



The Anthroposophical Society **Canada**
La Société Anthroposophique

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AGM 2024

DUNCAN, BC
MAY 17, 18, 19th

This year's Annual General Meeting will take place in Duncan on Vancouver Island, about an hour north of Victoria on the May long weekend, May 17-19th.

The AGM will be on Saturday. Sunday we will join the day-long and evening activities at the Karl König Exhibit and Conference taking place nearby at Trillium Hall on Glenora Farm.

This month we will send out a separate email with registration information for in-person and online participation. In-person costs will be \$115.00 for the whole event. Online participation will be limited to the Saturday AGM only at \$25.00. The Conference, starting on Sunday the 19th hosted by Glenora Farm and titled "The Calendar of the Soul", carries on for a few more days. If you want more information or wish to attend the remainder of the conference from Monday to Friday please email: tbatho@glenorafarm.org for registration information.

Schedule of Events

Friday May 17th

7pm - 8:30pm PST
First Class Lesson 13
Host: Kim Hunter
Sol Centre
(Please bring your blue card)
(no online participation)

Saturday May 18th

Annual General Meeting

9:30am - 3:30pm PST
Sol Centre, Duncan
(Online participation - see registration form)

Saturday Late Afternoon Talk

4:00 - 5:30pm PST
Presentation by Olaf Lampson
"Spiritual Research"
Sol Centre, Duncan
(Online Participation - see registration form)

Sunday May 19th

9:30am - 9pm PST
Karl Konig Conference
Glenora Farm
(no online participation)

*"To one who understands the sense of speech
The world unveils its image form."
Rudolf Steiner*

The Genius of Language

A Literary Arts and Humanities Section Conference

September 13 to 15, 2024

Toronto, Ontario

Followed by a dramatic performance of

The Fire in the Temple

with Glen Williamson and Laurie Portocarrero

You are cordially invited to attend a unique anthroposophical conference entitled "The Genius of Language" that will be held in Toronto from Friday, September 13 to Sunday, September 15. The conference is being organized by the Section for the Literary Arts and Humanities of the School for Spiritual Science in North America with the support of the Rudolf Steiner College Canada. This conference is intended for members and friends of the section and will be of interest to people who love words, who read novels, who go to plays, who write poems, who remember lyrics, who tell stories, who wonder how language works, or who, from time to time, glimpse the eternal spirit shining through everyday speech.

Conference presentations will include:

- "Beauty, Truth, and Goodness: Their Meaning and Significance for the Literary Arts and Humanities"

by Christiane Haid, Goetheanum leader of the Literary Arts & Humanities Section and the Visual Arts Section of the School for Spiritual Science

- "The Spirit of Canadian Literature"

by Philip Thatcher, teacher, poet and former General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada

· “The Spirit of American Literature”

by Bruce Donehower, retired professor of literature, and leader of the North American Literary Arts and Humanities Section

· “The Folk Soul, Language, and the Language of the Consciousness Soul”

by Arie van Ameringen, publisher and former General Secretary of the Anthroposophical Society in Canada

The conference will also include eurythmy, artistic workshops, poetry readings and much more. Following the conference, Glen Williamson and Laurie Portocarrero will present a new version of the powerful play, *The Fire in the Temple*.

Keep an eye on the website TheLiteraryArts.com for more information. Registration information and conference program details will be available in the coming weeks. For immediate questions, please contact Robert McKay at robertmckay@rogers.com or by phone at (647) 981-6298.

Reflections on the Third Panel of the Foundation Stone Meditation

Throughout the past year, in the many celebratory events marking the centenary of the Christmas Conference, we returned ever and again to the structure and content of the Foundation Stone Meditation.

During the North America Festival of Initiative, each day began with reflections on one of the panels of the meditation. Each contribution helped set the tone and focus for the day. Many found these reflections deeply insightful and helpful for our individual work with this meditation.

In the spirit of bringing more of what was built up over this unique year, we are now sharing these contributions with you. Beginning in January with the first panel, over the following months we will bring what came at the beginning of each day. We hope these thoughts will contribute to your own contemplation on this central meditation for Anthroposophy's realization.

