

Agriculture Conference

3. – 6. February 2010 at the Goetheanum

CHRISTIAN IMPULSES IN AGRICULTURE

Individual Developmental Themes for Humanity and the Earth

When we speak of Christianity in this context, we do not mean it in a specific religious sense. With Christianity we refer to something which is of a fundamentally human nature and not simply a belief system. It is one that concerns our active sense of responsibility towards humanity and the earth. The word 'Christian' is used to denote certain qualities that are historically associated with Christ such as love and compassion. This is of course also found within other faiths where Gods have different names. The theme will therefore be addressed by our speakers from differing cultural and religious vantage points during the conference. 'Inner transformation and inner connection' are

concepts to indicate what we mean. With this conference we wish to penetrate to what *motivates* us each day in our agricultural (biodynamic) work on the earth.

What does the earth need? The 'answer' might be found in the way we farm the land or in the attitude with which we carry out our work. The latter aspect has a more general ethical or even religious quality to it and yet is just as individual. Whether this inner searching can help us build an inclusive understanding amongst all who work for sustainability? We hope so and trust that with this conference a new step in this direction is made possible.

We invite to participate with us in exploring this challenging theme!

For the Council of Representatives of the Agriculture Section

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Programme

Wednesday, 3 rd February	Thursday, 4 th February	Friday, 5 th February	Saturday, 6 th February
<p>☐ 8.00 – 20.00 Registration</p> <p>☐ 11.30 – 12.30 For members of the School of Spiritual Science Class Lesson 11 in Terrassensaal <i>Brigitte von Wistinghausen</i></p> <p>☐ 15.00 Welcome <i>Nadia El Hagei-Scialabba</i> <i>Virginia Sease</i> <i>Nikolai Fuchs</i> (in German)</p> <p>Lecture Christian Agriculture - An Example!? <i>Karl Tress</i> (in German)</p> <p>☐ 16.45 Break ☐ 17.15 Working Groups ☐ 18.30 Supper</p> <p>☐ 20.00 Lecture My personal striving to do biodynamics, especially in the country India <i>Ritu und Rajeev Baruah</i> Artistic Conclusion Alexandre Skrjabin: Piano Sonata No. 4 F sharp major op. 30 <i>Olaf Marggraf</i> (Piano)</p> <p>Night cafe in Speisehaus</p>	<p>☐ 8.00 Michael Letter: What is revealed when one looks back into repeated lives on earth, part one and two (Rudolf Steiner, Leading Thoughts, GA26) (in German) <i>Manfred Klett</i></p> <p>☐ 9.00 Lecture Thought the light of the Earth: Agriculture, social questions, Justice, Powermonopoly - once and now (in German) <i>Markus Osterrieder</i></p> <p>☐ 10.15 Break ☐ 11.00 Working Groups ☐ 12.30 Lunch Break ☐ 14.30 Artistic Groups ☐ 15.45 Lecture Agriculture from a Christian perspective (in German) <i>Clemens Dirscherl</i></p> <p>☐ 16.45 Break ☐ 17.15 Working Groups ☐ 18.30 Supper</p> <p>☐ 20.00 Arvo Pärt: Concert evening with Eurythmy 'Mirror in a Mirror' / 'Alina' / 'Variations on the healing of Arinuschka' <i>Hartwig Joerges</i> (Piano) <i>Nicolas Gadacz</i> (Violincello) Goetheanum Eurythmy Stage</p> <p>Night cafe in Speisehaus</p>	<p>☐ 8.00 Michael Letter: What is revealed when one looks back into repeated lives on earth, part one and two (in German) <i>Manfred Klett</i></p> <p>☐ 9.00 Lecture Christianity in agriculture as a cosmopolitan impulse (in German) <i>Nikolai Fuchs</i></p> <p>☐ 10.15 Break ☐ 11.00 Working Groups ☐ 12.30 Lunch Break ☐ 14.30 Artistic Groups ☐ 15.30 Lecture-conversation groups</p> <p>☐ 16.45 Break ☐ 17.15 Working Groups ☐ 18.30 Supper</p> <p>☐ 20.00 Scenes of 'The Soul's Awakening' A Mystery Drama from Rudolf Steiner 7th und 8th Scene - Egypt, Opening Initiation; <i>Gioia Falk</i> and <i>Christian Peter</i>, Regie. With detailed translated introduction, <i>Christian Peter</i> Night cafe in Speisehaus</p>	<p>☐ 8.00 Michael Letter: What is revealed when one looks back into repeated lives on earth, part one and two (in German) <i>Manfred Klett</i></p> <p>☐ 9.00 Lecture Individual approaches to Spirituality in agriculture (in German) <i>Ibrahim Abouleish</i></p> <p>☐ 10.15 Break ☐ 11.00 Working Groups ☐ 12.30 Lunch Break ☐ 14.30 Artistic Groups ☐ 15.45 Lecture The Universe in a grain of rice: transformation of consciousness and healing of the earth <i>Ha Vinh Tho</i></p> <p>Conclusion (till c. 17.15) <i>Nikolai Fuchs</i> (in German)</p> <p>☐ 19.00 Onwards Culture evening in the Holzhaus With the Youth Section</p>

Note: All lectures with simultaneous translation into English, French, Spanish, Italian and Russian.