

Foundation Focus

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OUT OF THIS SMALL BEGINNING...

The five Krishnamurti Foundations exist solely as non-sectarian organizations to preserve and make available world-wide the teachings of Krishnamurti. In founding them Krishnamurti set the tone and pulse for those trustees who held the responsibility by assuring they had no power or status as regards the teachings.

In an interview Krishnamurti had with an anonymous questioner in the 1950s he unravels the usual thinking about a spiritual organization and points to a different kind of power, one that comes with people who together explore, learn, and network to create a different, happier and sane world.

She said that she was the head of a rapidly growing organization.

"One could call it a spiritual organization," she said, "though we use, in a limited manner, the techniques of worldly organizations. I have come to ask if it is right for me to go on being the head of it, for I have felt a craving

Organizations become fixed and rigid, like the thoughts of those who belong to them. Life is constant change, continual becoming, revolution, and an organization can never be pliable; it therefore stands in the way of change: it becomes reactionary to protect itself. The search for truth is individual not congregational; to communicate with the real, there must be aloneness—not isolation, but the freedom from all influence and opinion. Organizations of thought must inevitably become hindrances to thought.

for power and domination in dangerously increasing measure, yet people want me to go on with it. If I give it up, it might—and I'm pretty sure it would—fall into wrong hands: they would use the organization for selfish ends. I will have to decide what to do myself, but I'd like to talk the matter over with you."

Large, organized groups garner in themselves the seeds of corruption. They become a means of power to be used by their heads, or each individual feels the gratifying power of the organization, sharing in it according to his capacity. This sharing of power helps maintain the organization, whether spiritual or temporal, and it further strengthens

narrowness of thought, encouraging exclusiveness and intolerance. The bigger the organization, worldly or spiritual, the more tyrannically exploitative it becomes.

So-called spiritual organizations lose their original intention when they become mere mechanical devices for propagating ideas and theories. Why should anyone join a group, large or small, to be told or read about theories? One joins because it is advantageous—one might get something out of it. Acquisitiveness is devious and subtle. Why should there be large, powerful spiritual organizations with properties and investments, to discover a reality which can only be uncovered through individual awareness and right effort? Organizations become more important in themselves—how many members they have, the concern over dues, etc.—and the search for the real gets lost in noisy meetings. Organizations become fixed and rigid, like the thoughts of those who belong to them. Life is constant change, continual becoming, revolution, and an organization can never be pliable;



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As you yourself are aware, the greed for power

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PLANNING, NETWORKING, AND LETTING GO

I've just returned from India, where the trustees of the four Krishnamurti Foundations met to review their collaborative projects, and decide how to go forward with the mission of spreading Krishnamurti's work around the world. As you know from past newsletters, we have a strong focus right now on digitization, both as a way to preserve the 60 year legacy of Krishnamurti's teaching activity, and as a



The Krishnamurti Foundation India, in Chennai

way to share it globally in many different forms. The exciting news from the trustees' meeting is the work being done to create a website where, eventually, all of Krishnamurti's teaching will be available online. As a beginning step, the website infrastructure has been created and is now being populated with the contents of K-Text. This formerly existed as a CD-ROM; and later this year it will be freely available to everyone.

But K-Text represents only a part of the enormous body of work held by the Krishnamurti Foundations. We are moving as fast as funds and people power will allow to convert years of analog recordings to digital media, mainly the video material, so that they too can be shared on the new website both in video and text form.

Working on this and other projects with the other trustees, I was reminded of the caveats Krishnamurti gave about how organizations consolidate power and territory, and create their own momentum of limiting structures and identities. This is an issue the foundations struggle with day-to-day. Our challenge is to return to that fresh mind that remains fluid and responsive, not trapped in conceptual struggles, but also able to plan properly how to protect and

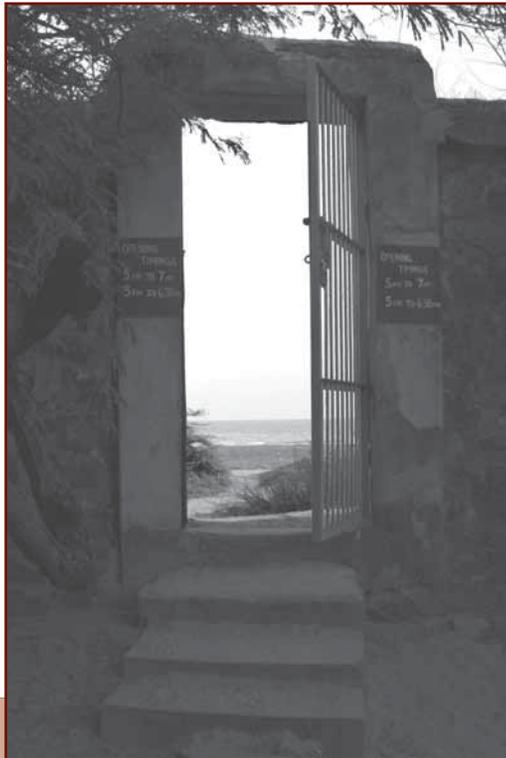
share Krishnamurti's work. Perhaps you too have to meet this challenge – to recognize the momentum of past memories and patterns and how they rule, through reactivity, one's ability to be in the living stream of life.

