

Theme of the Year 2008/09

Practices Leading to a Culture of the Heart

Based on Rudolf Steiner's essay "At the Dawn of the Michael Age" in *Anthroposophical Leading Thoughts* (GA 26), previous themes of the year have referred in various ways to the motif of heart thinking. Last year, two meditations from Rudolf Steiner's first Mystery drama were the focus. This year, too, our basic theme dealing with the union of light and warmth will continue, this time in the context of the human being whose practices take him along the anthroposophical path of knowledge.

Rudolf Steiner's suggestions for practice often begin with a sensory observation or thought content; the practitioner should devote himself to these with the greatest attention and concentration. Then comes the task of accompanying what happens in this context with the corresponding feeling in order to change what is known into an experience—and doing this in a daily rhythm.

How can we accomplish this? How can I choose to create a situation where a corresponding feeling arises? Anyone who tries it soon notices that the feelings we are seeking are not so easily accessible, and they are particularly hard to bring up when we try to repeat them. A strong effort is needed (together with imagination) in order to discover something new in the familiar, something that can echo in our life of feeling.

We grow aware of how little we know about dealing with the multihued world of feeling; how hard it is to find a feeling that is intentionally acquired as opposed to one that arises spontaneously—especially a strong antipathy; how hard to find the path from head to heart.

We find this when we are together. We say we go head to head; we do not throw our heads around each other, but we throw our arms around each other with warmth of heart. It is our hearts that must find one another so that we can have conceptual disagreements without personal antipathy.

A social understanding results when I move my center—located in the head at first—into the region of the heart and I learn how to understand through the heart; when I empathetically place my attention and

capacity to perceive into the world around me. In the esotericist, this leads to the formation of a new center from the head and across the larynx to the heart (as described by Rudolf Steiner in *Knowledge of Higher Worlds*; GA 10).

In the ninth lecture in the cycle *Macrocosm and Microcosm* (GA 119) Rudolf Steiner characterizes heart thinking as follows: "We have a quite different feeling about the thinking that becomes possible when we have made a little progress on this path. The feeling then is as if what had hitherto been localized in the head were now localized in the heart. This does not mean the physical heart but the spiritual organ that develops in the neighborhood of the heart, what we call the twelve-petaled lotus-flower."

But this goal has quite practical, concrete preliminary stages. For instance, there is the dictum: "Every idea that does not become an ideal kills a power in your soul; every idea, however, that becomes an ideal creates a power of life." (GA 10) How many ideas can we make our own so that they may become ideals? This is a question we need to ask ourselves again and again, and for the most part we find that we take up more ideas than we can possibly make into ideals.

In an elementary form, we can exercise everything described here by practicing the organism of the six subsidiary exercises. It is noteworthy that Rudolf Steiner states in his great 1923 examination of community: "The Anthroposophical Society needs all of these six virtues, and we must work toward an Anthroposophical Society that possesses them." (Lecture of January 23, 1923, *Anthroposophical Community Building*, GA 257).

Fortunately, the last few years have brought several helpful books on this theme; last year, a collection of Rudolf Steiner's statements on the subsidiary exercises was published by Ates Baydur (see "Recommended Reading"). These demonstrate the basic quality and remarkable extent of the exercises for the spiritual student and for practical life.

Rudolf Steiner's descriptions in the Esoteric School lessons (GA 266) are a gold mine for this work; for instance, "The connection with the members of our

being” (GA 266/3, January 2, 1914 and February 7, 1914). “Observation of feelings” stands at the center, and the wonderful book *Herzwege* [Paths of the Heart] by Rudy Vandercruysee shows how this exercise is reflected in all the others.

This third subsidiary exercise begins with paying attention to our landscape of feeling with its swelling waves and stereotypical habits of soul; we get to know them, and then proceed to control how they come to expression. This presupposes the first subsidiary exercises: concentration and decisiveness.

Further steps are the acquisition of inner peace, composure, balance of soul. This can become a source for transforming our own feelings and emotions so that they become receptive organs for what comes toward us from the world. Feelings acquired in this way are the only feelings that will be permeated by the ego.

