

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA

WINTER CALENDAR 2008



ADVENT STUDIES

Sunday mornings Nov. 30-Dec. 21 from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Luncheon to follow.

In order to deepen their Twelve Night study experience, some Society members in Los Angeles have studied together for the last 40 years or so during Advent. This year they have agreed to open their study to the membership at large. Therefore, during the four Sundays of Advent you are invited to attend preparatory readings in these members' homes. The lectures of 1909 entitled *The Deeper Secrets of Human History in the Light of the Gospel of St. Matthew* lead directly into the Holy Night readings.

Each reading and discussion will be followed by a pot-luck luncheon. It is very important that you call the hosts ahead of time to let them know you will come and what you plan to bring to share during the meal. Please don't forget to do this, as homes are not as big as the Rudolf Steiner Center and we are grateful for the opportunity to meet in these members' homes.

- Nov. 30 with Philip Mees & Linda Connell (818) 546-1440
- Dec. 7 with Robert and Bari Borsky (818) 989-5581
- Dec. 14 with Judy Haney (818) 782-2041
- Dec. 21 with Sam and Heidi Moore (626) 844-7950



FIRST CLASS

Dec. 7, Sun., 5:00 p.m.

Recapitulation Lesson 4. Class members only.

HOLY NIGHT STUDIES

7:30-9:00 p.m. Dec. 26 through Jan. 6 (except Dec. 31)

Reading through the Holy Nights is a powerful way to come into the new year. We can live in the earnestness which deepens our work at this special time of year. If you plan to participate we ask that you attend these evenings as faithfully as possible. Rudolf Steiner's 1910 lecture series on *The Gospel of St. Matthew* builds through all twelve nights. Skipping lectures dilutes them not only for those who miss them but for the whole group.

We will read and discuss one lecture each night in our beautifully decorated Rudolf Steiner Center. Because it is not possible to meet there Dec. 31st due to activities in Pasadena the following morning, we will not meet on New Year's Eve. Therefore, please pre-read lecture one so that we can begin Dec. 26th with a synopsis of the first lecture and the entire second lecture.

If you have not participated in studying with the Los Angeles Branch through the Holy Nights before, may this be your first year. The work of these twelve nights will resonate through all twelve months of 2009.

"Because the plant consciousness and the Earth consciousness interpenetrate at the time of New Year's Eve, the plant world comes to know the secrets of the stars, and enables them to take effect. The plants are thus able to unfold again in spring in conformity with the secrets of the Cosmos, and can bring forth blossoms and fruit. The whole mystery of the Cosmos is contained in the process whereby the plants bring forth leaves and blossoms and fruits...And this indeed is the secret of existence--that cycles interpenetrate. Then they separate, develop further in separation and again interpenetrate...they pass through the year in separation, uniting once again when The New Year dawns."

The Year as a Symbol of The Great Cosmic Year, by Rudolf Steiner

Orange County Holy Night Readings

The Gospel of St. Matthew 12 lectures given by Rudolf Steiner

Members, parents, and friends are all most welcome and warmly invited to join with Orange County study groups again this year in joyous celebration of the twelve Holy Nights, December 26-January 6.

This 25th year celebrating the “holy nights” in Orange County, we will be reading the wonderful Matthew cycle which explains so much cosmic mystery of the background of the Jesus children and the mystery of the ‘kingdom’ of the Son of Man-- how we can realize that kingdom and in doing so find our own ‘heaven-born identity’. Please call for additional information and possible changes in schedule of homes. For copies or edition of the book, please call Eloise Krivosheia (714) 990-2043.

12 nights Schedule of Homes—Please let the host know if you can come.

Fri	Dec 26	7:15	Douglas Garrett	Orange	714-746-5033
Sat	Dec 27	4:00	Stephanie Georgieff	Santa Ana	714-910-4295 714-541-4034
Sun	Dec 28	4:00	Thomas & Angie Meier	Laguna Hills	949-951-7558
Mon	Dec 29	7:15	Wanda Taylor	Irvine	949-387-0157
Tues	Dec 30	7:15	Holly Derheim	Huntington Beach	714-593-0074
Wed	Dec 31	8:00	JoAnne McAllister	Placentia	714-528-5102
Thu	Jan 1	7:15	Carol Jacobson	Rancho Santa Margarita	949-766-1269
Fri	Jan 2	7:15	Thomas Pangrazio	Costa Mesa	714-713-5779
Sat	Jan 3	4:00	Helena Gorka Sprake	Costa Mesa	949-548-4059
Sun	Jan 4	4:00	Paul and Nancy Mitchell	Huntington Beach	714-965-8876
Mon	Jan 5	7:15	Lauren Schowe	Costa Mesa	949-722-9030
Tues	Jan 6	7:15	Andrew Mohr	Newport Beach	949-278-1079

FIRST CLASS

Jan 4, Sun., 5:00 pm

Recapitulation Lesson 5. Class members only

FIRST CLASS

Feb. 1, Sun., 5:00

Recapitulation lesson 6. Class members only



STUDY FOR THE SPIRITUAL MISSION OF AMERICA

Jan. 17, Saturday

1:00- 2:15, study session in the Rudolf Steiner Community Center
2:45-4:00, informal contemplation of American art at the Huntington Library and Gardens, San Marino.

To help us prepare inwardly for the inauguration of the new President of the United States and for Nancy Poer's visit to our Branch, members of the Art Section, Eurythmy, Speech, Drama, and Music Section, and Literary Arts and Humanities Section offer a study session, centering on Rudolf Steiner's "America verse" in connection with brief literary works by American authors, followed by a visit to the Huntington's collection of American art. All members and friends are warmly invited to attend either or both parts of this event. Free.

