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Michaelmas 2000: Celebrating 100 Years of Rudolf Steiner's Public Esoteric Work

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Goethe + Science Highlight Anniversary

On September 29, 1900, Rudolf Steiner spoke for the first time publicly on questions of the spiritual research which he was to call "anthroposophy." To members of the Theosophical Society in Berlin Steiner spoke about a famous and mysterious story by Goethe, the *Tale of the Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily*. He revealed the story to be a profound insight into transitions in human consciousness which will open a new relationship to higher worlds. For the occasion we present two talks by Goethe scholar and anthroposophist Douglas Miller, followed by a dramatic reading of the Goethe tale by our bookstore manager Monique Miller.

This three-part celebration of the anniversary comes a month after the end of the 250th anniversary year of Goethe's birth and is accompanied by a **traveling exhibit on Goethe-the-scientist called *Synthetic Vision*, funded by Germany's Goethe Institute**, which will be on view for several weeks.



Friday, September 29, 7:00 pm
The Temple and the Bridge: Goethe's Fairy Tale and the Future of Humanity with Douglas Miller

J. W. von Goethe believed strongly in the healing that awaits a humanity able to transform and purify the forces of its soul life. Through the power of his language he forges a symbolic mirror to reflect the alchemy of this healing process and the wholeness that can emerge from it. **FEE: \$15; Members, Anthroposophical Society & NY Open Center: \$13.**

Saturday, September 30, 4:00 pm
Goethe's Synthesis of Science & Literature with Douglas Miller

Goethe's fame as a poet has largely overshadowed his accomplishments in the sciences, but Goethe

Physicist Will Speak on the "Fifth Element" Friday, September 8th at 7pm "The Birth of the Fifth Element" with David Auerbach

The cosmic development of the Earth has called forth the four elements: heat, gas, fluids and solids. Now that we have passed the middle of the "earth state" can we notice a germinal fifth element in the physical phenomena of solids? Rudolf Steiner pointed to the U-region beneath that of solids, where form acts upon form, the image of which may be found in so-called optical polarization phenomena. **David Auerbach** has written two articles on this subject which appeared in *Elemente der Naturwissenschaft* and the *European Journal of Physics*. A physicist by trade whose passion is mechanics, fluid mechanics in particular, he led the vortex dynamics group at the Max-Planck-Institut für Strömungsforschung until its recent closure. **FEE: \$10; Seniors & Full Time Students: \$8**

Our financial year comes to an end on August 31st. Donations from many friends and members have enabled us to build the foundation for growth and new initiatives in New York City during this second century of anthroposophy.

The next fiscal year will be bring important further steps in our programs, facilities and outreach. Your donation at this time helps us move into the new year with greater assurance. Please use the enclosed envelope to send whatever you can, today. Thank you!

Globalization & Threofolding Events in New York in September 2000

From September 4th through the 10th there will be a series of events in New York City around the question of globalization and how the future leadership of human affairs worldwide is to be organized. — From the 4th through the 10th the **State of the World Forum** [www.worldforum.org] will hold meetings chaired by Mikhail Gorbachev and other significant political, social and cultural figures. — On September 5th, from 1pm to 11pm at Town Hall (123 West 43rd), the **International Forum on Globalization** [www.ifg.org] will hold a teach-in on the future of the UN. — From the 6th through the 8th a **United Nations "Millennium Summit"** [www.un.org] will convene; 180 world leaders have been invited to discuss the "tri-sectoral" restructuring of the United Nations: in other words, the question of involving both business and "civil society" organizations in UN processes alongside governmental

representatives. — And on the 6th, 7th and 8th there will be **mobilizations and demonstrations** from groups that sponsored similar events in Seattle, this spring in Washington, and at the political conventions.

At the same time, **anthroposophists from a number of countries** who met and organized at the Northern Conference held in Sweden at the beginning of this year will be in New York observing and sometimes participating in these events, and offering perspectives on the questions involved [www.globenet3.org]. While no events are currently scheduled at the branch, some conversations and briefings may be arranged. Please call 212/222-3535 and leave a message for John Beck if you want to be informed of developments. There will also be current information in the bookstore from September 1st onward.

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saw the two sides of his work as complementary. A full understanding of his accomplishments needs to take both into account. **Douglas Miller** is a professor of German and Art at the University of Michigan in Flint and a student of the works of Goethe for over forty years. He has translated and edited *Scientific Studies* (Princeton University Press), a collection of Goethe's scientific works. He coauthored the exhibit *Synthetic Vision* which is on view during this event.

FEE: \$12; Seniors & Full Time Students: \$10.

Saturday, September 30, 7:00 pm
The Fairy Tale of the Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily: A Dramatic Reading of Goethe's "Secret Revelation"
with M. Monique Miller

'What care I?' grumbled the composite King, in an undertone.
— J.W. Goethe, 1795

Goethe's *Fairy Tale of the Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily* is a profound Rosicrucian mystery expressing the alchemy of Necessity and Freedom, and given in a language of living images. These are arranged in such a way that when, as in this evening's dramatic reading, they are allowed to speak directly to individuals, human souls may be moved toward conscious transformation, inspired by their sequence and power. It is possible to say that this apocalyptic jewel of Goethe's art (the principal content of his novel, *Conversations of German Emigrants*) is the acorn, fallen to Earth in the 18th century, out of which modern spiritual science, anthroposophy, has sprung. **Tickets: \$15; Members Anthroposophical Society & NY Open Center: \$13**

Save the Dates...

Fri Sept 8th, 7pm – Science Lecture
On the "Fifth Element" – see story

Mon Sept 11, 10am – Monday AM Study Group
(Apocalypse Lectures to Priests)

Tues Sept 12, 7pm – Barfield Group
(Henri Bortoft on Goethean/Holistic Science)

Sun Sept 17th, 4:30pm – Branch conversation...
and dinner for all – details to follow

Sun Sept 24th, 11am–5pm – Book Fair
Stop by our booth on Fifth Avenue!

Fri/Sat Sept 29-30th – Anniversary
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Wed Oct 4th, 6pm – St. Mark's Study Group
(begins St. John Gospel Lectures)

Thurs Oct 5th, 7pm – Wagner Painting
with David Anderson

Sat/Sun Oct 21-22nd – Robert McDermott
Workshops at NYOC & Branch

Wed Oct 25th, 7:30pm – "Envisioning the Future of the Human Being"
Six-part series begins with Penny Roberts

The Rudolf Steiner Bookstore is open all summer during its regular hours:
Tu-F 3-7pm, Sat 12-5pm — 138 West 15th Street — 212/ 242-8945