Evolving Science 2015

Shaping Goethean Science

in relation to Nature in relation to Science and Society in relation to Anthroposophy

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at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland

The Ideas-Workshop Evolving Science 2014—with keynote lectures, world cafes, workgroups and inspiration walks—opened a space for lively discussions and fruitful exploration which we would like to build upon. The issues and questions which arose during this preparatory event form the starting point for our Evolving Science 2015 conference:

Our Relationship to Nature

Our involvement with the world of the senses—with nature—is clearly of central importance to science and to man. It has been proposed that our observation of nature is equally important to nature itself. Can we understand this better? Although our current disconnection and alienation from nature is a necessary step in the development of consciousness, we realize the effect this has had on nature. In what way can Goethean Science develop our connection to nature so that it has significance not only for human consciousness but for nature as well?

Our Relationship to Society

From an outside perspective Goethean Science has little or no relevance in society or conventional science. Yet, from our perspective it has enormous significance and value. How do we deal with society's perception of Goethean Science? How do we include the work of others in Goethean Science? What are our tasks as scientists within the Goethean and within the larger scientific communities?

Our Relationship to Anthroposophy

Views on how Goethean Science relates to Anthroposophy range from those who see no connection at all to those who consider them to be one and the same. Consequently we ask: what significance does working with nature have for our spiritual development? Can Goethean Science help us to better understand the content of Anthroposophy? Conversely, does spiritual or meditative work have any significance for science?

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