is that we gain inspiration to bring something new into our life and into the future. Our task in evolution is to become more fully human. Anthroposophy supports this evolutionary path.

Keynote Speaker



Since 1984, Virginia Sease has been a member of the Executive Council of the General Anthroposophical Society in Dornach, Switzerland. While working on her BA in German Literature, Virginia also studied voice in NYC. After attending the University of Tübingen on a Fulbright, she received her Waldorf training at the Waldorf Teachers Seminar in Stuttgart, Germany. Upon returning

to the States, Virginia became a Class teacher at Highland Hall Waldorf School in Los Angeles. She then went on to receive a Ph.D. from USC in German literature. From 1967 - 1974 she was Assistant Professor at Occidental College and worked simultaneously to help establish the Waldorf Institute of Southern California. Virginia has served on the Western Regional Council and the General Council of the U.S. Society. From 1991 - 2001 she was the leader of the Section for the Arts of Eurythmy, Speech and Music at the Goetheanum. In addition to her work on the Executive Council, Virginia also established and is responsible for the Anthroposophical Studies in English program at the Goetheanum.

Registration Information

Conference Fees: Member fee for the conference is \$130; non-member \$160; youth under 25 and seniors over 65, \$50. The conference fee covers all lectures and workshops, the Friday evening performance and reception, and the Saturday evening Birthday Bash. Saturday lunch and dinner are an additional \$15 each. If you need financial assistance, please contact Marian León at the Society's office, 734.662.9355. A few scholarships are available. Donations to our scholarship fund will be gratefully accepted. The scholarship fund will be used to enable others to attend the conference.

Cancellations: Refunds of the conference fee, minus a \$35 processing fee, are available if requested by Monday, October 17th.

Travel: For air travel, you will be flying into PDX [www.portofportland.com]. There is easy, direct transportation all around the city and you can use the MAX system [www.trimet.org] from the airport straight to the hotel and from the hotel to the school. If you are driving, directions and information about parking will be provided in your registration packet.

Housing: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hotel deLuxe for \$109 per night. For this discounted rate, please make your reservation by September 12 and refer to "Steiner" when booking.

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Meals: A light supper reception will be offered Friday evening from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The lunch and dinner on Saturday will be served at the school and cost \$15 for each meal. Sign up on the registration form and indicate a vegetarian or non-vegetarian option. All other meals will be on your own. There is a restaurant in the hotel, and others nearby, for breakfast.

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Workshop details

How are we creating a future worthy of a human being?

1. *The Human Terrain: Exploring the Influence of the Four Ethers in Health and Illness* – Dr. Paul Kalnins

Modern medicine is founded upon the belief that health and illness are determined by the activities occurring within the body's cells. In recent years, research has revealed that the extracellular matrix, or the space between the cells, may be an even more important determinant of cellular function. The matrix forms a vast web, connecting all the body's individual cells, tissues, and organs together into a comprehensive whole. This workshop will explore the basic features of the extracellular matrix, and how imaginative perception reveals it to be the working ground of the four ethers discussed by Rudolf Steiner in relation to anthroposophic medicine.

2. *Working with Christian Rosenkretz and Master Jesus* – Linda Connell and MariJo Rogers

Rudolf Steiner was clear that relationships are at the heart of anthroposophy. Anthroposophy enables us not only to know about leading figures in human evolution, such as Christian Rosenkretz and Master Jesus, but to develop living relationships with them. Through his years of lecturing and writing, Rudolf Steiner spoke often about these two individualities, their importance for humanity's spiritual progress, and how to develop a relationship with them that can deepen and enliven our daily lives. MariJo and Linda will provide initial seed talks followed by conversation among participants.

3. *The Future of Waldorf Education* – Torin Finser

What is being asked of us in the years ahead in terms of the needs of our students, parents, current trends in education in the U.S.? How can we as teachers and parents best prepare ourselves to meet these present and future challenges? How can we better foster collaboration between Waldorf schools and the broader anthroposophical movement in general and the Anthroposophical Society in particular? Rather than just "react" to events, can we find new ways to support initiative?

4. *Working with Questions* – Leslie Loy, Luc Schloss, and members of the Youth Section

For some time, the Youth Section has been working with different social technologies to understand how open social spaces can be created where new ideas can emerge and where the future can be listened to. Our recent collective work has intersected around moving questions into actions. How can we learn to listen, develop, reframe and move questions into an impetus for change? This workshop will be collectively developed during the course of the Youth Section's event prior to the Society's conference and be offered up as an experiential journey.

5. *Eurythmy Forms* – Anna Marie Baeschlin

This workshop with master teacher Anna Marie Baeschlin will focus on the eurythmy forms given by Rudolf Steiner, through his work with Edith Maryon, in Eurythmy in the English Language. Anna Marie is recognized throughout Europe as one of the leading eurythmists today. This is her second trip to the U.S., and her first visit to the west coast. This unique opportunity is open to all.

6. *Holding the Vision for the Cultural/Spiritual Sphere* – Section for the Social Sciences

Rudolf Steiner contributed a wealth of insights about a healthy life in the realm of economics and in the rights sphere. His most developed innovations, however, were in the cultural/spiritual life. What was his vision of the cultural/spiritual sphere? How does this life manifest today? How can we, as individuals and together, aid in the necessary transformation?

7. *Biodynamics and the Promise of the Food Movement* – Robert Karp

Biodynamics is an intimate part of a growing food movement that has become a genuine source of spiritual, social and economic renewal in America. This workshop will explore the esoteric dimension of this movement, its evolving forms, and the role that we each can play in helping this movement fulfill its promise in our lives and communities.

8. *At the Intersection of Money and Spirit* – John Bloom

Whether by its presence or absence, money affects our lives on a daily basis. It connects us to the economic world. How can we understand money and our relationship to it well enough to cultivate resonance and reciprocity between our inner and outer lives? In this workshop, we will look at this money journey as a basis for co-creating the new economy.

9. *A Bridge Across the Threshold: Creating a Living Connection* – Marianne Dietzel

How do we let go of someone we were close to after they have crossed the threshold, while at the same time feeling a nearness to them as a spiritual being? Experience a condensed exercise in staying connected through the moods of nature, using gesture painting.

10. *What are the New Mysteries?* – Matt "Matre" Sawaya and Kathleen Morse

What is initiation in our modern times? How are the new mysteries emerging through our daily experiences? How can modern art forms, or new arts forms—ranging from music to the social arts—help us to begin to perceive these initiations into the New Mysteries? This will be an exploratory, experiential workshop.



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Between what is past
And future existence;
The present is an instant:
Is momentary bridge.
Spirit become soul
In enfolding matter
Is from the past;
Soul becoming spirit
In germinal vessels
Is on the path to the future.
Grasp what is to come
Through what is past;
Have hope of what is growing
Through what has emerged.
And so apprehend
Existence in growing;
And so apprehend
What is growing in what is.*

~ Rudolf Steiner
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