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In practice, these feelings play a decisive role in art, but also in social life. Every objective esthetic judgment depends on how strongly we have developed our senses in regard to the specific values being expressed, the degree to which our feeling has become an organ of knowledge. Most often, modern esthetic judgments rely on an egocentric or group feeling. How far the human being has progressed with his capacity to control his own feelings, act appropriately, and even comprehend the feelings of another—this is what determines his social competence.

Some branches have taken up the subsidiary exercises as an integral part of their work; others discuss individual experiences from time to time. Special working groups occasionally meet for a mutual exchange. It is in this sense that we would like to encourage members to turn in the coming year to the theme of a culture of feeling against the background of the subsidiary exercises, and do so in as practical a way as possible. The connection to the whole of the anthroposophical path can be found in the 8th and 9th lectures from *Macrocosm and Microcosm* (GA 119) which is also recommended for study. | *For the Collegium of the School for Spiritual Science: Heinz Zimmermann. Translated by Doug Miller, Ann Arbor.*

Recommended Reading:

Rudolf Steiner: *Macrocosm and Microcosm* (GA 119), especially the lectures of March 28 and 29, 1910.
 Michael Lipson: *Stairway of Surprise*, Anthroposophic Press, 2002.
 Rudolf Steiner, *Die Nebenübungen*, ed. Ates Baydur, Dornach, 2007.
 Rudy Vandercruysee: *Herzwege*, Stuttgart, 2006.
 Hans Jörgen Pingel: *Hinweise zu den 6 Nebenübungen des anthroposophischen Schulungsweges*, Hamburg, 2004.
 Rudolf Steiner: *Das Ätherherz und die 6 Nebenübungen*, Basel, 2005

Portland Branch Council News You are invited to join us in study

We spent our March Branch Council meeting studying the Anthroposophical Society's theme of the year “Practices Leading to a Culture of the Heart.” We will continue working with this study at the beginning of each council meeting (approximately 40 minutes to 1 hour), and we warmly invite our Portland community to come join us for this work. You are also welcome to stay for the business portion of our meeting if you wish to do so, or you are welcome to leave after the study. Tom and Ruth Klein graciously host our meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. The next meeting is April 23rd. You can call the Klein's at 503-777-3176 for directions to their home.

This is the Healing of Mankind

By Jannebeth Röell, as reported by Ernst Katz

In 1953 after a student asked Ernst Katz to give a lecture on Anthroposophy for his fraternity, anthroposophical interest and life started to grow in and around Ann Arbor. In collaboration with the National Anthroposophical Society, many national and international speakers came through Ann Arbor. Events and study groups were hosted in private living rooms until the 1970s when the events started to draw more than 40 people and thoughts of a bigger home frequently arose.

In those times fraternities and sororities were thought of as snobbish and consequently had fewer and fewer students. One such fraternity had as its goal to house the sons of the Free Masons. The Acacia fraternity building in Ann Arbor, which was built in 1923, was temporarily leased by the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, but they were not able to make it financially. Worse: the building was neglected and at one point housed 32 squatters growing marijuana under neon lights in the attic. The building became a "white elephant". Neighbors told their children it was an unsafe place and to avoid it. When the Acacia fraternity was approached by a local anthroposophist, they expressed an eagerness to sell the solid brick house which carries on its right side Greek words saying:

This is the healing of mankind.

To reach the goal of acquiring a home for anthroposophy in Ann Arbor, a group of 12 members was formed. They included Bill Bottum, Alan Cottrell, Natalie Dale, John Dale (treasurer), Seyhan Ege, Ernst Katz (president), Katherine Katz, Don Melcer, Douglas Miller, Peter Smith (vice president), Mary Smith, and Arthur Zajonc. Thanks to an extensive library of anthroposophical books, the group was successful in applying for nonprofit status as a 501(c)3 organization; no other purpose was accepted.

