Modern Spiritual Experience
Ancient und New Mysteries

Today's culture begs for access to spiritual experience and then for means to understand such experiences when they manifest. Because the search for spiritual experience found so many forms of expression in the 20th century, people often refer to it as an "occult explosion", which still continues to accelerate exponentially in our century.

In the Mysteries at the dawn of civilization, great initiates provided orientation for human beings as they gradually lost direct experience of the gods. Today spiritual experiences from the distant past are arising in countless souls as deep inclinations. The question resounds with increasing vehemence: what means of orientation can human beings discover today?

Rudolf Steiner's great contribution to the spiritual history of humankind opens many doors to these Ancient Mysteries. If we take the esoteric law of continuity seriously then insight into these Mysteries becomes vital in approaching the modern mysteries of our own time.

It is the intention of this conference to address these questions – so vital for our spiritual welfare today. Our approach will follow the law of spiritual continuity and in the lectures and conversation groups we will place significant emphasis on current, immediate, spiritual concerns.

The conversation groups as well as the artistic groups in the morning and the evening performances will connect with the conference theme.

Dr. Virginia Sease

Second International English Conference at the GOETHEANUM

AUGUST 3–9, 2003

Spiritual Experience Today

ANCIENT AND NEW MYSTERIES

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August 3 – 9, 2003

Sunday, August 3	Monday, August 4	Tuesday, August 5	Wednesday, August 6	Thursday, August 7	Friday, August 8	Saturday, August 9
	8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Artistic Groups: Eurythmy, Speech Formation, or Painting					
	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Lecture: **Linda Thomas** Male and Female: The Lemurian Mysteries and Current Challenges	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Lecture: **Dr. Virginia Sease** Christ as the Turning Point in the Mysteries	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Lecture: **Don Vollen** The Revelation of the Holy Grail through Art	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Lecture: **Dr. Virginia Sease** The Call of Christian Rosenkreutz to Modern Humanity	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Lecture: **Cornelius Pietzner** The Riddle of Kaspar Hauser	9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Lecture: **Paul Mackay** Activating Rudolf Steiner's Spiritual, Artistic and Social Legacy in the 20th Century 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Plenum 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Artistic Closing
	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Conversation Groups					
	2:15 – 3:15 p.m. Conference Choir: "Spirit in Song" Director: Dina Soresi Winter 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Conversation Groups					
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Welcome 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Lecture: **Dr. Arthur Zajonc** Spiritual Experience and Contemporary Events	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Lecture: **Dr. Robert McDermott** Remnants of Old Mysteries Active in Our Time	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Lecture: **Dr. Andrew Welburn** Mani as Christian and Gnostic	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Lecture: **Andrew Wolpert** The Arthurian Mysteries and their Transformation into the Open Mysteries of Our Time	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Lecture: **Nick Thomas** Christian Rosenkreutz and Modern Technology	5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Lecture: **Sergej Prokofieff** The Christmas Foundation Meeting (1923) as Cornerstone for New Spiritual Experience	
8:15 p.m. **Performance** by the Goetheanum Eurythmy Ensemble Artistic Director: Carina Schmid	8:15 p.m. **Concert** Danaë Killian, Pianist	8:15 p.m. **Performance** by the London Eurythmy Group Artistic Directors: Isabelle Dekker Riveriez and Hajo Dekker	7:30 p.m. **Goethe's 'Faust'** (abridged) performed by the Merlin Theatre Group, Sheffield Artistic Director: Robert Chamberlain	8:15 p.m. **Solo Performance of The Tragedy of Kaspar Hauser** by Dawn Langman	8:15 p.m. **Performance by the Spring Valley Eurythmy Group** Artistic Director: Dorothea Mier	*subject to change*

Conversation Groups

- Spiritual Experience in Relationship to Illness, Crisis and Death, *Hazel Adams*
- Spirituality and Nature Spirits: "The Elemental Spirits Hear It: May Human Beings Hear It", *Patricia Kaminsky*
- Rosicrucian Impulses in Eurythmy, *Birrethe Arden Hansen*
- Individuality as Mystery: Rudolf Steiner's Ethical Individualism in Relation to Emersonian Self-Reliance, *Dr. Gertrude Reif Hughes*
- The Open Secret: Spiritual Knowledge and Literary Expression in the 19th Century Central European Stream, *Marguerite and Dr. Douglas Miller*
- "Knowledge of Higher Worlds and It's Attainment", *Philip Martyn*
- Spiritual Experience in Rudolf Steiner's Mystery Dramas, *Herbert Hagens*
- Rosicrucianism and the Healing Impulse, *Astrid and Wolodymyr Radysh*
- The Nature of the Second Coming, *Peter van Breda*
- Indigenous Forms of Spiritual Experience Based on the Maori Tradition, *Hans van Florenstein Mulder and Val Maioha*
- The Seven Liberal Arts and the School of Chartres, *Dr. Jane Hipolito*
- Conversation Groups on the Lecture Themes

Please select your Conversation Group and Artistic Group before the beginning of the Conference at the information desk.

Children and Youth Program

Children who accompany their parents to the conference can look forward to a special program just for them: exploring ancient castle ruins, Basel's famous zoo, Basel's Cathedral, hiking, stories, swimming and other activities in accord with the interests and ages of the children who come. We plan two groups one for ages 4-9 and one for ages 10-14.

