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Announcement: The theme of Perspectives 2025 will be encountering polarization. The communications working group is looking for contributors. We and the Council feel that a deeper reckoning with how polarization is working in us as anthroposophists would be a healing gesture to explore. We are looking for members who want to write about their experience of polarization, not the point of view they brought to a particular polarizing issue but the experience of living in opposition or polarity with one another. We imagine this issue consisting of many small pieces rather than four larger ones. If you are interested please contact Mark McGivern with your idea.

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**An Interview with Luigi Morelli
on His New Climate Change Book
"The Living Planet"**

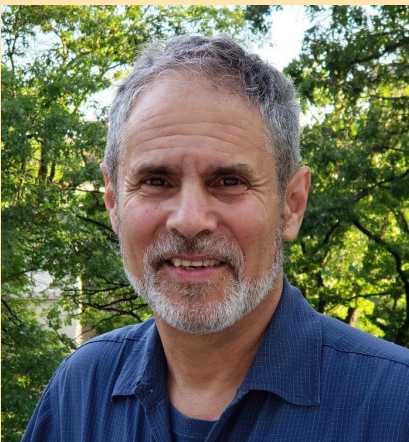
LUIGI MORELLI

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LIVING CLIMATE

COMPUTER MODELLING OR PLANETARY HARMONICS?
Challenging Prevailing Climate Change Narratives



'Morelli takes the reader on a hero's journey through the entrenched theories of climate change into the deeper, holistic causes of – and potential solutions to – this confounding, highly politicized reality.' — ROBERT KARP, social entrepreneur



1. What is the main thesis of the work in a few sentences?

To put it succinctly we have two worldviews facing each other. On one hand a closed system view of the Earth in which the law of conservation of energy rules all climatic correlations within our planet. The planet is seen as a closed system in relation to the solar system. This is the view that applies to climate computer models. In relation to this we can state emphatically that Steiner and most of Goetheanistic/phenomenological scientists see this law applicable to physical/non living systems alone. The second law of thermodynamics is denied the moment you enter the realm of the living.

Additionally, most of conventional science posits, in spite of ample proof to the contrary, that the solar input is a constant. In this realm both the best of modern scientific research, resting on the record of millennia (tree-rings, boreholes measuring sediments' thickness, ratio of oxygen or carbon isotopes) and the Goetheanistic approach meet in proving that

solar activity, solar irradiation and varying climatic effects have varied in cyclical fashion over centuries and millennia and continue to do so.

2. This is a very large topic Luigi, what background work did you do to undertake this project?

To be honest I found the topic of climate change daunting and had no desire to tackle it, nor the feeling that I could. To start with I felt equidistant from the predominant ideas of the link of climate change to CO₂ and the complete denial of any disruption of climate and global ecology. In essence the left-right dichotomy. But this left me with no real middle ground, nor with any means of approaching the topic. What came accidentally to my rescue was the work of Viktor Schaubergger, whom we could call a phenomenological student of Nature and admirer of Goethe. His work fascinated me as it does many within our circles, and I had in mind to study him since the 90s but kept postponing it. Approaching him is not easy because he speaks his own language, to convey realities of the etheric realm that he could perceive. I had to approach him through others, such as Callum Coates, Alick Bartholomew, Jane Cobbald,... in order to prepare the ground, then go directly to the source. Adding one element to the other a whole coherent picture emerges about how centuries of misunderstanding of Nature have wreaked havoc on rivers, forests and farmlands. The crisis only came to an acceleration in the last century, but it was there all along as Steiner challenges us to understand.

I felt satisfied with keeping the work circumscribed to Schaubergger who already saw changes in climate patterns in the 1930s, decades before conventional science. He pointed to the predominant role of water and the disruption of its cycle through the mismanagement of rivers, forests and farmland. He also showed the way out in what we could call remediation and production of etheric energy. In fact his ingenious inventions could and should find a place in the present.

A friend who knew what I was attempting to do invited me to look at the work of Gunther Pauli and the so-called "Blue Economy." This is a little detour in the book, but a short one and worth its while. It shows how much modern technology can move in the direction of what Schaubergger and the Goetheanists predicate: "Capiere and Copieren" (comprehend and copy Nature). Nature produces what human beings do at great pressures, temperatures and expenditure of energy in a completely opposite way: low temperatures, low pressure and small amounts of energy. With technology after technology it is now possible to do exactly that and drastically reduce energy consumption, not to mention pervasive, systemic waste at the basis. But the obvious question emerges as well: do we have the political will to do it?