Human Soul, You Live Within the Resting Head
by Tom Altgelt

Human Soul!
You live within the resting head,
Which, from the grounds of eternity
Unlocks for you world-thoughts:
Practice *spirit-beholding*
In stillness of thought,
Where the gods' eternal aims
Bestow World-being's-light
On one's own I
For free willing;
And you will truly *think*
In human-spirit-grounds.

For there reign the Spirit's world-thoughts
In the world-being, imploring light:
You Spirits of Soul!
Let from the depths be entreated
What in the heights will be heard,
Speaking:
In the spirit's world-thoughts the soul awakens.

The spirits of the elements hear it
In east, west, north, south:
May human beings hear it!

Dear Friends, dear Fellow Anthroposophists,

I am deeply honored to be here and to have been asked to offer some brief reflections on my attempt to understand the Foundation Stone Meditation. I have been working with the seven-fold rhythm of this Meditation for well over two decades. I chose the third panel because to me it is the most mysterious of the four. This meditation was given to us so we might take it up into our hearts... for its healing capacities, that our hearts might be made strong for healing, of our anthroposophical society, of the world and of the universe.

I strongly suggest that if you feel deeply called to work with them, you learn them by heart for that is where we have been invited to hold them as the Foundation Stone of our Anthroposophical movement. Zeylmans van Emmichoven, who was at this Christmas conference and who had written the book that revived the Foundation Stone Meditation, had suggested that the most important aspects of this meditation could not be understood by us today. He speaks of an evolution of our consciousness through a series of stages, which this unique meditation can guide us through.

The German poet, Rilke had urged us to love the difficult questions and to live with them in a way that they would reveal themselves over time. Thus, we would eventually find ourselves to be living into the answers. Let us remember that we can only humbly understand that which we love selflessly. We might say that this is related to our awakening to the power of redeemed thinking, as we go into the time of the consciousness soul... which opens new avenues to us, one of which is the thinking of the heart.

It turns out that our premature, intellectual explanations can end up closing the doorways into better questions. Living with the deeper questions can be like living with evolving beings, both spiritual and human. Most of us have read or heard such premature explanations by people who do not necessarily have the spiritual experience to speak as they do. Compared to Rudolf Steiner we all come up short. He speaks of humility as the gateway to all higher knowing and he urges us, at the Christmas Conference as follows:

“My dear friends, hear it as it resounds in your own hearts! Then will you found here a true community of human beings for Anthroposophia; and then will you carry the spirit, that rules in the shining light of thoughts around the dodecahedral Stone of love, out into the world, wherever it should give of its light and its warmth for the progress of human souls, for the progress of the universe.”

Please note that Steiner speaks here of Anthropos-Sophia. A form of Sophia, who we can also call Astro-Sophia. We can call her the Soul of the World, the Divine being of wisdom filled light. In his lectures on the Gospel of John, Steiner speaks of the Holy Spirit as being the Sophia. It is through Mary-Sophia that the Holy Spirit enters the disciples at Whitsun.

In the lectures of Steiner's in “The Search for the New Isis the Divine Sophia” he says that it is not the Christ we need, we have the Christ, but rather it is the Sophia of Christ that we need. Our astropher friend Jonathan Hilton, speaks of Sophia bringing the thinking/knowing/gnosis into the Christ Light Divine. We have the movement from the second panel of Spirit mindfulness or sensing to Spirit beholding or envisioning. It is important to develop a feeling for evolutionary movement or evolving progressions.

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Karma and Reincarnation Conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil
More information and Registration: <https://www.rkcongress.com/>

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may
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First meeting
 Main concepts and current questions

in-person
 Espaço Cultural Rudolf Steiner
 São Paulo

The revival of the thought of Reincarnation and Karma in Anthroposophy.

O surgimento do karma na evolução e a atuação das forças adversas

The emergence of karma in evolution and the action of adverse forces.

The origin of knowledge and its memory in pedagogical work.

Karma: the permanence of responsibility.

The Lord of Karma.