Another of the KFA's challenges is to encourage the formation of dialogue and study groups, without seeing or treating that activity as a growth model for the Foundation. If there is to be a global transformation of consciousness, it will come because individuals one by one will come to understand the workings of their minds. So the KFA wants to encourage others to come together, as Krishnamurti suggests in the newsletter's lead article, in small groups to talk and inquire.

Pondering this, I invite you, if you are inclined, to find a dialogue/study group, or found one if that seems appropriate. Keep it small, so you can be intensely curious without the distraction of

group think. We have some materials to help you get started (you can call the KFA and ask to speak to Troy Sumrall: 805-646-2726, X. 30); but essentially it's an open experiment. If you would like to share your experience or have questions, either I or Troy would be delighted to speak with you. After all, when people are provoked by Krishnamurti's work and make their own inquiry, that's what encourages us at the KFA. Then "you can be a light unto yourself," as Krishnamurti said, and one person by one person that light will transform our human predicament.

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Doorway to the beach at Adyar, Chennai, India

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is almost inexhaustible in an organization. This greed is covered over by all kinds of sweet, official-sounding words, but the canker of avariciousness, pride, and antagonism is nourished, shared, and encouraged. From this grow conflict, intolerance, sectarianism, and other ugly manifestations.

Would it not be wiser to have small, informal groups, say, twenty or twenty-five, without dues or membership, meeting where it is convenient, to discuss gently the approach to reality? To prevent the group from becoming exclusive, each person in the small group would foster, and then perhaps join, another small group; thus, it would be extensive, not narrow and parochial.

To climb high, one must begin low. Perhaps, out of this small beginning, you might help create a saner, happier world.

Expansion of Summer Residential Intensives

By Richard Waxberg, Director, Krishnamurti College Student Summer Program; and Krishnamurti Adult Summer Intensive Dialogue Retreat

This summer marks an expansion of two dialogue and study intensives: the Krishnamurti College Student Summer Study Program, and the Krishnamurti Adult Summer Intensive Dialogue Retreat. For the first time, both programs will be offered in Swanwick, British Columbia, as well as in Ojai on the campus of Oak Grove School. The college student program is two weeks, and the adult program is one week.

The college student program grew out of a need for the KFA to reach out to college age students and introduce them to Krishnamurti's teachings, so that the important work that Krishnamurti started and felt so passionate about would not fade into dormancy as the generation that worked directly with Krishnamurti retired from public life.

The program is designed for a maximum of eleven partici-



Summer 2007 Krishnamurti College Student Study Program

pating students. Through a sustained inquiry and full immersion process, the mind can come to realize that nothing within the field of knowledge and conceptualization can be used as a vehicle for a breakthrough into a transformative understanding of the self. What is provided is an opportunity of sustaining one's awareness in a state of not-knowing and continuous inquiry. When one enters into inquiry in a state of not-knowing, without any effort to know, the obstructions of the conceptualizing process can come to an end.

Both the College Student Summer Study Program and the new Adult Study Intensive and Retreat Program begin the vital work of reaching out into the world community to work directly with college students and adults through a full immersion experience of Krishnamurti's teachings. Participants have the opportunity to live, eat, study, dialogue and hike together, allowing them to form a mutually supportive bond for an in-depth inquiry into the radical perspectives on life and the mind that Krishnamurti challenges us to explore.

College students, with their freshness of spirit and active curiosity, are in a unique position to study Krishnamurti's teachings. They are self-disciplined and self-motivated and they understand the subtle inner implications of the teachings which demand a high level of honesty and self-awareness. They want to find out if there is a way of seeing life as a whole, as a unitary holistic movement instead of an endless series of fragments. The modern college

educational experience presents academic content in fragmented structures, such as philosophy, psychology, anthropology, religious studies and so on. This emphasis on isolating information into separate conceptual structures can create conflict and confusion. Krishnamurti's teachings offer a way to see oneself and the world holistically, so that one develops confidence in the ability to think clearly. Also by familiarizing themselves with the dialogical process, participants feel empowered to get to the heart of any inquiry that they feel is important to them.

