

THE NATURE OF EVIL & THE CHALLENGE TO BE FULLY HUMAN –
Online Heartwood Conference – **face to face conference dates to be advised**

Zoom dates:

2nd October 10.00 – 12.00 and 2.00 - 4.00

9th October 10.00 – 12.00 and 2.00 - 4.00

Cost per two-hour session: \$40

Cost for full programme (4 sessions): \$140

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Ongoing lockdowns and restrictions inhibiting free gatherings and travel have made introductory online workshops a temporary option, with the conference to follow later in 2022.

Heartwood's online workshops will run on the first two Saturdays of October and are a preliminary exploration of our conference material that we will expand and build on once we are all able to meet face to face (dates to be advised).

While the current challenges may threaten our personal and a collective psychological, spiritual, social, and physical well-being, our task is to engage with and transform, rather than to allow limitations to determine our actions. It is only in this way that we can experience the full scope of our humanity.

We hope you will join us!

Themes: Challenges to Being Fully Human

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ZOOM SESSION DESCRIPTIONS:

2nd October 10.00 – 12.00

EVIL IN THE FACE OF MEDICAL ETHICAL INDIVIDUALISM

IRMHILD KLEINHENZ

Mechanistic, Eugenic and Hygienic aspects of the future Health for Humans and the Ecology.

Is prevention of illness through inoculations realistically possible?

How does this influence or inform the ways in which we care for those who are ill?

Is the immune system in fact a sense organ?

Are we happy to let Bio-ethics determine what is human?

Further information about the Session:

My research includes such topics as bioethics, organ transplants, euthanasia, genetic engineering, cloning, vaccines, drug manufacturing, human rights, gender fluidity and robotics. Marketing strategies have been designed to make these ideologies acceptable and morally respectable by catering to our longing to have better bodies, to be free of crippling diseases, pain and suffering, and achieve our ultimate potential? We will consider consumer driven desires for a life of ease and luxury, elite genetically modified bodies and robotics and Artificial Intelligence as well as the findings of neuroscience and their conclusions.

Preparation you can do beforehand:

A. Consider if you agree to the legal manipulation of the human being in areas such as?

1. Do I agree with the intervention in the human genome in the name of preventing disabilities, genetically acquired illnesses and other health concerns?
2. Do I accept research of human beings done upon those who are denied their rights?
3. Do I agree with and fully understand Euthanasia?
4. Do I know how a human being is certified as clinically dead?

B. Consider if you are happy to let Bio-ethics determine what is human?

1. Does genetic cleansing and genetic screening influence the freedom and definition of being human?
2. Do breeding and research methods consider the dignity of human life and the essential nature of the human being from conception on?
3. Can the value of human life be measured by any standard by any other human being?
4. Are disease, illness and handicap meaningful to human biography?
5. Does the quality of caring for another human being not make it cost-effective to prolong that life?
6. Is the social pressure and isolation during the agony of pain too much to bear?
7. Does brain death in transplant surgery create a culture of spare-part surgery?
8. Does society have a right to the organs of a dying patient?

Irmhild Kleinhenz is an endorsed anthroposophic Naturopath who works as a health educator and mentor for health professionals as well as supporting patients and school communities. She is accredited in Naturopathy, Homoeopathy, Herbal medicine and Nutrition and has a Graduate Diploma in Applied Science for Integrative Medicine. She also attended the Anthroposophic Medicine Orientation training at the Lukas Klinik in Switzerland. Irmhild has a background in studying Eurythmy and over thirty years of experience as a health consultant and lecturer for anthroposophic medicine and health care. She is an elder for the practice of spiritual medicine in the field of Naturopathy and the leader of the Australian Guild of Anthroposophic Prescribers.

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CATALYSTS, TRIALS, TRANSFORMATIONS

GILLIAN ROGERS

None of us singlehandedly directs the way to the truth and knowledge - it is negotiated amongst fellow seekers; and language is an integral part of what shapes the being of one individual and the being of another.

In this workshop we will seek to articulate and understand the nature of evil and the multiplicity of its form and influence through exploring soul experiences expressed in poetry and literature. In that we are all participating in the tendency toward evil, we are therefore granted the possibility of bearing responsibility for the direction of the moral order and of goodness in the world.