Illness and healing in its conventional conception and in the light of karma.

Psychoanalysis and Karma research.

Therapeutic pedagogy and its work for the future.

main highlights:

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Second meeting
 Possible paths for practical application in everyday life

online

The phenomenon of karma as the core of the Anthroposophical Movement.

Encounters with the guardian of the threshold and karma.

Being in the world: the desire for connection.

The night biography.

Examples of subsequent incarnations.

Karma in the course for young doctors.

Love and hate - their influence on karma.

The nightly retrospective as a fundamental tool.

The karma of professions.

Exercise suggested by Steiner for develop a relationship with karma.

A path to learning to contemplate karma

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Third meeting
 The anthroposophical legacy: spiritual reconnection and social action

in-person
 Espaço Cultural Rudolf Steiner
 São Paulo

Karma in the life of Rudolf Steiner.

The Karma of the Anthroposophical Society.

Karma at the Christmas Congress.

Transubstantiation and karma.

Knowledge of karma as a reconnection with higher hierarchies.

Can evil change the regularity of Karma?

The appearance of Christ in the etheric world and its influence on the regularity of karma.

The value of earthly life and exercise of the Self as a social being.

Knowledge of karma as an instrument of social transformation.

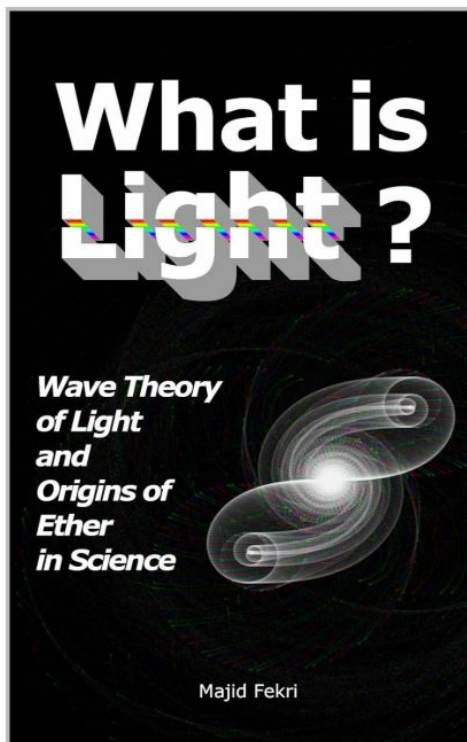
What we want for the future.

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New Publication by Majid Fekri



What is Light?: Wave Theory of Light and Origins of Ether in Science Light binds the fabric of our reality together, weaving through all beings. Understanding the true nature of light grants us insight into the world we inhabit, a quest that has challenged natural science for centuries.

Within the pages of this book, you'll encounter a narrative that challenges common beliefs. Light is not composed of photons; it does not have particles and does not exhibit a dual nature. It remains unaffected by the observer's perspective. Instead, light is unequivocally and provably a transverse wave, propagating through a medium that permeates all of existence. For those intrigued by the enigma of light and ether, this book proves to be an invaluable resource. It offers a precise account of historical references, physical experiments, and authentic ideas, making it an excellent choice for anyone seeking to delve deeper into this subject. If you would like to participate in a zoom webinar with Majid email him at: majidfekri1983@gmail.com

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Autumn 1978: Leita, in her 29th year, is waiting for me and her friends at the appointed meeting place. From there, we will get to know each other on our way to the Astrosophy (science of the stars) conference in Kimberton, Pennsylvania. Having come by bus from Sherbrooke, Quebec, I am anxious to get to know these American astrologers. A young woman is standing quietly at the edge of the group, under a large tree, not leaning against it, but standing upright, which appears to me to be a welcoming sign. Determined to make her acquaintance, I climb an embankment and walk towards her, about to greet a future that, unawares to me, is beckoning. But my heart opens up to the question my soul is asking: will Leita, a friend of the moment, become a star-seeking soul-mate? In the car, during the drive to the Astrosophy conference in Kimberton, the two of us chat the whole way. That is when we recognize our mutual interest in this art, this science, this spiritual path that we were to share throughout our lives. We also shared a keen interest in painting, not to mention poetry, music and Anthroposophical research.