In both programs, we enter into two formal dialogues every day. Morning sessions begin after watching a specific video tape of Krishnamurti. The evening sessions are based on participants bringing passages from their readings of Krishnamurti's writing, which they read out-loud. In this way the evening dialogue gets its impetus from the content of the readings and also from the personal concerns the participants have about the teachings as they directly impact their lives. There is balance between the need for the program to cover the essential core of Krishnamurti's teaching while also providing ample opportunities for participants to explore their own concerns and the areas they wish to look into more deeply.

— Richard Waxberg, Director, Summer Study Intensives

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College Student Summer Study Program
June 25th through July 9th, 2008
Ojai, California

Teacher's Academy Summer Program*
June 30th through July 19th, 2008
Swanwick, British Columbia, Canada

Adult Summer Dialogue Intensive
July 13th through 19th, 2008
Ojai, California

College Student Summer Study Program
July 24th through August 7th, 2008
Swanwick, British Columbia, Canada

Teacher's Academy Summer Program*
July 28th through August 15th, 2008
Ojai, California

Adult Summer Dialogue Intensive
August 10th through August 16th, 2008
Swanwick, British Columbia, Canada

* For information about the Teacher's Academy email paulherder@oakgroveschool.com

GLOBAL ACTIVITIES INCREASE

The last year has been filled with many events, from international book fairs to new forged relationships between the Krishnamurti Foundations. Our publishing activity continues to sharpen through tradeshow participation, new marketing opportunities, and professional development. The Frankfurt 2007 Book Fair proved to be the most exciting year for Krishnamurti Publications since our inception. Our publishing success continues to grow with books and DVDs in new markets and new publishing projects in mature markets. Some of the highlights from this year's Frankfurt conference include a distribution deal into Australia and New Zealand, a co-publishing project with a South African publisher, book-dvd projects (including Italy, France, and Germany), an offer from a Lebanese publisher with major distribution into the Arabic markets that has proposed to release two Krishnamurti titles, plus a new 6 CD project with audio publisher **Sounds True**.

We continue to focus on emerging markets and have found that the participation in professional tradeshow is extremely valuable, enabling us to kick start distribution, sales, and publishing agreements in new regions such as Africa, China, and Eastern Europe. We attended the following publishing events in 2007: Havana Book Fair in Cuba, Cape Town Book Fair in South Africa, Beijing Book Fair in China, Book Expo America in New York, the Miami Book Fair, the Guadalajara Book Fair in Mexico. At the Frankfurt Book Fair we held 50 meetings in 4 days. In digital distribution we now have a channel to iTunes and will shortly have about twelve audio titles available. With a production company found at Frankfurt, we will be producing an audio-book version of *Freedom from the Known*, and we are considering *Commentaries on Living* as an audio-book for future development.

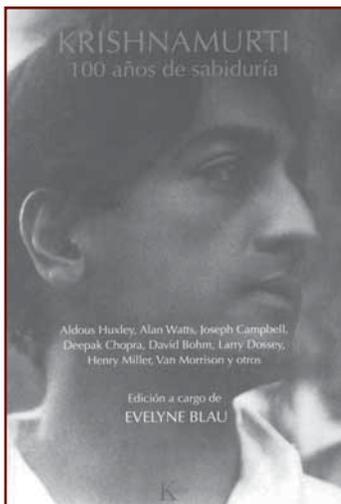
In October the Krishnamurti foundations forged a new publishing agreement that will move each foundation closer to a collaborative model that focuses on sharing resources and staff to accomplish global publishing objectives.

In other news, we will be publishing an English edition of *Education and the Significance of Life*, with Sajo Camara in Tanzania, and with the Africa Learning Foundation. We also met with publishers from the Czech Republic after Frankfurt. Currently there are no Krishnamurti books available in Czech. The re-launch of Krishnamurti in Brazil is going well. We have started discussions with a literary agent for the Russian market. We are launching a new relationship book this spring (*Relationships – To Oneself, To Others, To The World*), and propose to have other titles ready as a joint project with the KFA/KFT in 2008.