How do we take up this task and with what knowledge and capacity should we strengthen ourselves, in order that we can be of service to others? If interaction is free-flowing, words can be a catalyst for heightened perception and transformation. The philosopher Edmund Husserl reminded us that mutual understanding arises from *a linking of consciousness and body to form a natural, empirical unity*. For him, empathy is crucial to *reciprocal understanding between animate subjects belonging to one world*.

The wisdom inherent in the form of creative and artistic language that expresses deep abiding truths, will be our starting point. A collection of written material will be emailed to those who have booked the session and you are welcome to suggest for inclusion, material that reflects the theme.

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... *FLOWER WITH THE RADIANCE OF FREEDOM!*

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GASPAR HAUSER AND RUDOLF STEINER

IRIS CURTEIS & HAMISH MACKAY

There is a profound connection between Threefolding and Reincarnation in relation to our pre-birth intentions. We overlook the importance of this to our detriment. Gaspar Hauser, who lived a century prior to Rudolf Steiner, carried the task to manifest the metamorphosis of Goethean approaches to art and science within the social sphere. Had this intention succeeded, this individual would have established a new social form, consciously arising out of Nordic-Germanic ideas, philosophies, arts, etc. These impulses were cosmopolitan, Michaelic, and not bound to blood and nation. The success of this impulse would have enabled Rudolf Steiner's work to start from the thriving centre of Nordic-Germanic culture, which inherently carried the ability to communicate Spiritual Science and the potential to understand the new Christ Mystery. Social threefolding would have radiated, lightfilled, from the epicentre of Europe. Despite retarding forces hindering this unfolding, Steiner publicly articulated his idea of a living Threefold Social Organism (1917) in the third year of the WWI. The 'war to end all wars' was followed by many wars, horrific developments in technology, smart weapons and A.I., growing oppression, on-going environmental and social destruction and a relentless assault on our humanity. We can through creative engagement and with tender consciousness of our own and others' pre-birth intentions change this dynamic.

Re-establishing our insistence on belonging, community, and human connection is one of the greatest acts of courage and resistance in the face of oppression (O'Donohue). Iris Curteis will offer an introduction to the life of Gaspar Hauser and an introductory exploration to Germanic/Nordic culture in relation to anthroposophy, the intimate link between Gaspar Hauser and Rudolf Steiner, and why we today suffer a "clouding of our karma".

Hamish Mackay, with his unquenchable passion for associative economics and Threefolding, will offer an introduction to Steiner's recognition of Cultural/Spiritual-, Human Rights/Political -, and Economic Life as three distinct 'limbs', with discrete laws that are 'tools' with which we can overcome economic globalisation. He will spark and engage your enthusiasm with conversations that reveal how structures of money and power determine how we think, feel and act in the world.

We invite you to explore with us courageous ways of thinking about reincarnation and karma, community, human relationships, economy, ecology and justice through engaging conversation, through-provoking exploration.

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METANOLA

DEIRDRE & KONRAD KOROBACZ

Changing is learning, when learning we change ...

Our contemporary world offers serious challenges to the way we conduct our lives: global warming, pandemics, over population, unequal distribution of resources and the global hegemony of heavily centralised nation states and their global industrial pharmaceutical and technological sponsors.

Through the immersion of conversation, interchange and interaction, we will be seeking to find new ways of expressing what it is to be human, rather than dwelling on a litany of the world's ills.

Ideally, this would require us to meet face-to-face. Zoom is a restricted way to meet each other, so we will strive to overcome the limitations of the virtual and summon the courage to speak into the void with the self-assured confidence of our humanity.

In these sessions we will be attempting to cultivate an uplifting and deepened experience, or at least to establish authentic, process driven platform for future encounter and dialogue. To achieve this, we will need to bring to these gatherings sensitised capacities: deep listening, heightened awareness, to carefully choose our words and to find balance in our responses. In order to avoid the hierarchical process (paying deference to a higher authority), we will attempt to work inclusively as an associative group; individuals coming together, sharing, synthesising and creating.

Here are some of the themes we will be attempting to negotiate:

The Dance Between Macrocosm and Microcosm

The Seven Year Cycle of Life Phases

Finding our Place in the World Epiphany as the Self finding resonance with the cosmos.

Grand Narrative v. my narrative

Centre v. Periphery