



Psychosophy and a New Mythological Consciousness

Fair Oaks, May 11–15, 2012

with presenters *Robert Sardello, PhD,
William Bento, PhD, Dennis Klocek, Orland Bishop,
Cheryl Sanders-Sardello, PhD, David Tresemer, PhD,
Brian Gray, and Gillian Schoemaker*

The breakdown of just about everything in the world from economy to governments, to the intensification of violent conflicts, to natural catastrophes and the shattering of relied-upon institutions, has the whole world scrambling and trying to get back to 'normal.' And, all this occurs as the long-awaited date of Winter Solstice 2012 approaches.

The fear of not knowing our future creates a haze that prevents an apprehension of "what-is-coming-to-be." New dimensions of consciousness—intelligence of the heart, a new form of empathy, and the capacity to be within creative imagination—are already present for everyone. These new aspects of our being are forming a mythological consciousness. In many ways the emergence of its first appearance was in the Florentine Academy of Ficino in the 15th century, which tried again in the mid 1960s, but could not rightly root.

This conference seeks to make visible what is now arising in consciousness within the individual and the world. The form of our gathering will attempt to demonstrate its manner of occurring. We offer not merely a conference but a potential festival of soul seeking and soul knowing.

Presentations will be paired with smaller group practicums where a new form of meeting is to be practiced, allowing what is already present, yet veiled in fear, to awaken and come forward.

The theme of our invitation to come together—"Psychosophy and a New Mythological Consciousness," orients us to this endeavor to sketch the coming-to-be. The clusters of themes to be engaged in are the following:

- A movement from Space Consciousness into Time Presence, where everything—everything—is alive, in its own way
- Practicing the deep listening to how these ways move among us and range beyond the limits of sensory awareness to the unseen
- A cultural letting go of the subject-object split inherent in the very word consciousness

These practices are intended to engender new capacities of attending and tending to the creating Presences inviting us to be and engage with them in creative imagination. We explore, with people who are living this way, the Renaissance of Soul awaiting us.

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Conference Lectures

Friday, May 11

- 7pm Keynote Lecture *with William Bento*
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Preview of the presenters’ lectures; Opening up the process for dialogos groups,
practicums, and research process groups.

Saturday, May 12

- 11am Second Lecture *with Dennis Klocek*
“Alchemy as Soul Work”
7:30pm Third Lecture *with Robert Sardello*
“Entering the Celestial Earth through the Portal of Impossibility”

Sunday, May 13

- 11am Fourth Lecture *with Cheryl Sanders-Sardello*
“Myths of the Body, Sense of the World”
7:30pm Fifth Lecture *with Orland Bishop*
“The Myths Behind our Current Social Realities”

Monday, May 14

- 11am Sixth Lecture *with Robert Sardello and Cheryl Sanders-Sardello*
“Living in the Fifth Dimension: Soul Presence through Heart Presence”
7:30pm Seventh Lecture *with Dennis Klocek and David Tresemer*
“Finding the Sophia from within our Self and within the World”

Tuesday, May 15

- 11am Eighth Lecture *with William Bento and Orland Bishop*
“From Mythological Consciousness to Social Sacraments”

Conference Registration

To pre-register for this conference visit www.steinercollege.edu and click on the *Online Registration* link or e-mail conferenceregistration@steinercollege.edu. Questions? Call 916-864-4864.

Full Conference Pricing

Registration required by April 15. General \$525 (\$560 at the door); Stu/Sen \$420 (\$450 at the door).

Lectures Only Pricing

Individual lectures may be attended by the community for \$25 each, payable at the door.

Meals and Refreshments

Continental breakfast items are available for purchase from 7:15-8:15am. We provide complimentary coffee, tea, and a light snack at the morning and afternoon breaks. Meals are prepared and served on our campus compliments of Shilo’s Catering, located at Clara’s Counter in Barton House. Individual dietary needs cannot be met. If you are on a restricted diet, please make alternate plans for your meals.