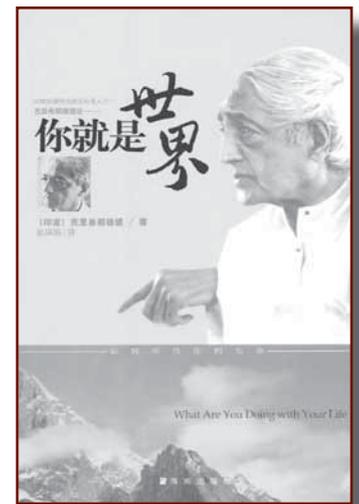
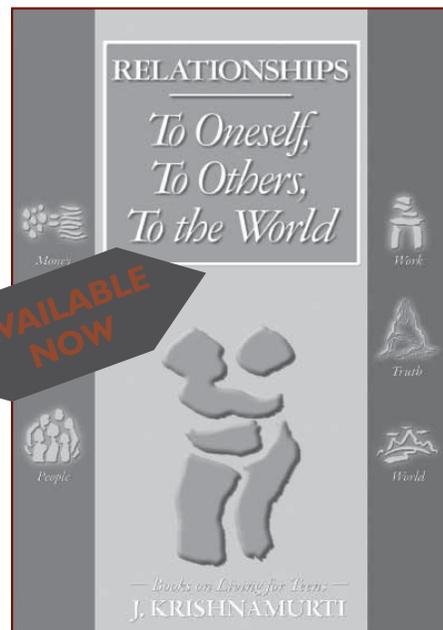


Negotiating at the Frankfurt Book Fair

PUBLICATIONS IN MANY LANGUAGES



SPANISH



MANDARIN

To purchase any item from Krishnamurti Publications of America's extensive catalogue, go to www.kfa.org and click on "Bookstore."

Digitization Update

You don't have to believe your thoughts! Can you imagine the changes in the world that could occur if every human being understood the way mind works and its capacity for projection? Krishnamurti's teaching activity was a gift from him to humanity - a provocation that could change the world. Today, the generosity of that continues in the form of sharing those teachings as far and wide as resources will allow. The main vehicles for sharing are publications, the internet, and the schools. All of these are dependent on digitizing the archival holdings, and this is and will be the focus of all the Krishnamurti foundations until everything is fully available. Many of you were shocked to discover that almost 50% of the teachings have not been published. That is about to change through the development of a new teachings website expressly constructed to provide text, audio and video as fast as we can get it digitized. Here's what the Secretary of the KFA Board of Trustees, Craig Walker, says about this opportunity:

“We are poised on the threshold of a new era. We already have the technology in place to put Krishnamurti’s complete teachings into the hands of every human being on Earth. Not only can we disseminate every word over the Internet, but we can make the teachings fully searchable and even interactive with the user.”



So where are we in the digitization process? After many years of planning, this vision is becoming a reality, thanks to the donation of hardware and technical support from the Grace Foundation, and thanks to the financial support of donors who want to see this project succeed. The KFA Archives is the primary storage site for the digitized collection of all the K Foundations. So far we have received three storage server units (a rack-mounted computer with numerous hard drives linked together, built for continuous 'fail-safe' operation) providing a total of 11.5 terabytes. Fully populated, the digital archives will have a capacity of between 70 and 100 terabytes. In addition to the storage space – which is roughly divided between 'core' and 'access/production' files – the digital archives hardware includes firewall devices, a database computer into which the K Foundations' archivists input 'metadata' about the collection, and the digitization workstations which do the actual work of converting a video, audio, photograph or manuscript to digital form.

Here is a breakdown of the digitization work accomplished so far:

| | VIDEO | AUDIO | MANUSCRIPTS | PHOTOGRAPHS |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Total | 610 | 2,630 | 8,888 (all with multiple pages) | 4,480+ |
| Done | 10 | 534 | 10,291 pages scanned | 4,417 scanned |
| Remaining | 600 | 2,096 | many | 63 |

The new teachings website is in development. It is hoped to have it available by the end of 2008, funding and human resources permitting. It will begin with the content of what was formerly called the K-Text CD-Rom, the equivalent of two hundred average-sized books. It will be expanded slowly to include video, audio and other text-based materials. By making it free, searchable and downloadable, there is the possibility of very large numbers, hundreds of thousands of people, coming to discover Krishnamurti for the first time. Funding will be needed to build it, enhance its interactive capacities, to keep digitizing and adding new material, and to keep abreast of technological advances and maintenance.

But what an amazing development! To be part of this and other KFA projects, donate to our Spring appeal. And THANK YOU to everyone who sends support and follows our progress with interest and feedback.

Over the past year and a half I have worked closely with the KFA's trustees, directors, employees, and volunteers. I have also met many trustees and employees from the various other Krishnamurti Foundations. Twenty-one years after Krishnamurti's death, it is clear to me that the teachings are in the hands of a dedicated and passionate group of individuals who are determined to keep the teachings alive.

