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Stephan A Hoeller
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CG Jung's Prophetic Insights: Revisiting the Spirit of *The Red Book*

January 19 – 21

Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm

Sunday 10 – noon

HP Blavatsky wrote that psychologists in the coming centuries would have to deal with great changes in the souls of future populations. Certainly, one such psychologist was CG Jung, who in his posthumous *The Red Book* expressed his vision of the coming age. Dr Hoeller, who has spoken of *The Red Book* in Krotona, will evaluate intimations of psycho-spiritual changes to come. (As often, a prophet is not primarily a forecaster of the future but a voice reminding us of transcendental realities of past, present and future.)

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Dr Stephan A Hoeller, has lectured for the Theosophical Society for over 50 years in the USA, Europe, Australia and New Zealand. He authored two books on CG Jung: *The Gnostic Jung and the Seven Sermons to the Dead* and *Jung and the Lost Gospels*. He is retired as associate professor of Religious Studies at the University of Oriental Studies and is a bishop in the Gnostic Church. He has recently been invited to contribute to *Jung's Red Book for Our Time*, to be published by Chiron Publications this year.

Regeneration: Human and Global

January 26 – February 2

Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm

Sunday – Friday, 10 – noon

Likely afternoon sessions Monday and Wednesday.

Theosophical teachings provide a deep and fascinating worldview that can bring a different understanding of life. However, these teachings are meant to be more than a philosophy. According to one of Blavatsky's teachers, the Theosophical teachings were given "for their practical bearing on the interests of mankind." In this intensive seminar, the mentors of the Partners in Theosophy Program will explore the nature of the change needed today, both in its psychological and spiritual dimensions, the role of the Theosophical Society as a vehicle of transformation, and practices that can bring about a regeneration not only in the individual, but also in the totality of human consciousness.

- Registration for this program is open only to Theosophical Society members.
- The workshop is offered as a full series only, no single sessions.
- Pre-registration is required.
- Donations are welcome.

Pablo Sender, PhD, joined the Theosophical Society (TS) in 1996 in Argentina, where he obtained a doctorate in biological sciences. He lived and worked at the TS international headquarters in Adyar, Chennai, India, and later at the national center of the TS in America in Wheaton, IL. Pablo presents lectures, seminars and classes internationally as well as on-line courses. www.pablosender.com.





Nelda Samarel
Four Mornings

1803

Demystifying Dying, Death, and After

February 6 – 9

Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

Removing the mystery of dying, death, and after, one may learn to live more fully and also to more effectively comfort and support loved ones experiencing the dying process. Because our attitudes about death and after-life affect how we respond to our own and others' dying, we first will explore the meaning of dying for ourselves. The workshop also will include: responses to dying and meeting changing needs throughout the process: physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual; and what happens after death, or, where do we go from here? This workshop is intended for anyone who will someday die, and for all who will ever experience the death of a loved one.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Nelda Samarel, EdD, RN, is a retired nursing professor with many years of hospice and healing experience. She presents internationally and has numerous publications, including *Caring for Life and Death*, and *Helping the Dying: A Guide for Families and Friends Assisting Those in Transition*. A long-time student of the Ageless Wisdom, Dr Samarel has been director of the Krotona School of Theosophy, a director of the Theosophical Society in America, and on the executive board of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation.

Finding Peace Amid the Challenges of Life

February 13 – 16
Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

When life is throwing us curve balls, how do we cope? When someone we know is suffering, how do we deal with it? How can we manage through difficult relationships, loss, health and disease, fear, and loneliness? What is the root cause of the conflicts? Can we use the wisdom left to us by the teachers of humanity to put these problems into perspective, make sense of things, meet life's challenges, help those in need? In these sessions, we will explore these issues and techniques that may help us find peace.

Please pre-register. Attendance limited.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Elena Dovalsantos, PhD, MBA, has a doctorate in chemistry and a masters degree in management. She taught at the university level and spent most of her career engaged in scientific research. A third generation theosophist, she is a devoted student of the Ageless Wisdom, served as past president of the Beacon Theosophical group in San Diego and co-facilitates theosophical study groups in Krotona as well as on the web.