Lunch Option Package: Saturday–Monday \$42.75. Advance sign-up is required. Choose one:

- Regular Meals (usually organic or free range chicken and/or turkey)
- Vegetarian Meals (some include dairy and/or eggs)

Housing

Visit www.steinercollege.edu to download our dormitory housing registration form. Call 916-864-4816, e-mail housing@steinercollege.edu, or fax 877-782-1887 (call to confirm receipt). Call our housing office for hotel information.

About the Presenters

William Bento, PhD, has been an adult educator of anthroposophical subject matters for 36 years. William is the Associate Dean and Accreditation Liaison Officer at Rudolf Steiner College. He is a licensed clinical psychologist with an office at the Center for Living Health. William is acknowledged as a pioneer in the field of Astrosophy (Star Wisdom) and Psychosophy (Soul Wisdom). Recent publications are *Lifting the Veil of Mental Illness; A Somatic Psychodiagnostic Approach to Personality*; and *Holy Nights Journal 2011-2012*. He is editor of and a contributor to *Journal for Star Wisdom 2012*.

Orland Bishop combines an extensive study of medicine, naturopathy, psychology, and indigenous cosmologies with a deep dedication to human rights advocacy and cultural renewal. He was a research fellow at the Center for the Study of Violence at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles and has consulted for many human development organizations in the U.S. and internationally. Orland is currently dedicating much of his time and energy to mentoring the international youth section members in the Anthroposophical Society.

Brian Gray is the director of the Foundation Program at Rudolf Steiner College, where he has taught for over three decades. Subjects of cosmology, esoteric Christianity, karma and reincarnation, anthroposophical paths of epistemology and meditation are but a few of the subjects Brian has taught. He is also on the editorial board of *Journal for Star Wisdom* and provides consultations utilizing the art of Anthroposophical Astrology.

Dennis Klocek is an artist, scientist, teacher, researcher, gardener, and alchemist, Dennis is the Director of the Consciousness Studies Program at Rudolf Steiner College. He is the founder of Coros Institute, dedicated to dialogue between individuals in the sciences, arts, and business with a commitment to spiritual values arising from the contemplative life. He is also the founder of ClimaTrends. He is an acclaimed international lecturer, and author of several books including his most recent, *Climate: Soul of the Earth*.

Cheryl Sanders-Sardello, PhD, is co-founder and co-director of The School of Spiritual Psychology, in Benson, North Carolina. Prior to the founding of The School in 1992, she worked as a teacher of developmentally challenged children, and as an addiction counselor. She is currently writing a book on the healing of the twelve senses in the young and the development of the spiritual senses as we age, with an additional focus on the spiritual psychology of what it means to be in connection with the so-called dead. She creates healing mandalas in the context of the classes within The School, and is involved in the teaching of all classes in Spiritual Psychology. She is also the administrative director of The School, coordinating and scheduling all its activities. She is a Fellow of the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture.

Robert Sardello, PhD, is co-founder and co-director of The School of Spiritual Psychology, which began in 1992, and co-editor of Goldenstone Press. He has written *Money and the Soul of the World* (with R. Severson), *Facing the World with Soul*; *Love and the Soul*; *Love and the World*; *Freeing the Soul from Fear*, *The Power of Soul: Living the Twelve Virtues*; *Silence*; and *Steps on the Stone Path: Working with Crystals and Minerals as Spiritual Practice*. His main emphasis has been to develop theoretical and practical approaches to perceiving and being in right relation with the Soul of the World, showing that humans are pulled from the time stream of the future rather than pushed from the past, and developing the interior presence of heart with Earth, others, and the world. He is an independent teacher and scholar. He is a Fellow of the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture, and one of its founders.

Gillian Schoemaker is a eurythmist working at Camphill Special School in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania. In the last decade she has organized and guided several tours to ancient sacred sites. Gillian is an active member of the Psychosophy Circle.