In July 1974 the Acacia Land contract was signed. This agreement allowed the carrying group to pay off a certain amount each month at a low interest rate. If a single month was missed they would lose all. Through many friends and active fundraising the building was paid off in only 3 years. The squatters got a thirty day notice and then the cleaning and painting could begin.

Karma smiled on this endeavor. Ernst Katz met a Swiss painter who owned his own painting business in Chicago. This painter had met Rudolf Steiner in Dornach and as his last job before retiring brought his ladders and painting tools to Ann Arbor where he painted the house for Rudolf Steiner.

Students who showed an interest in Anthroposophy were allowed to live in the house for a low rent in return for help in maintaining the building. This worked well for awhile, but later the students came primarily for the low rent. A change was due. No new renters were taken in and the house was

used for weeklong and weekend events. Experiences from these events live on in the hearts and memory of many people. Through careful planning, income from the various conferences returned better results than the rentals. Around 1995, when the board members were getting older and no new carriers appeared, the decision was made to gift the Rudolf Steiner House to the National Anthroposophical Society. After 9 months the Society accepted the gift and moved its headquarters from Chicago to Ann Arbor, where it now actively resides.

Look for more information on this topic, and the ongoing efforts to restore the building in the next edition of *News for Members*, the national newsletter of the Anthroposophical Society in America.

U.S. Society 2008 AGM Explores Christian Rosenkretz

Christian Rosenkretz – Living a Spiritual Life in the Modern World, is the theme for this year's AGM conference, scheduled for October 17 – 18, 2008. The conference will be hosted by the Los Angeles Branch in Pasadena, CA.

Speakers will include Torin Finser, Patrick Wakeford-Evans, Jane Hipolito, and Linda Connell. Jannebeth Röell and Pamela Saterdalen will provide insights into the conference theme through art and movement.

The conference will open Friday evening with a concert of chamber music by the Comte de Saint Germain and by Mozart, and Shakespeare's Rosicrucian drama *A Winter's Tale* will be performed on Saturday evening. The performances will feature professional musicians and actors.

Class members are invited to attend an overview of the 19 Class Lessons held by Ernst Katz. (Remember to bring your blue cards.)

The Society's Annual General Meeting follows the conference on Sunday, October 19, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. PST.

The Los Angeles Branch looks forward to welcoming members to this year's conference. Space is limited to 125 registrants, so those interested in attending are encouraged to sign up early. Look for the conference brochure in mid-May.

Rudolf Steiner is Spoken on the Internet

Dale Brunsvold wrote to Steinerbooks in October of 2005 to inquire if they could imagine their book titles on the internet as the spoken word. After a time they wrote him back and said that it would be a great idea.

Starting in February of 2006 Dale began to record and post the books to his website online. He has studied anthroposophy for 30 years and wished to help bring some of the benefits of anthroposophy to people who might otherwise not read or have time to read. He considered the spoken word on the Internet to be ideal.

Slowly but surely the website is reaching an ever wider audience all over the world. At the moment, individuals in Bulgaria are visiting the site more often than folks in the United Kingdom!

It is a free download site and his goal for these ideas, that they find their way into as many hearts and minds as possible, is on its way to being fulfilled.

Check out the website at www.rudolfsteinaudio.com.

Traveling Speakers Program - Update

The Traveling Speakers Program brings anthroposophical work to those who have carried study groups or smaller branches with quiet dedication for years without the benefit of a larger anthroposophical community to support their effort.

The speakers program is administered through the Membership Enrichment Committee of the General Council, which provides funding for the speakers' travel and an honorarium. A small sum is also available to the community for a local artistic contribution to the weekend. All monies collected go directly back into the Traveling Speakers Program with the aim of making funds available to other communities and groups.

The Traveling Speakers Program connects the work of the General Council with individual members and will foster spirit-in-action for years to come. If you wish to know more about this initiative or would like to take part in bringing this program to your community we encourage you to contact the national office of the Anthroposophical Society in America in Ann Arbor.

Spring 2008 Traveling Speakers Program Schedule

April 11-13, 2008 — Miami, Florida.

