



THE ANTHROPOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN GREATER BOSTON
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Calendar of Events 2018

September

- 12 (Wed) **MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETINGS** (Online). *New!* The members of the Anthroposophical Society are invited to meet via **zoom** the 2nd Wednesday of the Month from 7:30-9 p.m. beginning September 12th. There will be quarterly potluck gatherings, dates and locations to be determined. All members of the Anthroposophical Society are welcome. For more information, please contact Cynde Reilly, cyndeswims59@gmail.com. Click: <https://zoom.us/j/463120828>.
- 13 (TH) **Anthroposophical Meditation, a Modern Western Way to Spiritual Experience.** You are warmly invited to come learn about this meditative practice. How do I come into a meditative deepening that connects me to my own spiritual source? In meditation you find a place of inner quiet. You become centered and enlivened. This evening is very practical. We will do some exercises and speak about meditation based on the work of Rudolf Steiner. \$15 suggested or any donation appreciated (students free, seniors \$10). Agnes Hardorp and Thomas Mayer have been teaching courses in Anthroposophic meditation in Europe for the past 14 years. For more: www.anthroposophical-meditation.info. 7- 9 pm at the Waldorf School of Lexington, 739 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington.
- 29 - 30 **Old and New Forms of Initiation with Bastiaan Baan** a Michaelmas Conference *sponsored by the Christian Community* (not ASinGB). Saturday, Sept. 29 - Michaelmas Day 11 am to 5 pm and Sunday 1 to 2 pm (a church service precedes these start times). To Register — please email Veronica Schlegel at veronicaschlegelpt@gmail.com. Advance registration appreciated! To volunteer to help with food or other tasks — go to www.perfectpotluck.com Coordinator name: Reilly Password: 3514. 366 Washington St. Brookline, MA.

October

- 10 (Wed) **MEMBERS MEETING** (<https://zoom.us/j/463120828>). 7:30-9 pm
- 13 (Sat) **This War is Not Inevitable – The Drama.** 7:30 - 9 pm, auditorium of the Waldorf School of Lexington, 739 Massachusetts Ave., Lexington. \$15-20, students \$5, seniors \$10. Rarely does the Boston area have an opportunity for such a high quality drama to be performed. See a youtube video of “This War is Not Inevitable” at <https://youtu.be/MsKb4jAS44I>.
- 20 (Sat) **America the Beautiful with Craig Wiggins.** 7:30 - 9 pm, Student Lounge, Waldorf HS, 160 Lexington St, Belmont. Who and What are America? Where are



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we going? As with every complex story, there is not one single version. We can look at history, to single figures and to Anthroposophy to begin to unravel some of the mysteries of the singular being "America." Craig is a Priest for a Christian Community in San Francisco.

November

14 (Wed) **MEMBERS MEETING** (<https://zoom.us/j/463120828>). 7:30-9 pm

December

12 (Wed) **MEMBERS MEETING** (<https://zoom.us/j/463120828>). 7:30-9 pm

More events may be posted at our website <https://www.anthroposophyboston.org/events/>

Signs of the Times, Michael's Battle and Its Earthly Reflection

“How often do we hear people asking today, ‘Why don’t the spiritual powers intervene?’ Recently I answered this in a more abstract form: Humanity today must rely on its own freedom. Those who ask, ‘Why don’t the spiritual powers intervene?’ proceed on the assumption that ghosts should make politics instead of human beings. We could certainly progress if ghosts instead of human beings introduced the necessary reforms! They do not do this, of course, because human beings must rely on their freedom. Waiting for ghosts is what makes human beings most confused. It draws their attention away from what ought to happen. Thus, at precisely the same time as humanity, in its own life, was familiarizing itself with refined spiritual concepts – which clearly live in some people – it was also exposed to the starkest materialistic temptations. Human Beings are quite unable to distinguish between refined spiritualized concepts and sensation on the one hand, and what approaches them as temptation on the other, working against the comprehension of what they have spiritualized in themselves – which really is something spiritual. Therefore, because people did not understand at the right moment how evolution ought to proceed, the present catastrophic age became necessary.” -- Rudolf Steiner, *The Mission of the Archangel Michael*, 17Feb1918, Munich, GA 174

The First Class of the School of Spiritual Science for members of the First Class is held monthly in the 4th Grade Room at The Waldorf School of Lexington, 739 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington. A conversation begins at 9 am. The lesson starts at 9:45 am generally on the 2nd Saturday of each month:
9/15, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11.

For information concerning membership in the First Class, please contact Vanya at yoors@mac.com.