Before bringing the book to an end I was challenged by my publisher to look at the work of Peter Taylor^{3/4} who wrote the book *Chill: A Reassessment of Global Warming Theory*. And something surprising came out of it. I saw how much the science that has evolved alongside the climate computer models has come to the conclusion, from a thorough multi-disciplinary effort, that climate is modeled from the interactions of the Earth with the planetary system and even beyond that. Science is starting to recognize the cosmos! The work of Peter Taylor mentioned a certain Theodor Landscheidt and I was puzzled by his distinct scientific approach.

3. Were anthroposophical ideas central to the thesis or were there also enough other sources to make your case?

Anthroposophical ideas certainly. To start with it was a Goethean approach to Earth ecology and Earth-solar system interactions. All of it fell within the realm of phenomenology. The work of Schaubergger proves itself because everything he sees as problem he can counter with solutions that work. I decided to add myself to those who have tried to 'translate' his work in terms of Goethean science and anthroposophy. In my mind it's only a beginning. On the other hand while I find the work of Landscheidt and other modern researchers looking at the Earth-solar system relationships equally fascinating, I don't feel qualified to 'translate' their findings in terms of anthroposophical understanding. I just offer the findings and the facts.

4. In terms of how people now come to understand the nature of climate change, what would you say is the most important insight with which to anchor ourselves amid the plethora of research being done?

If I have to abstract something from the whole I would say the work of Theodor Landscheidt and others who have followed after him. Localized climate predictions in terms of years and decades are much more accurate when one refers to so-called “harmonic cycles” between Earth, Sun and planets than to any of the existing climate computer models. Examples of it have to do with solar eruptions and geomagnetic storms, droughts, temperature minimums, El Niño cycles, precipitations, etc. Landscheidt came to surprisingly correct results contradicting prevailing predictions and accepted “common sense” solely on the basis of these correlations.

5. What was your most surprising discovery?

At the end of the work I found that I had looked at climate from the level of Earth and from the heights of the cosmos. There is a convergence between both sides in showing that we really are dealing with problems or drastic changes within the water cycle. And the largest question that emerged and that I can only approach tentatively and in fragmentary fashion is the wondrous mystery of the Sun that lies at the intersection of the two approaches, leading me to conclude that we obviously still know so little!

Thanks Luigi!

LUIGI'S 'The Living Planet' CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#).

Upcoming Event in Duncan, BC

ORGANIC THINKING WORKSHOP

Nov 15th–Nov 17th

This weekend workshop introduces a creative & embodied thinking path; away to engage with philosophical & sacred texts using a Goethean organic thinking process called **heart-thinking**

Friday 4pm - 8pm

- Introduction to Organic Thinking with Rudolf Steiner's text Philosophy of Freedom (Goethe/George O'Neil)

Saturday 10am - 6pm

- Practicing the Methods, a Goethean Process
- Working with First Appendix
- Forest Walk / Optional Cedar Sauna
- Working with the Second Appendix

Sunday 2pm-4pm (due to First Class)

- Review and further work on the Second Appendix

@ HAVENWOOD RETREAT
(address given upon registration)

Cindy Taylor

As retired Waldorf teacher and certified counsellor with over 20 years of experience studying anthroposophy, Cindy's experiences with organic thinking have demonstrated the profound, long-term effects of group text work and meditation on personal growth and understanding.

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forest,
thoughtful
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depth of content
inspire reflection
and meaningful
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Max 12
participants

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Appeal Letter from the Kildare Waldorf School in Ireland

23rd September 2024

To whom this may concern,

This is a letter of appeal for financial support to help us save Kildare Steiner School as we have entered receivership.

Back in 2006 at the height of the Celtic Tiger, to build the Primary School building, the school managed to secure a loan with a local Irish bank. All went well for some time, but by 2017, the school fell behind on the payments. The loan then was sold to a vulture fund.

In 2020, there was a huge effort to settle the loan and as the agreement was about to be signed, the school entered a financially challenging period (COVID included), and the loan took a back seat.

This year, the current owner of the loan sent the school into receivership. The school has been negotiating with their servicer for several months now.

On 3rd September, the school received the last offer. The servicer has agreed to settle the loan for €80,000 to be paid in full and final within 12 months, subject to final approval from the loan owner. Negotiations are still on-going for the final approval, funding structure and schedule of payment.