— Craig Walker
Secretary,
KFA Board of Trustees

The KFA gratefully acknowledges the expertise and participation of trustees and staff from the Krishnamurti Foundation Trust in England, the Krishnamurti Foundation India, and the Fundacion LatinoAmericana in Spain.

Life at Oak Grove School

Oak Grove was founded by Krishnamurti in 1975. Currently, it serves over 200 students, pre-K through 12th grade, including a family-style boarding program for high school students.

INSPIRING INTELLIGENCE

"Modern education, in developing the intellect, offers more and more theories and facts, without bringing about the understanding of the total process of human existence. The intellect is satisfied with theories and explanations, but intelligence is not; and for the understanding of the total process of existence, there must be an integration of the mind and heart in action."

— J. Krishnamurti, *Education and the Significance of Life*

At Oak Grove School we are inspired by these words and continue to examine how a Krishnamurti education is reflected in a school where exploration, introspection, academic standards and college preparation exist side by side. How do we really demonstrate this integration, or harmony of heart and mind?

It is through the eyes of our students that I often see this harmony – like when I saw an awestruck child quietly observe a large red-shouldered hawk sitting in a tree outside of her classroom. I felt the tremendous affection the child had for this magnificent bird and then, when others joined her, the affection they showed each other as they met the hawk together.

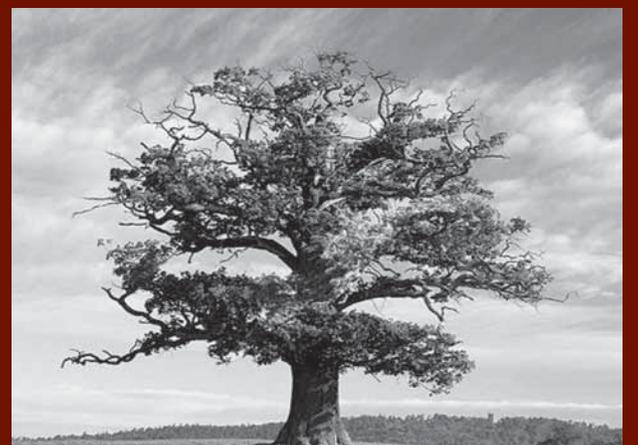
An observant and sensitive teacher followed the encounter with a class discussion, providing a science lesson and creative writing assignment unlikely to be forgotten. Observation, inspiration, reflection, and learning with the mind and heart in action.

Some of our elementary students recently shared their inspired approach to learning with children from a local public school. Together they helped to restore a neighboring wetland; and through the process, grew to understand our role in a much bigger picture. It's one more example of Oak Grove students and faculty working together toward that sometimes illusive, yet often quite clear, harmony of heart and mind.

— Ellen Hall, Head of School

"The very nature of intelligence is sensitivity, and this sensitivity is love."

— J. Krishnamurti, *Letters to the Schools*



**ONCE UPON A WETLAND . . .
A TRIP TO SANTA CRUZ ISLAND:
CARING FOR THOSE WHO LIVE DOWNSTREAM**

Wetlands are low places in the landscape, places where water likes to gather and soak into the ground, places where the land is often wet so that water-loving plants and animals can make their homes there.

As a result of a grant secured by Oak Grove School called “Once Upon a Wetland,” students at Oak Grove School, Meiners Oaks Elementary and Nordhoff High School took time to learn about wetlands this past year. They explored questions like: What is a wetland? What role does it play in our watershed? What is a watershed? And why is it important?

Students learned that in a healthy wetland water soaks into the ground and is cleaned and filtered by special plants, soils, and microorganisms. This water makes its way deep, deeper, into the groundwater, and eventually flows underground into the lowest part of the watershed. What is the lowest part of the watershed, you might ask? Just follow the water! . . . It is the river! And everyone knows that the river flows down to the sea. In fact, here in the Ojai Valley, all of the water on our land runs down, not just to the sea, but all the way out to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. So, these students understand that what we do in our own backyards directly affects everyone that lives downstream, which includes all of the Channel Islands!

With this responsibility in mind, students from all three schools gathered together on an early morning in June with a mission to explore, enjoy and take care of the ecological communities out on Santa Cruz Island. Third graders from Oak Grove and Meiners Oaks buddied up with high school kids from Nordhoff High School during the school year, spending quality time removing invasive weeds and planting desirable native plants out on the Ojai Meadows Preserve (our friendly neighborhood wetland). As a result, when they arrived at the Santa Cruz Island restoration site, these cross-campus buddies already knew how to work together to pull weeds and care for native plants.