Topic: Anthroposophy: A Challenge for Lifetime Development

Speaker: Dr. Donald Melcer

Location: Waldorf International School

Contact: Yvonne Cumming drcumm@bellsouth.net

May 16-18, 2008 — Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Topic: From the Ashes of 9/11: Called to a New Birth of Freedom

Speaker: John Alexandra

Location: Emerson Waldorf High School

Contact: Kathleen Wright kathleenwright51@peoplepc.com

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Portland Anthroposophical Society Calendar - April 2008

Ongoing Events and Study Groups

African Drumming

We're back on a weekly schedule: Every Thursday evening from 7-8 pm in the high school building of Portland Waldorf School (2300 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie). \$40 for 5 lessons, \$10 drop-in. Drums provided. No experience necessary. Marion Van Namen (503) 956-4046.

Anthroposophical Medicine Study Group

Once a month Monday (after the second Sunday) at the Takacs Clinic 7-8:30 PM. John Takacs at johntakacsdo@hotmail.com or Kevin Kane at drkev@involved.com.

Curative Education

Second and fourth Friday 7:30 PM – 9PM study of Rudolf Steiner's *Education for Special Needs*. Call Betty Baldwin for information 503-747-6367.

Deepening Our Experience with the Six Basic Exercises

Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM once a month. Beginning and advanced students welcome. 2525 NE 13th Ave, Portland, OR 97212, For information call Twila at (503) 281-9349 or write her by e-mail at Twila@spiritone.com

Embryogenesis in Myth and Science

We are beginning a study of the above book by Thomas Weihs, Anthroposophical physician and teacher. It compares the Genesis of the Bible and creation myths with the science of embryology enlightened by Anthroposophy. We meet weekly on Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at 3046 NE 33rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97212. Contact Diane Ramage 360 241-7854 for information.

Eurythmy

Training offered by Portland Eurythmy on weekends and evenings. Please contact Natasha Moss at 503 233-0663.

Karmic Relationships

Working through Rudolf Steiner's Karmic Relationships Cycle of lectures. Call James Lee for information 503 249-3804 or e-mail him at anthroposophy@earthlink.net.

Mystery Knowledge and Mystery Centers

Meeting once a month on the fourth Thursday at 7 PM at Bothmer Hall. Contact Joan Takacs by e-mail at docstakacs@comcast.net.

Mystery Dramas, with Speech-Formation Exercises

Two Wednesdays a month, 7:30 - 9:00 PM in NE Portland. Currently working with Rudolf Steiner's *Portal of Initiation* and the *Genesis* lectures. No acting experience necessary, just a love of the Word. Call Diane Ramage at 360 241-7854 for information.

Portland Waldorf School Community Choir

Every Friday morning from 8:45 - 10:00 am (at the Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie) in the music room of the high school building, 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

The Portland Youth Discussion Group, a group of people youthful in mind, body and spirit, gathers to discuss questions of how Anthroposophy compares and relates to other ideas in the realms of philosophy, spirituality, religion, economics, social activism, individual and social development, and relationships. We welcome new people who are open to exploring Spiritual Science and conducting their own research to join us. For more information, please contact Leslie Loy at (503) 819-3399 or leslielal@yahoo.com.

Spinning and Spiritual Science

Gathering on the first Saturday of each month, 3 PM to 5PM, to study *Art as Spiritual Activity*, lectures by Rudolf Steiner 1888-1923. We work with the fiber arts and spinning wheels. Call Marsha Johnson 503- 309- 4223 to sign up.

Waldorf Education and Teacher Training

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

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Please format your item like the others you see in the calendar. This helps the calendar team get their work done with a smile.