For further information, contact Jane Hipolito,
janehipolito@earthlink.net.

THE SPIRITUAL MISSION OF AMERICA

Jan. 23, Fri., 8:00 p.m.

Jan. 24, Sat., 9:30-4:00

From America's beginning, dominating, exploitive dark powers have been at work, along with the brilliant light of courageous striving for freedom and humanity's highest ideals in government. As destiny hangs in the balance, can her citizens awaken to America's deeper spiritual mission and responsibility? Can their innate, creative, initiative-filled good will transcend the powerful forces of egotism and destructive materialism? We're all in it together, for better or worse, America impacts the whole world.

A slide show on Saturday will trace the historic and spiritual threads of the Cain stream, Templars, Masons, and Rosicrucians that have played into the drama of America's unfolding destiny.

Nancy Jewel Poer has worked closely with Rev. Carl Stegmann, author of *The Other America*. They are both co-founders of Rudolf Steiner College where she has taught a course in this subject for thirty years. Nancy also lectures nation wide, helping families and communities with parenting and death and dying.

Suggested donation:

Workshop: \$30 Fri. only: \$15 Sat. only: \$25

NEW FORMAT MEMBERS' MEETING

Feb. 8, Sun., 4-6 with potluck to follow

The new format will be yours to decide, but bring yourself to a trial-version on Sunday afternoon. We will **begin with words of someone who personally knew and worked with Rudolf Steiner**--in this case Margarita Voloschina, who painted part of the small cupola in the first Goetheanum. Her picture of the interior of the earth leads us to our year-theme of "practices leading to the culture of the heart", a theme which Frank Chester will take up in depth at the end of this month. As preparation for the meeting you are encouraged to read "The Human Heart", Dr. Steiner's lecture of 26 May 1922*. We will **read the lecture** in our meeting. During the final third of the meeting we will do some form of **"hands on" work with the theme** of the formation of the etheric heart and the astral heart and their relation to world evolution. Even brief explorations into Dr. Steiner's advice and encouragement to those around him can send us into community time with much to talk about. We suggest bringing cold food for the pot-luck so that we will want to study before we eat.

*available as a booklet, and in *The Human Soul in Relation to World Evolution*, and online at rsarchive.org.

SACRED GEOMETRY OF THE HUMAN HEART

Exploring the Relationship Between Form and Spirit of the Heart

Feb. 27, Fri., 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Feb. 28, Sat., 9:30-12:30

You are warmly invited to join a special event with **Frank Chester**, who discovered the geometric form of the human heart. Frank is an artist, sculptor and geometrician who lives in San Francisco. He will address challenging questions:

--Does sacred geometry have anything to do with the human heart?

--Can we learn anything about our heart structure that can be used in everyday life?

--If the heart is not a pump, then what is it?

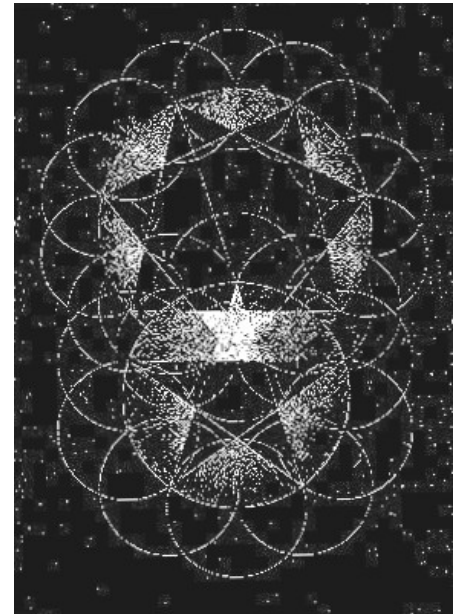
--What is the purpose of the heart other than moving the blood?

--Will the heart change in the future?

--Do the heart and a hurricane have anything in common?

--Can the heart change our thinking?

--What does the geometry of the drawing below have to do with the human heart?



For the workshop, please bring a compass, ruler and pencil if you have them.

Suggested donation:

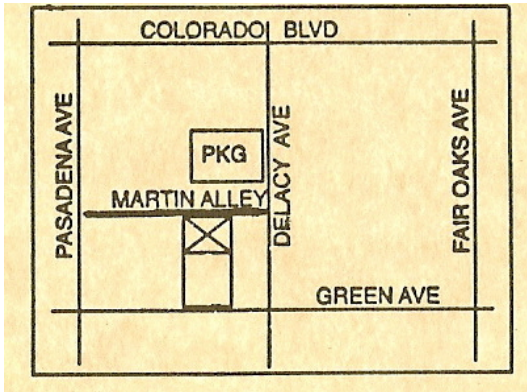
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NEW INITIATIVE

Henry David Keesing and Dottie Zold will be hosting a *Rudolf Steiner and the Founding of the New Mysteries* Study Group for those interested in looking to understand further these New Mysteries and their meaning to our ongoing path of development, as students of Rudolf Steiner. For more information please contact:

Henry (818) 769-9637 or

Dottie (323) 251-4450 or dottie@anthroposophia.org.



RUDOLF STEINER LIBRARY AND BOOKSTORE

All lectures and books of Rudolf Steiner which have been translated into English are in stock in our bookstore, together with works of many other anthroposophical authors.

Do come browse

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For study groups and further information about the activities, library and bookstore of the Los Angeles Branch please visit our website at www.anthroposophy-social.com or call Jane Hipolito, Branch Chair, at 714-993-6498.



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