Cost: CHF 150 for the week.

For further information about the Children and Youth Program, please phone +41 61 706 43 12

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Booking
Modern Spiritual Experience August 3 to 9, 2003

❑ Mrs ❑ Mr

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Street/No.:.....

Country: ..... Zip: ..... City:.....

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(Please fill out one form for each person)

❑ Student/Trainee CHF 100.– (without student card copy CHF 350.–
No changes after booking)

Meals (prebooking only until July 29th):
❑ 6 x Breakfast CHF 72.–
❑ 5 x Midday meal CHF 120.–
❑ 6 x Evening meal CHF 120.– *(Do not change number of meals)*

❑ Parking Permit CHF 42.–

❑ Children/Youth Program CHF 150.– per person. .....

❑ Credit card (all countries) until **July 15**
❑ Cash at Conference Office only
❑ Invoice (Switzerland and Germany only)

Credit Cards: ❑ Visa ❑ Euro/Mastercard ❑ American Express

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e-mail: .....
(Please fill out one form for each person)

Arriving on: ..... Departing on: .....
Coming by car: ❑ Yes ❑ No

Accommodation (Please tick as appropriate)
❑ Hotel ❑ Private room ❑ Haus Friedwart ❑ Begegnungs-Centrum

❑ Double room with: .....
❑ Single room ❑ Dormitory

Put cross only if booking private room(s):
❑ If there are not enough single rooms, I am prepared to share a double room with another conference member.

Signature to confirm that I accept the booking conditions

Date: _____ Signature: _____

send by **July 15, 2003** at the latest to: GOETHEANUM, Accommodation Office, Postfach, CH-4143 Dornach 1, Fax +41 61 706 42 49

General Information and Application form

Please complete the form and send it by post or fax by **July 15, 2003** at the latest to:
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Countries other than Germany and Switzerland: Confirmation will be sent. The documents (conference ticket, meal coupons if required, parking ticket) may be collected from the Conference Office by the West Entrance of the Goetheanum. Payment may be made in cash (any currency in use) or by credit card: VISA, EuroMastercard, American Express, ec-direct and Swiss-Postcard. Documents will be sent to you in advance if payment is made by credit card in advance. **Please do not send cheques, and do not make payments or payment transfers. Advance payment by credit card only.**

Credit card (all countries): If you give your credit card number (only VISA, EuroMastercard, American Express) the total sum will be debited to your account up to 2 weeks prior to the beginning of the Conference at the latest (without an invoice being sent). Credit cards will not be debited for bookings reaching us at a later date. Please enter your card number and card expiry date in the booking form below. Tickets (conference ticket, meal coupons if required, parking ticket) will be sent to you.

Conference cost

The Goetheanum would like this Conference to be accessible to all who want to participate. We invite you to choose your own contribution but not less than CHF 350 per person. The estimated actual costs of this event will be CHF 750 per person. Please indicate on the registration form the amount you will pay to help meet these costs. Students pay CHF 100, copy of Student Card is required. Seats are not numbered.

Opening times of Conference Office before Conference begins

Sunday, August 3rd: 2.00 – 5.00 p.m. also 6.00 – 8.15 p.m. and
Monday, August 4th: 8.45 – 9.30 a.m.

Community meals

In collaboration with the Speisehaus restaurant, the Goetheanum offers vegetarian meals made with biodynamic products. With a firm booking in advance you help us make suitable preparations and avoid long waiting times. For organisational reasons, it is not possible to order single meals.

Conference meals only if ordered in advance

6 x Breakfast	à CHF 12.–	August 4 to 9 '03	= CHF 72.–
5 x Midday meal	à CHF 24.–	August 4 to 8 '03	= CHF 120.–
6 x Evening meal	à CHF 20.–	August 3 to 8 '03	= CHF 120.–

Final date for booking and cancellations is **July 29th 2003**

Accommodation

Tel. +41 61 706 44 45, Fax: +41 61 706 42 49
Accommodation in Dornach and surroundings may be booked through the Goetheanum. Please let us know your wishes by **July 15, 2003** at the latest, using the appropriate form.

General price guide per person per night

Hotel	CHF 100.– - 150.–	(incl. breakfast)
Private accommodation	CHF 30.– - 45.–	(without breakfast)
Begegnungs-Centrum	CHF 23.– - 40.–	(with kitchen facilities)
Friedwart House	CHF 62.– - 80.–	(single room with breakfast)
	CHF 50.– - 70.–	(double room with breakfast)

Payment is made directly to your host or hotel. Room reservations are binding and will be confirmed in writing. It will be sent separately from the Conference Confirmation.

Terms of registration

Private homes: Please inform your host of your time of arrival at least three days in advance by letter or telephone. Both host and Accommodation Services should be informed of a cancellation. Cancellation costs: 60% of the room rate – unless the room can be let to another guest.

Parking

Parking charges apply on Goetheanum grounds. A parking ticket for the length of the conference costs CHF 42.–. The parking fee may also be paid by using the parking meters. Only a few parking spaces are available close to the Goetheanum and these have to be reserved for people with walking difficulties. Please enter your car number on the application form if in need of a reserved place.