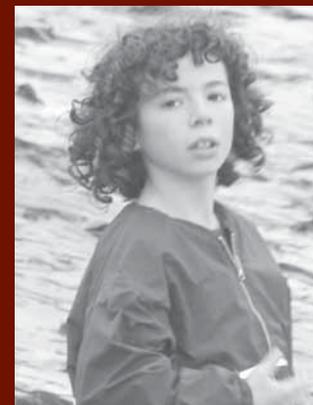
“We really enjoyed watching the kids descend on the weed patch and literally tear into the job!” said Ken Owen of Channel Islands Restoration, a non-profit organization that brings volunteers out to the islands to help restore native habitats. “For the kids, restoration was a fun thing to do and not a chore. One of the parents wished their child felt the same way about the weeds in their garden at home!”

With Ken’s help, students did an excellent job of removing pernicious weeds such as black mustard, short-podded mustard, bull mallow, cheese-weed, horehound, smilo grass, rice grass, and milk thistle. After only an hour, the group had liberated a whole suite of sensitive native and endemic plants from the clutches of these invasive weeds. Native plants like coastal sagebrush, toyon, island ceanothus, Santa Cruz Island ironwood, island cherry, island redberry, and lemonade berry all benefited from the students’ worthy efforts — not to mention all of the island critters whose survival relies on these native plant communities for food, forage, and habitat.

By the end of the day students had toured the historic ranch at Scorpion Anchorage, hiked the bluffs above the Pacific Ocean, picnicked at Cavern Point, restored native habitat in the valley, and traversed the biologically-rich waters of the Santa Barbara Channel, brimming with birds, fish, dolphins, and whales.

All in a day’s work!

— Sara Benjamin, Environmental Coordinator



Summer Study Programs

TEACHER'S ACADEMY

- Swanwick Retreat Campus, Victoria, Canada: June 30 to July 19, 2008
- Oak Grove School, Ojai, California: July 28 to August 15, 2008

Can a teacher truly educate, that is, help bring about intelligence in a student, without an understanding and awareness of his or her own nature? Join us as we explore Krishnamurti's revolutionary approach to education, both as an invitation to self-understanding and as a basis for classroom learning. Open to educators and those pursuing a career in education. Tuition is \$1,000, which includes room, three hearty vegetarian meals and supplies. Contact Teacher's Academy director Paul Herder at 805.646-0752 or email paulherder@oakgroveschool.com for information.



COLLEGE STUDENT SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM

- Oak Grove School, Ojai, California: June 25 to July 9, 2008
- Swanwick Retreat Campus, Victoria, Canada: July 24 to August 7, 2008

College students will explore self-awareness and self-discovery throughout the in-depth inquiry of the dialogue process. The insights gained through dialogue provide access to the hidden operations of the mind as seen in relationships and reactions. Activities also include screenings and study of Krishnamurti teachings, hikes, beach outings and evening campfires. Open to undergraduate and graduate students from any higher education institution worldwide. Tuition is \$900, which includes room, three hearty vegetarian meals and supplies. For more information, contact Program Director Richard Waxberg at 805.640-0532 or email richardwaxberg@kfa.org.

ADULT SUMMER RESIDENTIAL DIALOGUE RETREAT

- Oak Grove School, Ojai, California: July 13 to 19, 2008
- Swanwick Retreat Campus, Victoria, Canada: August 10 to 16, 2008

Through the process of interactive dialogue, we will examine the hidden content and structure of our own minds, of accumulated conditioning and how that conditioning unconsciously shapes our experiences and perceptions of life. The program gives adults a sustained in-depth immersion experience that presents Krishnamurti's teachings as an entirely new way of living, of considering a different dimension of existence beyond the thought-based patterns of the mind. Tuition is \$900, which includes room, three hearty vegetarian meals and supplies. For more information, contact Program Director Richard Waxberg at 805.640-0532 or email richardwaxberg@kfa.org.



Oak Grove School rests on 150 rural acres in Ojai, California. Nearby activities include hiking in the Los Padres National Forest, bicycling, and kayaking at Lake Casitas, just minutes away from campus. Downtown Ojai boasts a charming selection of shops, restaurants, bookstores and galleries.

The **Swanwick Retreat Campus** in Victoria, B.C., has more than 30 acres of private beach-front wilderness and looks out over the Juan de Fuca Straights and the Olympic Mountains, a lovely private lake, and magnificent oak trees.