The Nature of Religious Truth: A Mythological and Depth Psychological Perspective

February 16 – 18

Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm

Sunday 10 – noon

This program explores the nature of religious experience and religious truth from a mythological and depth psychological perspective, with the goal of applying this understanding to one's own spiritual life. The program first explores the commonalities of personal "religious" experience across world religions and in secular spiritual practices, its psychological aspects in relation to the Self, and how such experience is manifested in world myths and in organized religious doctrine. The class then turns to the Judeo-Christian religious tradition, tracing the evolution of the God-image in the Old Testament and in Christianity, ultimately focusing on how the mediating figure of Christ and the spiritual/psychic realities of the Incarnation, the Divine Child, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection can be applied in our own spiritual development, regardless of whether one is a Christian. The format is lecture, discussion, and experiential, with visuals.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Arthur George is a cultural historian, mythologist, and author. He is a frequent speaker at scholarly conferences and other events on mythological, religious, and related topics. He is the author (with his wife Elena) of two award-winning books, the latest of which is *The Mythology of Eden* (2014), and is currently writing a book about the mythology underlying our seasonal holidays and how we may use this knowledge to observe them in a more spiritually relevant manner. He has a mythology blog at www.mythologymatters.wordpress.com and a website with Elena at www.mythologymatters.com.

Karma: Past, Present, Future; Good, Bad, Mysterious

February 20 – 23

Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

This class will be about Karma, the educative consequences of our thoughts, words, and deeds. We will look at some Theosophical texts on the subject. Students will then be invited to share personal or other accounts suggestive of karma, and together we will try to come to a deeper understanding of this key to the meaning of our lives.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Robert Ellwood, PhD, is emeritus professor of religion at the University of Southern California. He has served as vice president of the Theosophical Society in America, as director of the School of the Wisdom at the TS headquarters in Chennai, India, and has presented internationally for the Society. Dr Ellwood has published widely both professionally and in theosophical journals and authored books on comparative religion and theosophy.



The Mysticism of Sound and Music

March 16 – 18

Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm

Sunday 10 – noon

From the earliest indigenous people's ceremonies, to today's "connected and interdependent" world; from a native sweat lodge, to the churches and temples of every world religion; sound and music have provided a gateway to the sacred; to a space where the ordinary becomes extra-ordinary. There is a universal tone underlying all existence. Every tradition attempts to point the way using words such as "the soundless sound", "the voice of the silence" and "the sound of one hand clapping". When we are able to quiet the mind and the distractions of our everyday life, we hear its whisper. After grounding ourselves in the most current physical and metaphysical research, we will explore through direct experience how sound and music could become a gateway to personal and planetary healing and transformation. The overarching theme of all of our work together is grounded in the unifying and transformative power of deep listening.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

John Willard, MS Management, stumbled upon the esoteric teachings of Taoism, Chan Buddhism, Zen, Sufism, and GI Gurdjieff in his late teens. Until age 29 he studied intensively and simultaneously with several mentors: a student of Frank Lloyd Wright, a student of GI Gurdjieff and early American Zen practitioner, and a master builder-contractor. For the next 30 years, John strived to help his design-build clients create a sense of place, a sense of space, and a sense of connection in their personal living spaces and lives. With an attitude of wonder and gratitude John seeks to engage and exchange with other like-minded seekers in exploring the transformational mysteries of sound, music and deep listening.

The *Bhagavad Gita*: A Guide to Navigating the Battle of Life

March 20 – 23, 27 – 30, April 3 – 5

Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

Final week Tuesday – Thursday 10 – noon

The *Bhagavad Gita* is the single most important text to originate in India. In this text Krishna, an incarnation of the Highest Divinity, teaches his beloved disciple Arjuna that no action can be right according to the demands of *dharma* unless the person is transformed into the right actor by the discipline of *yoga*. Further, the accomplishment of *yoga* needs intervention from the forces and energies subtler than our usual selves, requiring sacrifice (*yajña*) of our attachment to what we ordinarily are. Thus, the *Bhagavad Gita*, a part of the Dharma literature, becomes a classic of Yoga as Krishna teaches a variety of disciplines all under the general umbrella of *buddhi yoga*, the yoga of awareness and integrated intelligence, assisting a searcher to be simultaneously engaged skillfully in the battle of life like Arjuna while remaining above the battle like Krishna. The course will be based largely on the latest book by Ravindra with the same title as the course.