David Tresemer, PhD, has a doctorate in psychology. In 1990, he co-founded the StarHouse in Boulder, Colorado, for community gatherings and workshops (www.TheStarHouse.org) and co-founded, with his wife Lila, the Healing Dreams Retreat Centre in Australia. He has also founded the Star Wisdom website

(www.StarWisdom.org), which offers readings from the Oracle of the Solar Cross, an oracle relating to the heavenly imprint received on one's day of birth. He has written in many areas, including *The Scythe Book: Mowing Hay, Cutting Weeds, and Harvesting Small Grains with Hand Tools* and a book on mythic theater, *War in Heaven: Accessing Myth through Drama*. With his wife, he also co-authored several plays produced in the U.S., including *My Magdalene* (winner of Moondance 2004, Best Script). With William Bento and Robert Schiappacasse, he wrote *Signs in the Heavens: A Message for our Time*. David also co-authored with Robert Schiappacasse *Star Wisdom and Rudolf Steiner: A Life Seen through the Oracle of the Solar Cross*. David's recent book is *The Venus Eclipse of the Sun 2012*.

Conference Schedule

Friday, May 11

4-7pm Registration (pick up materials)

7pm Keynote Lecture with William Bento

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Saturday, May 12 – Tuesday, May 15 at 1pm

8:30–9:30am Practicum One: Attuning Ourselves, choose one:

1. "Doing Eurythmy" with Gillian Schoemaker
2. "Familiarizing ourselves with the Planets and the Zodiac" with Brian Gray
3. "Phenomenology of the Soul" with Dennis Klocek
4. "Bodily Attuning to the Spiritual Earth" with Robert Sardello

9:45-10:30am Echo Space with William Bento and Orland Bishop

10:30-11am Snack Break

11am-12:15pm Lecture

12:30-1:30pm Lunch (prior sign-up required)

1:30-2:30pm Dialogos Time (to digest the lecture)

2:30-3:45pm Practicum Two: On an Aspect of the Theme, choose one:

1. "Healing Cultural Forms: Deeds of the Spiritual Senses" with Cheryl Sanders-Sardello
2. "Doing Eurythmy" with Gillian Schoemaker
3. "Mythological Consciousness—Past, Present and Future" with William Bento on Saturday Only; with Orland Bishop on Sunday and Monday
4. "Tea with Your Mentor" with David Tresemer*

*What mythos streams from across the threshold of death? David Tresemer (who created the Tea with Your Mentor program at StarWisdom.org) will lead each individual through a step-wise approach to a dialogue with those from across the threshold to whom each is most related. Each participant will gain one mentor or more. David will need your birth year, day, place, and time (if you have it) to acquaint you with the potential mentors most closely related to you.

3:45-4:15pm Snack Break

4:15-5:30pm Research Process Groups: Discovering a New Mythological Consciousness within our Time. These groups could be focused by a research topic carried by the presenters and need not be the same configuration as the Dialogos groups.

5:30-7:30pm Dinner

7:30-9pm Lecture

Mail-in/Fax Registration Form

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.STEINERCOLLEGE.EDU to avoid our mail-in/fax registration processing fee.

Today's date: _____

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (day): _____ Phone (evening): _____

E-mail address: _____

PRACTICUM ONE

First Choice: 1 2 3 4

Second Choice: 1 2 3 4

PRACTICUM TWO

First Choice: 1 2 3 4

Second Choice: 1 2 3 4

If choosing Practicum Two, #4 ("Tea with Your Mentor" with David Tresemer), please provide the following **required information**:

Birth day, month, year: _____ Time of birth (if known): _____ am pm

Birth city, state, country: _____

MEALS

Would you like to purchase the \$42.75 lunch option package: yes no

If yes, please select one: regular meals or vegetarian meals

CONFERENCE FEES

Seniors and full-time students are eligible for a discounted admission fee as listed. Are you a senior (65+) or full-time student (valid student ID cards are required at the door).

Conference admission fee: _____

Meals fee (if lunch package was chosen above): _____

Mail-in/fax registration processing fee: **\$10.00**

TOTAL COST (admission fee + meals fee + processing fee): _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check is enclosed or Charge my credit card below

Credit card number (Visa or MasterCard): _____

Expiration date: _____ Three-digit security code: _____

Billing zip code: _____ Name listed on credit card: _____

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