DIALOGUE RETREAT

- Santa Sabina, California: August 22, 23, 24, 2008
- Swanwick Retreat Campus, Victoria, Canada: September 5, 6, 7, 2008

The three-day dialogue retreats are offered for those who want to explore the workings of their own mind in dialogue on subjects that range over such topics as fear, meditation, the religious life, living in a disintegrating world and psychological death. Through living together over a long weekend, each participant is given the opportunity to dialogue, take walks together, view Krishnamurti videotapes, study texts and informally explore in a quiet retreat atmosphere. Contact Mark Lee, Director of the Krishnamurti Foundation of America, for information and fee structure at 805.646-2726, x18 or email marklee@kfa.org.

2008 May Gathering



MAY 10TH & 11TH, 2008

Exploring the life and teachings of J. Krishnamurti

FACING A WORLD IN CRISIS

Speaker: David Skitt

A **FREE** event hosted by the Krishnamurti Foundation of America at Oak Grove School
220 West Lomita • Ojai

Audio and video screenings

Speaker

Panel discussions

Small groups

For more information, go to www.kfa.org

KRISHNAMURTI LIBRARY

1070 McAndrew Road, Ojai

Self-study books and videos are available for use while at the Krishnamurti Library, 805-646-4948, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Weekly Dialogues: Tuesday Evenings from 7-9 p.m.

BODHI TREE BOOKSTORE

8585 Melrose Avenue,
West Hollywood, CA

Audio/Video Tape and Dialogue the third Saturday each month, at 7 p.m.

WWW.KFA.ORG HAS A NEW LOOK AND STRUCTURE

We've redesigned our website to be more informative, collaborative and user friendly. Because it is more interactive, it can grow and change to fit your needs. In particular, we would like to invite those of you who meet in Dialogue/Study groups to list your group on our website. We get many inquiries from people all over the country who wonder if there are study groups in their area to explore. We would like to grow our listings so that people interested in Krishnamurti's work can find each other. So please do visit us at www.kfa.org and click on "Community."

Here are some of the features you can explore at www.kfa.org

- Bookstore (books, CDs, DVDs, audio and video cassettes).
- Program information and calendar.
- Biography of Krishnamurti and information on the Foundation.
- List of departments and the staff who work at the KFA.
- Sign up for the monthly e-Newsletter.
- Sign up for the Daily Quote.
- List your Dialogue/Study group, or find one.
- Information and suggestions about how to start a Dialogue/Study group.
- Archives of newsletters and e-newsletters.
- Videos about Krishnamurti and the KFA.
- Personal stories from people - about meeting Krishnamurti; or about working with the teachings in their lives.
- A forum for discussion and exploration of topics.
- Information about donating funds and what contributions support.
- Links to other organizations that explore or share the teachings.



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You can help make it happen

We can't let these wonderful activities get lost in the funding gap

It's all about momentum when it comes to fundraising. The more we raise the more we can keep fiscally healthy AND keep our programs growing and reaching people around the globe. If you haven't become a KFA donor, please take a look at the benefits listed on the enclosed envelope and consider making a contribution to the spring appeal. You'll qualify for a variety of publications and you'll be sending the teachings out where they can make a difference. Surely now is the time for us all to collaborate ... our schools will thrive, our publications will travel far and wide, and our free offerings on the internet will grow!

Digitization: Keep it going! **\$50,000**

Publications: Keep them growing! **\$25,000**

Book: *Krishnamurti on Education*, \$5K

Book: *Choiceless Awareness*, \$2K

Book: *Action*, \$2K

Book: *Individual & Society*, \$2K

CDs: *Ojai 1985*, set of 10, \$10K

DVDs: *Remastering 50 new DVDs*, \$20K

Translation & Subtitling: \$9K

Internet: Keep them clicking! **\$25,000**

Help get the new teachings website populated with free material

Events: Keep them inquiring! **\$30,000**

Dialogue Weekends

Summer Study Intensives

Teacher's Academy Residential Program

Speaker's Program

The Oak Grove Preserve: Keep it healthy! **\$30,000**

Tree Crisis Management & Reforestation

Oak Grove School: Keep it revolutionary! **\$\$ Sky's the limit**

Scholarships, teacher development, fair salaries, developing a carbon-neutral campus, funds for an athletic track and a theatrical performance facility.

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thank you

Calendar of Events

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT OAK GROVE SCHOOL

April 13th, 2008

10:00 a.m. EarthWalk: a gentle two-mile walk to support sustainable living. Donations will support the Oak Grove School and the Ojai Valley Land Conservancy. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EarthDay Festival at Oak Grove School. Live entertainment, hands-on environmental learning, exhibits, world foods, art and action activities for all ages, green shopping and more. Admission is free.