Series \$138, Single session \$15

Ravi Ravindra, PhD, is professor emeritus at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, where he taught in the departments of physics, philosophy and comparative religion. He has authored many papers in physics, philosophy and religion and several books, including *Pilgrim Soul; the Gospel of John in the Light of Indian Mysticism; The Wisdom of Patanjali's Yoga Sutras; and The Bhagavad Gita: A Guide to Navigating the Battle of Life*.



To Celebrate the Christ Within

March 30 – 31

Friday 7:30 – 9 pm, Saturday 10 – noon, 2 – 4 pm

Although for the purpose of transmission of culture from one generation to another, subtle internal realities need to be externalized, all serious spiritual searchers have proceeded in the reverse direction from the outside inward. Great Christian mystics – for example, the great initiate St Paul, Meister Eckhart and Angelus Silesius – have searched for the spirit and consciousness of Christ within themselves. We will explore a few remarks of these luminaries in our celebration of the Christ within and also try some exercises for an inward attention.

Three sessions \$45, Single Session \$15

Priscilla Murray has a BSc in mathematics, MA in philosophy and a PhD in education. Now retired, she has taught at all levels of education from primary school to the post-graduate level. She was the associate editor of the eight-volume series *The Inner Journey: Views from the Great Traditions*.

Ravi Ravindra, see page 9 for biographical information.



Vegan Living: Creating a Culture of Peace

April 10 – 13

Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

The essence of spiritual practice is awakening to our original wisdom, beyond the confining ideas of cultural conditioning. Dr Tuttle's book, *The World Peace Diet*, translated into 16 languages, has been called one of the most important books of the 21st century – the foundation of a new society based on the truth of the unity of all life. It makes explicit the invisible connections between our meals and our broad range of problems – psychological, social, and spiritual, as well as health and environmental. This course offers tools to understand and practice vegan living as a spiritually, culturally, and physically transforming path of awakening.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Will Tuttle, PhD, lectures, guides workshops, and performs widely internationally. His doctorate degree explored educating intuition and altruism, and he has taught college courses in creativity, comparative religion, and philosophy. A recipient of the prestigious Courage of Conscience Award, Will is a former Zen monk and Dharma Master in the Zen tradition. An acclaimed pianist and composer, his presentations often include his music as well as evocative animal paintings by his spouse, Madeleine, a visionary artist from Switzerland.

Series \$50, Single session \$15





Cynthia Overweg
Four Mornings

1811

Krishnamurti on Beauty, Nature and the Earth

April 17 – 20
Tuesday – Friday 10 – noon

*“When you lose touch with nature,
you lose touch with humanity.”*

Jiddu Krishnamurti

In his journals, Krishnamurti wrote with great sensitivity about the beauty and wonders of nature, poetically describing his timeless encounters with the aliveness of the earth – a mountain bathed in luminous light; a grove of trees imbued with the “immensity” of silence; a lone lizard warming itself on a rock. His walks in nature often filled him with awe. But he also observed what he called a lack of “tenderness” in the way most humans respond to nature, and suggested that without an authentic relationship to the natural world, humanity will remain divided, violent and unable to be at peace with itself. “If we could establish a deep, long, abiding relationship with nature...we would never slaughter another human being,” he wrote. This program will explore Krishnamurti’s profound kinship with nature, and what we can learn from his insights.

Series \$50, Single session \$15

Cynthia is an educator, writer, filmmaker and spiritual storyteller. Her work focuses on the interconnectedness of life and our shared aspirations to live in harmony and peace. She has won awards from the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Film Institute. For more information visit: www.cynthiaoverweg.com

April 22, Earth Day

“The Earth does not belong to
man; Man belongs
to the Earth. This we know.

All things are connected like
the blood which unites
one family.

Whatever befalls the Earth
befalls the sons of the Earth.

Man did not weave the web of
life, he is merely a strand in it.
Whatever he does to the web,
he does to himself.”

*Chief Seattle,
Duwamish Tribe*

Eneida Carbonell, Rodolfo Garbalosa, Alberto Vidaurri
Seminario de fin de Semana, en Español

Un Panorama del Reino Angélico y los Espíritus de la Naturaleza

Abril 27 – 29

Viernes 7:30 – 9 pm, Sábado 10 – 12 y de 2 – 4 pm

Domingo 10 – 12

Consideraremos las particularidades y funciones de las varias categorías de Ángeles y de los Espíritus de la Naturaleza quienes vivifican, informan y cooperan con la humanidad en su vía ascendente de la evolución física, psíquico-mental y espiritual de esta. Utilizaremos material de estudio de Geoffrey Hodson, C.W. Leadbeater, H.P. Blavatsky, Dora Kunz y otros así como videos sobre el tema.