Upcoming Events

MARCH 5 – MAY 14

New Course - Music through the Arts

The question has come to me to have an artistic experience of musical elements such as major, minor, scales, etc. We may know the dry facts of how many whole and half steps are in a particular scale or chord, but how does that feel, what does it look like at a deeper level? In a series of 10 lessons we will explore through painting, drawing, poetry, eurythmy, but also through simple improvisation and composition, what's unique about melody, rhythm, major, minor, a scale, a particular note or instrument. Classes will be held from March 5th through May 14th, 2008 at Bothmer Hall (5909 SE Division Street, Portland) on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. \$15 per class or \$100 for the series of 10 classes. Register by calling Marion Van Namen at 503-956-4046 or writing her at marion@octavemusictherapy.com. Must have 5 people signed up for the series for classes to take place.

Sunday, APRIL 13

First Class of the School of Spiritual Science

Bothmer Hall, Blue card required – Discussion on Lesson 6 at 8:30 AM, class at 9:30 AM sharp. Lesson 7. Please contact Jannebeth Röell 503/249-3807 or Diane Ramage at (360) 241-7854.

Wednesday APRIL 23

Portland Branch Council Meeting

7 PM – 8PM study of the theme of the year followed by a business meeting at the home of Ruth and Tom Klein, 3609 SE Center, Portland OR 97202, phone: 503-777-3176. All Branch members are welcome to attend.

Friday APRIL 25

Under Pressure

Portland Waldorf School is thrilled to be welcoming the dynamic and inspiring Carl Honore to speak during his national book tour. In "Under Pressure" Honoré travels the globe, detailing not only the real dangers of micro-managing our children but also the new movement inspiring many to simply slow down. Portland Waldorf School is pleased to host a public talk and book signing on April 25 at 7:00 PM. Admission is free. Portland Waldorf School is located at 2300 SE Harrison Street, Milwaukie, 2 blocks east of 99E/McLoughlin Blvd. For more information on the talk, please visit www.portlandwaldorfschool.org or call 503-654-2200.

Saturday APRIL 26

An Evening in the Vineyard

A fundraiser benefitting Swallowtail School at Montinore Estate, 3663 SW Dilley Road, Forest Grove OR 97116, 5:30 PM-8 PM. www.swallowtailschool.org or www.montinore.com

Sunday, MAY 11

First Class of the School of Spiritual Science

Bothmer Hall, Blue card required – Discussion on Lesson 7 at 8:30 AM, class at 9:30 AM sharp. Lesson 8. Please contact Jannebeth Röell 503/249-3807 or Diane Ramage at (360) 241-7854.

MAY 24-25, 2008

Facing Karma in Life and Rudolf Steiner's Mystery Dramas

Those who are young at heart are warmly invited to attend an anthroposophical youth conference on the weekend of May 24-25, 2008 (Memorial weekend) at Heartbeet Lifesharing in Hardwick, Vermont. For further information and the suggested list for pre-reading, please contact Rachel Schwartz at raugustina@hotmail.com or 802-472-9573.

MAY 29 – JUNE 1

Senior Play: The Three Penny Opera

Portland Waldorf School seniors have chosen the 1928 Berthold Brecht/ Kurt Weill musical *The Threepenny Opera* for their end-of-year production. Raucous, bawdy, and satiric, the play features the well-known song, "Mack the Knife." Because of its nature, the play is only appropriate for high school students and adults. It will be performed at Warner Pacific College, 2219 SE 68th Ave just off SE Division St., May 29, 30, 31 at 7 PM, June 1 at 5 pm. Tickets will be \$13 for adults, \$8 for students.

Thursday, MAY 29

Renewal of Religion

Lecture by Sanford Miller, a priest from the Christian Community visiting Portland. 7PM at Bothmer Hall, 5909 SE Division St. Contact Lucia Mello 503- 892- 5296 or luciamello@earthlink.net . Donations welcome.

Friday, MAY 30

Why Rituals?

Lecture by Sanford Miller, a priest from the Christian Community visiting Portland 7PM at Bothmer Hall, 5909 SE Division St. Contact Lucia Mello 503- 892- 5296 or luciamello@earthlink.net Donations welcome.