Summer 1983: Leita's 33rd year (the time in one's life when it is possible to encounter the Being of Christ). Leita puts me up at her home in Fair Oaks, California, having invited me to an Astrosophy conference organized by the researcher Willi Sucher. Willi Sucher tells us of his enthusiasm for the research of his colleague Elizabeth Vreede and that of Rudolf Steiner. Together, they had created a new science of the stars. Elizabeth Vreede's collected writings on Astronomy and Willi Sucher's *Practical Approach to Astrosophy* are iconic works in this field. Leita turns to me and whispers: the combined research of these three beings has opened up the path to an understanding of successive lives, human freedom and indeed the Being of Christ.

Autumn 2000: Leita, age 51, receives a grant from the Goetheanum to take part in the Michaelmas Conference. A thousand members from 46 countries come together to exchange ideas in their own language. The event becomes a joyous sharing in an atmosphere of openness to the world. Having been invited to hear presentations and engage in dialogue, the whole community participates. Subsequent to this immersive experience in human contact, my colleague Michel Bourassa, also a friend of Leita's, and I invite her to join us on a tour of Italy to visit the artistic centres and experience first hand the works she knows so well: Milan, Florence, Rome. She takes great delight in viewing the masterpieces of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael.

Leita, who was born in Canada, decides to settle in Toronto. She hosts a research group in her home with members of the Anthroposophical Society. We are able to see each other more often, taking turns inviting one another to attend artistic events: concerts, exhibits and museums. We have regular telephone conversations, sometimes lasting several hours, sharing in-depth research, reading excerpts to each other, taking notes on the future that lies ahead. Not to mention the fact that our health is deteriorating with the passing years. The meeting of our souls, on the other hand, becomes ever more present and real.

Death and birth in the light of Astrosophy

Upon your crossing the threshold on February 16, 2024 at 0:23 am, the planets in the west all dip below the horizon, into the night sky. The Sun, entering the 1st degree of Aquarius, is at the very centre of the night sky. This is where your mind will be able to work free from the glare of the light of day, if, of course, you are sufficiently prepared. In the sky on the day you were born, February 19, 1950 at 1:55 p.m., the Sun in the west, in the afternoon, entered the 6th degree of Aquarius. This Sun, doubly active among the treasures of the Water Bearer, indicates to us the true reality of the researcher in you opening herself to the secrets of the Cosmos: Heaven and Earth unfolding together in an inclusive whole, the dream of scientists of the Spirit. Your inner work, having matured within your soul, will be offered to the outer world.

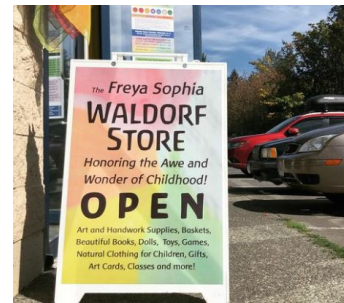
On the night of your death, the planet Jupiter, discreet dwelling place of the Gatherers of Wisdom, ready to embrace all, was setting on the western horizon in the 14th degree of Aries, the very spot where the Christ-Sun had poured out all His love at the Mystery of Golgotha. The stars that guide us do so according to what we ourselves have, within our own hearts, consciously placed into their heavens. Dear soul-sister, may your suffering, active and intense, become healing for others who are waiting to receive its fruits, in order that one day they may offer them in return to others. May your spiritual strength unfold discreetly for those who are prepared to welcome it.

So long as you feel the pain which I am spared, Christ unrecognized is active in the world, for the spirit is still weak when we are only capable of suffering through our bodies.
(Rudolf Steiner)

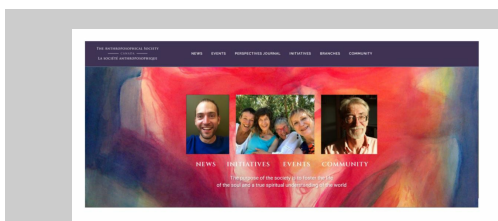
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