ANNUAL MAY GATHERING IN OJAI, CALIFORNIA

May 10th and 11th, 2008

Facing A World In Crisis

Speaker: David Skitt

This event is free for the public and takes place on the campus of Oak Grove School. Registration is not required. The event comprises speakers, panel discussions, video and audio selections of Krishnamurti. Spend an early summer weekend with us and meet others who are interested in the teachings. For more information, visit www.kfa.org

COLLEGE STUDENT SUMMER STUDY PROGRAM

Ojai: June 25th through July 9th, 2008

Swanwick, British Columbia: July 24th through August 7th, 2008

Email richardwaxberg@kfa.org, or call 805-640-0532

TEACHER'S ACADEMY

Swanwick, British Columbia: June 30th through July 19th, 2008

Ojai: July 28th through August 15th, 2008

Open to educators from around the world.

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ADULT SUMMER DIALOGUE INTENSIVE

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Swanwick, British Columbia: August 10th through August 16th, 2008

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SANTA SABINA DIALOGUE RETREAT

August 22nd to 24th, 2008

SAVE THE DATES for this unique opportunity to spend a peaceful weekend in the beautiful Santa Sabina Retreat, near San Francisco. As with other Dialogue Weekends, a specific topic initiates the dialogue process, which is augmented by video and/or audio of Krishnamurti.

For more information, email dialogue@kfa.org, or call Diane White at 805-646-2726, X. 20.

Quiet Mind, Simple Mind

When we are aware of ourselves, is not the whole movement of living a way of uncovering the "me," the ego, the self?

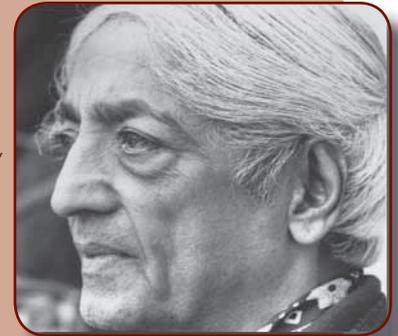
The self is a very complex process that can be uncovered only in relationship, in our daily activities, in the way we talk, the way we judge, calculate, the way we condemn others and ourselves. All that

reveals the conditioned state of our own thinking, and is it not important to be aware of this whole process? It is only through awareness of what is true from moment to moment that there is discovery of the timeless, the eternal. Without self-knowledge, the eternal cannot be. When we do not know ourselves, the eternal becomes a mere word, a symbol, a speculation, a dogma, a belief, an illusion to which the mind can escape. But if one begins to understand the "me" in all its various activities from day to day, then in that very understanding, without any effort, the nameless, the timeless comes into being. But the timeless is not a reward for self-knowledge. That which is eternal cannot be sought after; the mind cannot acquire it. It comes into being when the mind is quiet, and the mind can be quiet only when it is simple, when it is no longer storing up, condemning, judging, weighing. It is only the simple mind that can understand the real, not the mind that is full of words, knowledge, information. The mind that analyzes, calculates, is not a simple mind.

— J. Krishnamurti

From "The Book of Life," January 27

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Take Time To Inquire

The Krishnamurti Retreat is something to consider as you make your spring and summer plans. The psychological speed of modern life is punishing, leaving little time for reflection, to slow down and let the mind reveal itself. At the Retreat, we offer a contemplative environment at reasonable prices, in the foothills of the Ojai Valley amidst citrus orchards and quiet hiking trails. The Krishnamurti Retreat has a two-day minimum and a three-week maximum stay, and the cost per night, including a self-service breakfast, is \$55 for single and \$85 for double occupancy. You can learn more by visiting our website at www.kfa.org, or call the Retreat Manager, Anat Dagan, at 805-646-4773.



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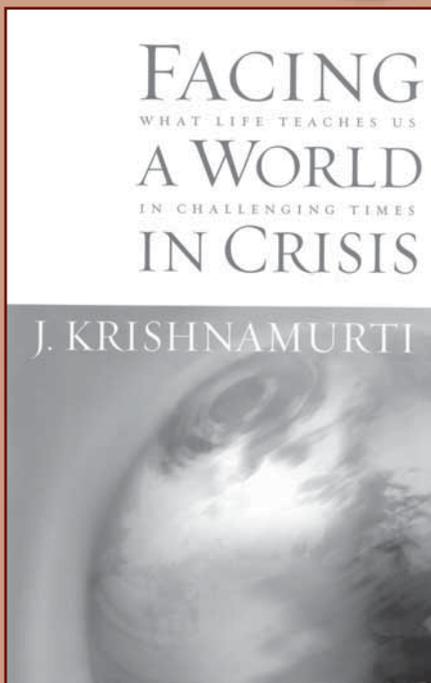


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