Serie completa \$50, una sola sesión \$15

Eneida Elena Carbonell es graduada de UCLA con Licenciatura en Matemáticas Aplicadas y es maestra de Matemáticas para Adultos en Los Ángeles. Ha trabajado en la Biblioteca de Adyar, India y en el Instituto Teosófico de Krotona. Ha dado diversos seminarios en inglés y español, en Krotona y para la Federación Teosófica Interamericana.

Rodolfo Garbalosa se hizo miembro de la Sociedad Teosófica en Cuba en el año 1956 y continua siendo un miembro activo de la ST en América. Es el actual Vice-Presidente de la Logia España en Los Angeles y conduce un ciclo de estudios sobre “La Vida Interna” basado en escritos de CW Leadbeater.

Alberto Vidaurri, tiene un BA en Comunicaciones, cinematografía, y artes y ha sido miembro de la Sociedad Teosófica en México desde joven. Él tiene experiencia como escritor creativo, traductor, productor y director de teatro, película, TV y publicidad. Alberto es ahora miembro de la Logia España de la Sociedad Teosófica en Los Angeles, donde el coordina el Departamento de Comunicaciones.

Carmelo de los Santos & Amy Lin

April 28, 7 – 8 pm

Krotona Hall

The path of a musician is full of the “matter versus spirit” paradox: attention to technical detail might kill the freshness of self-expression, while only focus on self-expression might produce a work of art that is a poor representation of the subtle inner realities. In the case of the performing arts that paradox is amplified by the act of producing art live, in a given moment, with all the physical and psychological challenges that it involves. The duo Lin/de los Santos will present a violin and piano recital with a wide range of music styles: Bartok Romanian Folk Dances, Gershwin Three Preludes, Faure Elegie, Rachmaninoff Vocalise, and the great “Kreutzer” Sonata by Beethoven, a masterpiece of the Classical/Romantic era.

Suggested donation \$12. Students free

Pianist Amy Lin was born in Taiwan, and immigrated to the United States with her family as a youngster. She spent ten years working intensively with acclaimed pianist Leon Fleisher, receiving a Master’s degree and Artist Diploma at the Peabody University in Baltimore. As a direct descendant from the “Beethoven school” (through Czerny, Leschetizky, Schnabel and Fleisher), Amy Lin takes special interests in the music of Mozart, Schubert, and Beethoven. Amy Lin is a professor at the Conservatory of Strasbourg in France.

Carmelo de los Santos, DMA, associate professor of violin at the University of New Mexico, is one of the most respected and sought-after Brazilian violinists of his generation. He has performed as soloist with major orchestras in South America, as well as at Carnegie Hall with the ARCO Chamber Orchestra, both as soloist and conductor. His passion for teaching has brought him to master classes and important music festivals around the world. A third-generation Theosophist, he has performed for the Society internationally.



About Krotona School of Theosophy

Since 1967, the Krotona School has helped students deepen their understanding of the Ageless Wisdom. The School emphasizes education for spiritual renewal so students may orient themselves to eternal truths in a changing world.

As an integral part of the Krotona Institute, the School supports the work of the Theosophical Society and its three objects that encourage:

- 1) The unity of all people;
- 2) Studies in comparative religion, philosophy, and science;
- 3) Investigation of unexplained laws of nature and the spiritual powers latent in humanity.

Registration

Write, phone, fax, or email for reservations.

Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships toward accommodations and class tuition are available for some programs to members of the Theosophical Society and other qualified students. You may request an application at the time of registration.

Course Tuition

Patron tickets include all events of the term: Winter \$250, Spring \$285, Winter and Spring combined \$535.

Tuition fees help us to provide quality programs. For students who are able, donations above the suggested fees are greatly appreciated.

Accommodations

A limited number of comfortable apartments with kitchens are available for students. Most accommodations are shared. Rates: \$45 per person per night, and \$270 per person per week.

