

Events @ Rudolf Steiner House

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“In thinking, we have that element given us which welds our separate individuality into one whole with the cosmos.”

Rudolf Steiner – The philosophy of Freedom – CW4

Rudolf Steiner House

307 Sussex Street

Sydney

Tuesday lectures

7pm | Suggested donation: \$8/\$6 conc. (Sydney Branch financial members free)

3rd May: Chris Miliotis – **Making the spiritual path practical.** A discussion with a look at the meditation given to biodynamic farmers. Find the spirit and matter and matter as a manifestation of the spirit. Using spiritual science to interpret who the human being is a microcosmic reflection of the microcosm with practical examples.

10th May: John Pater – **What could the Christ Impulse Mean for Individuals in these Current Times?** Rudolf Steiner continually spoke about the necessity of taking up the Christ impulse for humanity's progressive evolution but he never gave a clear picture as to what it is and in one place, he said that in order to understand the Christ Impulse one needs to be clairvoyant. So there appears to be no easy answers and this talk will be an exploration of possibilities in trying to relate it to our times. I will also explore why it was difficult for Rudolf Steiner to give a clear explanation.

17th May: Behind the lines – **Behind the lines; a panel discussion, to contemplate and share a recent news item that has been topical in the last few weeks.** A panel will look at some specific questions regarding this news item, providing various points of view, after which the whole group can share insights and questions.

24th May: Karla Cryer – **It is the economy stupid!** In this lecture I will weave together a number of threads - what is currently happening in our Economy and why? The World Economic Forum already active agenda for the Central Bank; Digital Currency; Steiner's World Economy Lectures; The 3fold Social Order; Personal bonding to money and physical survival, and finally Solution Focus; what do we do now?

31st May: Karla Cryer – **Psychological Operations Spiritual Operations and Freedom.** The hijacking of consciousness soul through managed disruption and the simultaneous opportunity of spiritual development.

7th June: Behind the lines – **Behind the lines; a panel discussion, to contemplate and share a recent news item that has been topical in the last few weeks.** A panel will look at some specific questions regarding this news item, providing various points of view, after which the whole group can share insights and questions.

14th June: David Wansbrough – **Humans as an unfinished work of art?** We can express ourselves or, as artists, can deny self-expression to attempt a tentative glimpse of the unknown universal...some humans find essential the insecurity and vulnerability of art.

21st June: Jolyon Bromley – **Insights from the Parzival Story.** The Parzival Story is a wonderful story of the archetypal stages and experiences of the individual's life journey and gives insights into the broader, collective development of humankind towards the consciousness soul.

28th June: Guest lecturer – **The human journey continues**

Deadline for Summer newsletter 5th July 2022

St John's Group Library

Our librarian is in attendance every Monday from 10:30am until 4pm. You can find the full catalogue in: <http://stjohnsanthroposophicallibrary.blogspot.com.au/>

Rudolf Steiner Book Centre

<http://www.rudolfsteinerbookcentre.com.au>

02 9264 5169or info@rudolfsteinerbookcentre.com.au

Mon-Wed: 11am – 3pm

Tue-Thu: 11am – 7pm

Sat: 10am – 2pm

Workshops

Course on spiritual scientific research Every first Saturday of the month – with Martin Neeme-Samson, from 2pm to 5pm.

The Human journey. Saturday 25th June – A full day event of lectures, artistic workshops, poetry afternoon and much more, from 10am to 6pm.

Study Groups

Knowledge of the Higher Worlds: Every 2nd Monday of the month at Rudolf Steiner House from 7pm. Using the book Knowledge of the Higher Worlds. For enquiries email Brigitta Gallaher (brigitta@gallaher.com.au) or Katherine (fairbrooks@yahoo.com.au)

Self-Development & Meditation: Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at Rudolf Steiner House from 5:30pm. Using the book Occult Science. For enquiries phone John Pater (02) 9659 1009.

Members' study group. Meets weekly every Thursday during school term at 7pm. For information, Contact Norma Blackwood on (02) 9417 6046 or 0411 616 656

Library – by Annet van Kesteren

If you would be interested in helping out in the library at Rudolf Steiner House, there is not much work involved, please contact Annet to discuss.

Panel – by Annet van Kesteren

Every term we have two panel discussions, where we discuss contemporary subjects from different points of view and shed an anthroposophical light on them. This does not mean that during a panel, the 'perfect anthroposophical point of view' is spoken. What we do get is a group of people who explore the theme with anthroposophy in mind, all in their own way. The audience always gets to participate in the last part and this has so far led to really interesting discussions. Some of the subjects that we have so far discussed are "political involvement", "the situation in Myanmar", "gender equality", "the war in Ukraine" and much more. Here is some feedback from some of our panel members:

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John Pater: 'I've found that the Tuesday night panel discussions are satisfying as they focus on current known issues which are happening in the world and so being on a panel is not at all an onerous task in preparing the content as the task is spread out amongst at least two other individuals and together with interactive audience participation makes the evenings an enjoyable experience as well as being informative. However, having someone to chair and direct the proceedings is essential in keeping the enthusiastic responses in check.'

Anne-Marie Chazeau: 'When I was first asked to contribute to a Tuesday evening, I asked myself: How can I represent anthroposophy at all? Is it my place to do so? Once I understood however that this exercise had more to do with a contribution of 'a' point of view, informed by anthroposophy, I took on the challenge. Now, that I've presented some of ideas on the topic of Ukraine and Russia, I can definitely say the exercise was well worth it. Why? It helped me gather my thoughts around one single topic, it allowed me to reflect and ponder on my thinking processes. Although presenting in front of a small gathering was not easy and probably somewhat out of my comfort zone, I can highly recommend the process to anyone. My presentation was not as perfect as I wished it could have been, but as always, starting is what matters, showing up, and doing it. Who else would like to have a go?'

Martin Neeme-Samson: 'Being on a behind the scenes panel is an opportunity to listen to the world and each other in a new way. A world event or theme is chosen shortly before the evening to ensure that it is current. Time is spent listening to the various channels of information that one engages with, but the questions to address only appear on the evening. Each of three people give a response. this is where it gets interesting. As each person engages with the questions and themes one has to listen even more deeply and check what one has to say with the emerging picture. A rich tapestry of insights and anthroposophical dialogue emerges. Then a wider discussion with the dialogue opened to everyone in the room. I find these evenings a real pondering of the world and what we can glean together if we listen, engage and adjust our assessments through the group's wisdom. It is an active compassionate listening.'

Verse for the term – by Annet van Kesteren

We are hoping to have each term centered around a verse by Rudolf Steiner to give us something like a red thread between the various contributions. Some lecturers will want to work very directly with this theme, others do not. Is there still something that ties them together when holding on to this verse during the lecture?

Binding oneself to matter
Means grinding the soul

Finding oneself in spirit
Means connecting human beings

Finding oneself in human beings
Means building worlds

This is the verse that we'll use during the second term, printed in the book, "Wahrspruchworte; Truth-Wrought-Words."