The Board of Management is delighted with the offer considering the outstanding loan amount is approximately €252,000 and is very grateful to both the servicer and loan owner for giving the school this opportunity to put this great burden behind (they have been really patient with the school during the past years).

The whole school community is now invested in raising this amount in all possible ways, a few of which are donations and/or private loans which this letter is an appeal for.

If you would like to donate to this cause, there is a Kildare Steiner School Donations bank account:

Account number: 38251331
Sort code: 90-11-40
IBAN: IE25 BOFI 9011 4038 2513 31
Bank Identifier Code: BOFIE2D

For any other questions or proposals, please contact the school on finance@kildaresteinerschool.ie

Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal. Your support means the world to us and the community we serve.

Sincerely,
Kildare Steiner School Board Management

Susan Koppersmith Reviews the Recent Literary Arts Conference in Toronto

A major conference for the Literary Arts and Humanities Section of North America took place last month in Toronto,



which included a visit from Christiane Haid, leader of the Section in Dornach. It was wonderful to meet her and to hear her words on truth, beauty and goodness with thoughts on Steiner's Last Address. Her lecture had been presented in San Francisco the week before and would be of interest to many people. If you would like to view it, please go to the website for the North American Section: theliteraryarts.com where her talk is posted. You will have to dig around a bit for it. Double click on the entry of September 16th: "The Dawn of the Beautiful"

In Toronto Philip Thatcher, novelist and author of several books of poetry, and Arie van Ameringen, author and director of a publishing house inspired by the humanistic values of anthroposophy, gave important talks on the spirit of French and English impulses in Canadian literature. Cliff Venho from SteinerBooks in NY spoke of the genius of the English language. Mary Stewart Adams, the General Secretary of the US Society, had travelled by train from Ann Arbor to speak of the impact of the stars, Dante and Bob Dylan on literature. Gayle Davis from Fair Oaks CA shared thoughts of the importance of the arts for one's development.

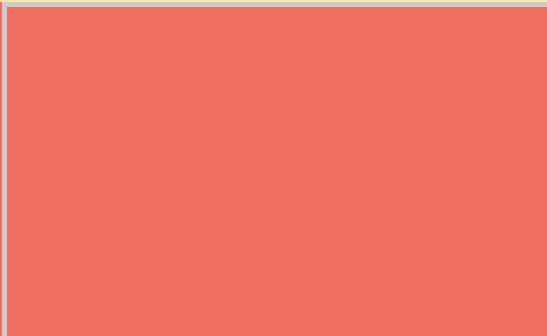
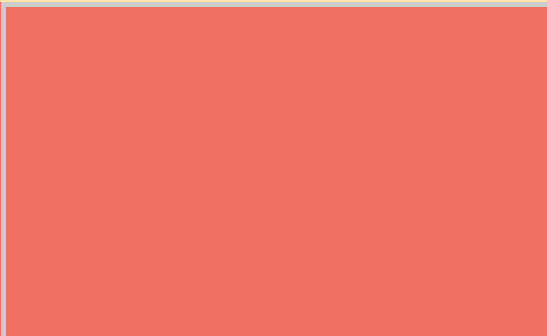
Thanks to eurythmist and master-teacher, Michael Chapitis, for leading us in key gestures of the Michael Imagination. We were also grateful for Emmanuel Vukovich's performance of Bartok's Violin Sonata, with poems appropriate to the mood read between the movements. An open-mic Poetry Celebration was held on Saturday night at which local poets/conference participants were invited and could add their voices to the weekend event.

On Sunday afternoon towards the close of the conference, Glen Williamson and Laurie Portocarrero started a dramatic reading of "Fire in the Temple" in the large auditorium of the Waldorf School. Then came a heart-stopping moment when Glen fell off a riser onto the stage and then onto the floor. Three levels! Though his shoulder was very sore, he miraculously did not land anywhere on his head! Some medical personnel checked him out and it was determined, to a grateful audience, that he could finish his performance, albeit in a smaller room.

A HUGE thank you to Robert McKay and his crew of able volunteers who were "boots on the ground" for the conference. Without Rob and his team's organizational skills, the event could not have been the splendid success that it was!

Already, a follow-up conference is being planned for May 2025 in a location yet to be determined. Because this past event had rave reviews from participants, should the leadership plan the 2025 conference with a similar format to what we had in Toronto? Or should we plan for something entirely new and different? Stay tuned!

