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THE CONSCIOUSNESS SOUL AND ITS MANIFESTATIONS DURING THE MICHAEL EPOCH – 100 YEARS AFTER
THE OUTBREAK OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR I (1914-2014)



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THIS IS THE SEVENTH CONFERENCE IN SUCCESSIVE YEARS OF *THE ROSE CROSS IN EUROPE*. THE AIM OF THE CONFERENCE, SINCE THE BEGINNING, HAS BEEN TO SHED LIGHT ON CONTEMPORARY CULTURE AND CURRENT EVENTS, INCLUDING POLITICS, SPIRITUALITY, THE ARTS AND MANY OTHER ASPECTS OF CONTEMPORARY LIFE. THE FIRST CONFERENCE HAD TO DO WITH THE EARLY 17TH CENTURY, AND WITH THE DIFFICULTIES OF TRUE ROSICRUCIANISM FINDING ITS WAY AMIDST MANY COUNTER-CURRENTS AND THE TURBULENT EVENTS OF THE TIME. IN THE FOLLOWING YEARS, WE HAVE EXPLORED DIFFERENT PERIODS AND THEMES, ALWAYS, WITH THE HELP OF ANTHROPOSOPHY, ATTEMPTING TO FIND THE TRUE METAMORPHOSES OF THE 'ROSE CROSS IN EUROPE' AS WELL AS THE HINDRANCES THESE ENCOUNTER. THIS YEAR, OUR THEME IS THE CONSCIOUSNESS SOUL AND ITS MANIFESTATIONS, 100 YEARS AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

The Consciousness Soul in 1914 and 2014 – Western Manifestations. / Terry Boardman

Terry's lecture will, as in previous years, be in two parts. We are only 600 years into the evolution of what Rudolf Steiner called the Consciousness Soul epoch (1413-3573). Steiner often indicated the connection between this epoch and the English-speaking cultures of the West. What does this have to do with the difference

between 'personality' and 'individuality'? Or with the notion of 'freedom' in the English-speaking world? Did the first phase of the Consciousness Soul epoch culminate in the Thirty Years' War of the 20th century (1914-45)? What is the connection between the development of the Consciousness Soul in the English-speaking world and the first part of that modern Thirty Years' War catastrophe which broke out in the summer of 1914? And how has that development in the English-speaking world really changed in the intervening 100 years, in the next phase of the unfolding Consciousness Soul? Terry Boardman's two lectures will address these questions.

The Consciousness Soul and the I. Spiritual truths and spiritual misperceptions regarding the relationship of the English-speaking world and Central Europe / Richard Ramsbotham

We shall first of all look at some of the true manifestations of English-speaking and Central European culture at the time of the First World War – and at their transformative potential. At the same time, however, some extreme distortions of the spiritual reality of Central Europe were presented in public, and these are still strongly in evidence today. These were and remain influential in fostering public opinion, mainly in cultural and spiritual life, but also impacted on political life. Many of these perspectives originate from the 'Western Esoteric Tradition', and are put forward not only outside but also occasionally within the anthroposophical movement, and often show links with occult Catholicism. We shall also look at significant examples where individuals have seen through these perspectives and at the true bridges that may then be formed. Richard's lectures will include several performance pieces.

The awakening of the consciousness soul and the crisis in human biography. The confrontation of East and West in the age of the consciousness soul. / Markus Osterrieder

The unfolding of the consciousness soul within the human being usually coincides with a biographical situation, in which the human being has to face severe inner and outer crises. It is often necessary to revise one's whole lifestyle. Isolation and a heightened search for the meaning of one's life can appear, and the existential feeling of standing at the edge of an abyss. How does the awakening of this force of consciousness manifest in the human being – this force that according to Rudolf Steiner is so intimately connected with the experience of death and evil?

And what is the significance of the age of the consciousness soul for the global awareness of mankind, which now, in the second decade of the 21st century, 100 years after the outbreak of the First World War, is sliding into a new bi-polar division? Where East and West are once again confronting each other in mutual lack of understanding?

The Consciousness soul and the activity of the folk souls / Anežka Janátová

In two lectures we will look at the life of the archangels, who guide different nations, at how they act within the community of a nation and at their conscious experience of a nation's particular task. We will also explore some of the mysteries and the languages of different nations.



Richard Ramsbotham is a writer and theatre practitioner living near Gloucester, UK. Born in 1962, he studied at Cambridge University and



Artemis School of Speech and Drama. He lectured in English literature at Warsaw University (1989-1993) and worked as performer and writer

with the Rose Theatre Company. He is the author of *Who Wrote Bacon? William Shakespeare, Francis Bacon and James I. A Mystery for the 21st Century* (2004), the editor of *New Selected Poems of Vernon Watkins* (2006). He is currently directing Rudolf Steiner's 3rd Mystery Drama in a contemporary English translation and working on a performance piece, in English and Russian, based on Andrej Belyj's poem Glossolalia.

Markus Osterrieder, PhD., M.A. (Munich University), b.1961, Munich. Formerly a research fellow of the Institute for Eastern Europe (Osteuropa Institut), Munich, he is now a freelance historian, lecturer and writer, active in many European countries from Norway to Romania and from Britain to Russia. He has a particular interest in the spiritual, geopolitical and



cross-cultural exchanges between the continents of America, Europe and Eurasia. Main publication (in German): Sun Cross and Tree of Life (1995), *The Militant Commonwealth of Peace* (2005), *World in Upheaval – The Question of Nationalities, World Order Concepts, and Rudolf Steiner's Standpoint during the First World War* (2014). His web site: www.celtoslavica.de

Terry Boardman (b.1952) lives in Stourbridge, England, and is a long-term student of history and of Rudolf Steiner's Spiritual Science, with special interests in East-West issues, contemporary world events, Kaspar Hauser, and the First World War as the crucible of the modern world. He was a university and college lecturer in English for thirteen years in Japan and England, a eurythmist for 11 years, and is now a freelance writer, lecturer and translator of Japanese and German. He is the author of *Kaspar Hauser: Where did he come from?* (2006), (*Záhadný*



Kaspar Hauser, Grada, 2009), Mapping the Millenium – Behind the Plans of the New World Order (1998 and 2013). His web site: www.threeman.org

Anežka Janátová, PhD., born 1945 in Tabor (Czechoslovakia). After graduating from Charles University (Prague), she worked as a psychologist and later, as a director at the Jedlickas Home for people with learning difficulties and physical handicaps. In 1993 she conceived of the Curative Education and Social Therapy course and promptly established it. In 1997 she and her students set up The Tabor Academy of Social Arts. She has also set up the Tabor Foundation and The Association for Social Therapy and Curative Education in the Czech Republic. She works as a consultant for several day centres and workshops for people with learning difficulties, gives lectures all over Europe, and cooperates with four Steiner schools. Since 2008, she has been the head of the Anthroposophical Society in the Czech Republic. Tabor Academy website: www.akademietabor.cz



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OTHER INFORMATION
Czech-English and Czech-German translation provided. The conference will start on Friday afternoon (November 21nd) and will end on Sunday afternoon (November 23th). It is possible for the participants to join the tour round Prague on Friday morning in German and in English. You will receive a detailed programme after your application.
See www.rose-cross.cz for more detailed information.