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Study Groups – Autumn 2017

Study Groups provide a community-life-filled friendly environment for which to work together with others towards gaining insights from Spiritual Science. Below is a list of on-going study groups.

Newton. The Rudolf Steiner Group of Waban meets at the home of the Ingham's, 14 Lorraine Circle, Waban, the first and third Thursday of each month beginning Sept. 20. The evening starts at 7:00 pm with a social time followed by reading and discussion. We'll study *The Fall of the Spirits of Darkness*. For more information, please call Joanna or Kenneth Ingham at 617-969-0388.

Amesbury Steiner Study Group Our small group gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 am. If you would like to visit or join us, please do! Contact Pam Fenner 978-388-1450 or pjfenner@mac.com, or Cecilia Leigh 717-304-3043 or cmleigh88@gmail.com.

The Rudolf Steiner Study Group of Concord This study group gathers together, on the first and third Tuesday of the month, from 7 – 8:50 pm, at the Concord Library beginning Sept. 17. If you are considering joining the study group, contact Michael Marlow at ymimarlow@gmail.com. We begin our studies of *Anthroposophical Leading Thoughts*.

The Lexington Group. Held at the Waldorf School of Lexington Friday mornings from 8:30 am to 10 am, when school is in session. For questions contact Irene Goncharov, 781-229-6382.

The Cape Ann Study Group Meets every other Monday at 7:30PM at Waldorf School at Moraine Farm, 701 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA. We welcome all who would like to engage in a lively and warm exploration and reflection around Steiner's work. This year we will be working with Steiner's volume: *The Foundations of Human Experience* (also known as *The Study of Man*). For further information please contact facilitators John and Carrie Schuchardt at thehouseofpeace@yahoo.com (978-356-9395).

Beverly - Six Attributes Study Group with Alton C. Frabetti, Ph.D. - The six exercises were conceived by Rudolf Steiner to develop gently five attributes of the heart chakra, the sixth as balance itself as the attentive selection of rotating techniques. The group will meet to discuss the exercises, their significance, their overall effects, and to respond to any questions you may have. The first session was held on Wednesday, June 27th. For information on future sessions and location, please contact Alton directly at altonfrabetti@gmail.com

Online Study Groups

(1) **Theosophy** 3rd Wednesdays 8-9:30 pm, (2) **Karma of Untruthfulness Vol. 1 ends Oct, then Karma of Untruthfulness Vol. 2** 3rd TH 7:30-9 AM, (3) **Challenge of Evil, Michael and Beast**, 3rd TH 8-9:15 pm, (4) **Life Between Death and Rebirth**, 4th Wed 8-9:30 pm, (5) **Meditations on the Signs of the Zodiac**, 4th TH 8-9:15 pm. Meeting via Skype throughout the year. Send your email address, phone number and Skype number/name to Diane: mccgary.family@comcast.net.

MysTech. Meets online Mondays 8:30-9:30 pm. This international group will study Steiner's work on Mechanical Occultism and Moral-based Technology. New groups commence Sept. 17. Limited to 12 participants. For more information contact Andrew Linnell at jandrewlinnell@yahoo.com.



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Treasurer's Note: Give what you feel is right to support the work in Greater Boston. Our **contribution** guideline continues to be \$30 per individual or \$50 per family. If this donation size is not possible, any gift would be welcomed. If you have no access to email and would like to receive paper notices, please let us know with a note sent to our treasurer, Cynde Reilly, 87 Stony Brook Rd., Westford, MA 01886. Make your check payable to The Anthroposophical Society In Greater Boston or ASinGB. You may also contribute via our web site at www.anthroposophyboston.org.

Editor's Corner: Meeting Topics and Michael's Battle

Other than our new monthly members' meetings, we currently have nothing scheduled for November and December. If you would like to volunteer, please let the Events Committee know or write to me at [jandrewlinnell \[at\] yahoo.com](mailto:jandrewlinnell@yahoo.com).

The short quote about Michael's Battle from *The Archangel Michael* was given in the immediate aftermath of WW I. Its message continues to resonate one hundred years later in our current times.

Members of The Events Committee and Officers

*Andrew Linnell, President; Barbara Martin, VP; Cynde Reilly, Treasurer; Geneva Cooper, Secretary;
Dan Emerson, Joanna and Kenneth Ingham,*

Verse for America by Rudolf Steiner

*May our feelings penetrate
Into the center of our heart
And seek in love to unite with
Human Beings seeking the same goal-
With Spirit Beings who, full of grace
Behold our earnest, heartfelt striving
And in beholding strengthen us
From realms of light
Illuminating our lives in Love.*