Fall Event Reminders





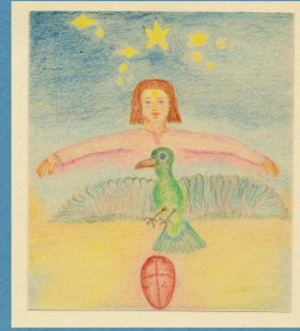
Sunday December 8th
1pm PST, 3pm Central, 4pm EST
and 5pm Atlantic

**THE
ANTHROPOSOPHICAL
PATH**
An Experiential
Introduction

A 90-minute workshop with
Robert McKay
An experiential introduction to a
number of meditations as practiced
through Spiritual Science.

Zoom Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/95603357769>

Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the
Soul and Karl König's Drawings



Drawing by Karl König for week 32 of Rudolf Steiner's Calendar of the Soul

An Inner Journey Through the Year

November 1 - 3, 2024
Hesperus Village, Thornhill, Ontario

Use the link below to find
the full program details,
online registration form,
etc.

This event is being
organized by the local
Polaris Branch in
Thornhill, Ontario.

**[Link to Online Program
and Registration Form](#)**

**New Study Group Starting in Downtown Toronto
on "The Portal of Initiation"**



Anthroposophy in Toronto presents:

A PORTAL OF INITIATION STUDY GROUP

live study group on Rudolf Steiner's
first mystery drama held at Bay and Bloor
led by Lois Macaulay and Grant Davis

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Sundays
beginning November 3 for alternate Sundays
with holiday considerations until completed.

Sign up for this in-depth group work at
info@anthrointo.ca or lois@bellnet.ca

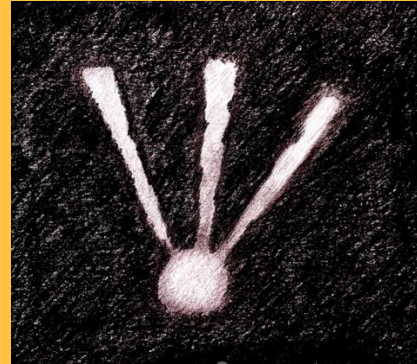
For additional information and location call
Lois at 416 921 1043

SAVE THE DATE - AUG 14-17 2025

Deepening the Work of the School for Spiritual Science in North America

Space, Time, and the Human Heart
August 14-17, 2025

Threefold Education Foundation, Chestnut Ridge, NY



This August gathering will be for members and friends of the School for Spiritual Science to explore in depth how the path of transformation and insight as laid out in the 19 lessons can flow more freely into the Society, society at large, and the various vocational fields. The gathering will continue to cultivate the intention to deepen and re-enliven the work of the School for Spiritual Science in North America that emerged through several convenings over the last two years.

These convenings have been designed to support spiritual activity through a social field of engagement, reflection, and research. At the core of this co-creation is the notion that individual destiny, in relation to an anthroposophical path and through the practical work, is best cultivated in community. Further, that for anthroposophy to be of service to the world, the social conditions for trust need to reflect the conditions of trust required to cross the threshold from the world of matter to spiritual world and back.

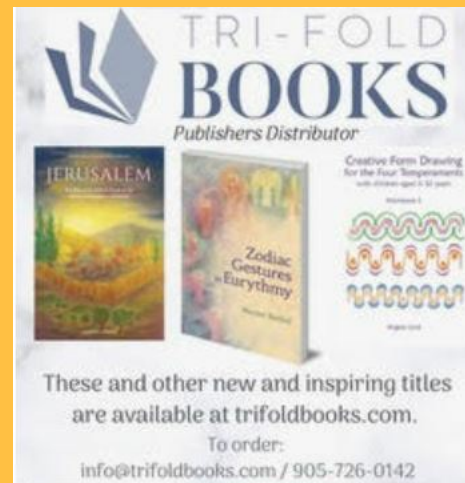
The following passage gives a sense of what is being striven for in this gathering:

Does Anthroposophy have a future? This question seems to have been very much alive for Rudolf Steiner in the weeks leading up to the Christmas Foundation Meeting. Was it this question that inspired his decision to inaugurate the esoteric work of the School for Spiritual Science? He knew that it was only through an esoteric deepening that new life could flow into the spiritual work and allow anthroposophical practice to bear fruit in the world. Can we, in our work together, birth impulses capable of bringing new vitality to the School for Spiritual Science in North America? What are the inner and outer gestures of a truly modern esoteric path?

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE IN EARLY 2025 at [Threefold.org](https://www.threefold.org)



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