We are unable to accommodate pets except for certified service animals when suitable housing is available. Prior notice and approval are necessary.

Priority is given to members of the Theosophical Society and to those registering for two or more weeks.

Getting Here

Students arriving by air may fly into LAX and take a shuttle to Ventura, or fly to Burbank (Bob Hope Airport) and take a train or shuttle to Ventura. We can arrange for a driver to meet you in Ventura and bring you to Krotona.

Driving Directions to Krotona Institute

From Ventura: Ojai/Hwy 33 exit from 101. Drive 12 miles.

After passing Villanova School, take the next left (Krotona St on the left, Hermosa Rd on the right). Two stone pillars mark the entrance.

From Ojai: Krotona is on Hwy 33/150 at Krotona St and Hermosa Roads, .6 mile south of the “Y”.

To register for classes please complete and mail to Krotona School, or register by phone or email.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Country _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Housing may be available for those attending classes, please inquire. A \$45 deposit is required for accommodations and is refundable until two weeks prior to the program. If this is your first time to stay at Krotona, please request an accommodation application form.

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Deposit \$ _____ ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MC

Persons registering

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Introducing The Krotona Institute of Theosophy

The Krotona Institute is a residential community of Theosophical Society members dedicated to service in a center where the Ageless Wisdom is studied and lived. Situated in the beautiful Ojai Valley, the Institute includes the Krotona Library and Research Center, Quest Bookshop and School of Theosophy along with spacious gardens, meadows and woodlands. Krotona welcomes inquirers and students of Theosophy from around the world.

Krotona is an international center where residents aspire to live in mutual helpfulness while reaching out to share the profound truths of Theosophy. These truths can change one's direction of life, bringing about renewal and harmony. With an emphasis on meditation, earnest study, and inspired action, Krotona promotes worldwide healing through the uplifting of human consciousness.

As a spiritual center, Krotona seeks to inspire and strengthen aspirants for the opportunities of daily life. The peacefulness of the estate, which also serves as a sanctuary for wildlife, reflects the ideals of the resident TS members as well as the aspirations of committed faculty, students, and other friends.

Those who are drawn to the Institute's ideals are invited to join Friends of Krotona. Friends receive two newsletters annually with information about Krotona's ongoing programs, activities and plans. For further information about the Institute and becoming a Friend of Krotona, contact info@krotonainstitute.org. Our contact list is kept strictly private, not shared with any other organization.

www.krotonainstitute.org



WE ARE GRATEFUL

Since its establishment in Ojai in 1924, many individuals have helped envision, create and refine the Krotona Institute's unique atmosphere and educational outreach. The Institute is enriched by the kind and thoughtful gestures of all who give of their time, skills, artistic creations and financial resources, participating as they can in Krotona's life and work.

Herbert A Kern, a theosophist and industrialist, generously supported the Krotona Institute from 1958 – 1967. During that time he encouraged and funded the building of the guesthouse, with its comfortable apartments and lovely views of the mountains and valley below. The guesthouse has been invaluable over the years for housing Krotona's faculty, students and guests.

Since 1966, the Kern Foundation, with Herbert's son, John as advising trustee, has supported Krotona School, Library and Bookshop with generous grants, enabling them to operate at their current level, including bringing faculty to Krotona, offering scholarships, expanding student services and funding new projects. John's daughter, Louise, assisted for several years, including advising on guesthouse updates. We are grateful for Herbert Kern's vision, Louise's support, and John's insight and dedication.

Emily B Sellon, who shared her vast knowledge of theosophy with her students, and John A Sellon, an investor, were visionaries who devoted their lives to theosophy. It was their wish to support the Krotona School of Theosophy. We are grateful to their sons Peter, Michael, and Jeffrey, for their generosity and dedication to the support of the School in their parents' names.

The Krotona Institute welcomes and appreciates donations in any amount. Your donations are essential to an effective outreach, promoting excellence in all School, Library and Bookshop services. Specific environmental and maintenance needs are shared also in the Institute's semi-annual newsletter, *The Krotonian*.

The Krotona Institute of Theosophy is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit center. Donations are tax-deductible. For information on options for planned giving such as bequests, contact: Guru Prasad, Executive Vice President, Krotona Institute of Theosophy, 2 Krotona St., Ojai, CA 93023-3901 or info@krotonainstitute.org