Saturday, MAY 31**Confirmation and Baptism**

Conversation with Sanford Miller, a priest from the Christian Community about confirmation for youths 14 to 16 years old at 10:30 AM; Conversation about baptism at 2:30 PM, both events at Bothmer Hall, 5909 SE Division St. Contact Lucia Mello 503- 892- 5296 or luciamello@earthlink.net . Donations welcome.

Sunday, JUNE 1**Religious Services**

For complete schedule contact Lucia Mello 503- 892- 5296 or luciamello@earthlink.net . Donations welcome.

JUNE 16 – 27**Cosmic and Earthly Rhythms**

Micha-el Institute: Early Childhood Intensive Conference. See brochure for details, held at Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison, Milwaukie. Contact 503 774-4946 or email johncmiles@usa.net.

Sunday, JUNE 8**First Class of the School of Spiritual Science**

Bothmer Hall, Blue card required – Discussion on Lesson 8 at 8:30 AM, class at 9:30 AM sharp. Lesson 9. Please contact Jannebeth Röell 503/249-3807 or Diane Ramage at (360) 241-7854.

JUNE 28**Micha-el Institute Graduation**

11AM in the Music Room at Portland Waldorf School, 2300 SE Harrison, Milwaukie. Contact 503-774-4946 or email johncmiles@usa.net

JULY 17-20**Young Economist Course**

The course is intended for students who study economics and (young) people who are active in business but everybody with a strong interest in economics is welcome to attend. The course will be held at the Goetheanum, Switzerland, in the English language. Contact: Els Woutersen, Els_Woutersen@yahoo.com.

AUGUST 12-16**Mystery Drama Conference**

The Threefold Mystery Drama Group in Spring Valley, NY, under the direction of Barbara Renold, is planning a conference on the theme of the connection between Goethe's fairy tale, *The Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily*, and Rudolf Steiner's first mystery drama, "The Portal of Initiation". Contact Barbara Renold at barbararenold@yahoo.com or by telephone at 845-356-0674.

Friday, OCTOBER 24**An Anthroposophical Publisher's Private Conversations with Saul Bellow on Spirituality**

A lecture given by Stephen Usher. This lecture tells the story of how Saul Bellow came to write the foreword to Rudolf Steiner's *Boundaries Of Natural Science*. In the process of obtaining the foreword publisher Stephen Usher came to know Bellow and had a number of interesting talks with him about Steiner's spiritual scientific discoveries including those described in *Work of the Angel in Man's Astral Body*. The talk will explore the conversations and Bellow's attitude to Steiner and Anthroposophy. It will also discuss what Bellow had to say about Steiner in *HUMBOLDT'S GIFT*, a book for which Bellow received the Pulitzer prize. 8PM Location TBA, admission \$15.00

Saturday, OCTOBER 25**Anthroposophist Rudolf Steiner & the Three-Folding of Society**

A lecture by Stephen Usher. The lecture will explore the history of the threefold idea, the idea, and its opponents. Going back to 1917 Stephen Usher will point to the moment when Steiner first postulated the idea in a conversation with Otto Lerchenfeld in response to Lerchenfeld's heartfelt question about how to bring some sanity into the madness of the First World War. The basic threefold idea will then be outlined along with Steiner's idea of the Fundamental Social Law and the Law of True Price. From there the lecture will look at the opponents of the Threefold idea both historical and current. 8PM Location TBA, admission \$15.00

Sunday, OCTOBER 26**The Christmas Foundation Conference and the Foundation Stone**

In this presentation Stephen Usher explores the central event of the Christmas Foundation Conference of the Anthroposophical Society (Dec. 1923-Jan 1924) with particular emphasis on the events of December 25, 1923. In particular the talk will explore the distinction between the Christmas Foundation Verse and the Foundation Stone itself. Members with Pink cards only, 4 PM Location TBA, admission \$15.00

AUGUST 1-8, 2009**Encircling Light-Expectant Silence**

Anthroposophical Society in Canada hosts this conference on the North in White Horse, Yukon. Full details about all aspects of the Conference will be available on our website, www.encirclinglight.ca, which will be in operation early in 2008. The flyer can be viewed online at PortlandBranch.com.

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