

The NEWSLETTER

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A Visit to Brockwood Park

by Christian Lefebvre

The following is an account by Christian Lefebvre, KICM secretary, of his visit to Brockwood Park last July for the International Committees Meetings (see page 3).

Upon arriving at Brockwood Park, I was struck by the beauty of this unique oasis in the heart of the English countryside. The site stretches over a large area on which stands a few buildings, a large kitchen garden, a little plot called the 'Flower Garden', a playground, pool, and majestic trees everywhere. In the neighbouring fields were peacefully-grazing sheep. Everything seemed to be imbued with a calmness and serenity.

My first stop was the Study Centre, a building whose harmony and sobriety wonderfully merges it with the landscape. A few minutes walk from the Centre is the school, and next to that is the Cloister where I was put up. This residence for the students, who were away on summer vacation, is comprised of a series of rooms surrounding a small green square. I really felt it was luxurious, with my own bathroom, and a gorgeous view of the tree and flower-filled park. When I visited busy London days later, I could not help but think of the futility of human hubbub, and the nonsense of lives that have lost their simplicity.

Each day at Brockwood started (for the early risers) with a pleasant morning walk in the lovely countryside. After an 8:00 am breakfast, we gathered at the Study Centre. Each meeting began with a short video extract from a Krishnamurti talk, followed by dialogues in small groups (12 to 15 people). Then there was an exchange period, where everyone was encouraged to express themselves freely. All the meals were vegetarian, made from a great variety of foods, served in generous portions, and absolutely delicious. The famous afternoon English tea break was of course scrupulously respected. This offered an occasion for informal chat, developing new friendships, and learning about

the different cultures of the participants, while savoring tasty English butter cookies!

As for the Meetings - can you imagine about fifty people from all over the world - Greeks, Poles, Swiss, French, Hungarians, Indians, Spanish, Swedish, Brazilians and others - talking in the same room for hours? Really amazing! Most of the participants spoke very good English, but each with a different accent, so we had to re-program our brains to adapt to particular pronunciations. I have to admit that I had a headache at the end of the day! To represent the KICM, I was accompanied by Louis-Maxime Dubois. We announced the opening of our new website, and distributed copies our Newsletter to the group, who were very impressed by the quality of the publication. For the KICM, we gathered many useful ideas from these meetings, which will help with our activities in Montreal.



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Finally, each participant shared their experience in making Krishnamurti's teaching more available in their respective regions. Discussion periods took place for inquiries and questions, and in this relaxed atmosphere of collaboration and friendship, one was also encouraged to question oneself, deeply and honestly. Within this communal experience of exploration, I felt the essence of Krishnamurti's teachings was reflected in our relationships and interactions.

On behalf of the KICM, I would like to sincerely thank the Brockwood Park staff, and especially Donna Broughton, for their generosity and exceptional devotion to K's legacy.

News and Notes

IN APPRECIATION

Many thanks to Flip Image Communications for producing our handsome Newsletter, and Pierre Hudon for translation work once again.

A special thanks to Dr. Raj Thakur for generously helping to fund members Maxime Dubois and Christian Lefebvre, who represented the KICM at the International Committees Meeting at Brockwood Park in early July.

KICM WEBSITE

The KICM website is currently under re-construction, but it still can be accessed at the new e-address below: www.jkrishnamurti.ca

VIDEO SHOWINGS

The winter semester K Video showings will be at both Concordia University Campuses beginning Friday February 1st. Theme - When there is freedom.

VIDEO SHOWINGS IN FRENCH

Now that we have Krishnamurti DVDs with French sub-titles or dubbing we are considering video showings at an educational venue such as UQAM for our French audience. We would need a contact at such an institution, and a volunteer to conduct the presentations. Those interested or who can help in this regard please contact: Louis-Maxime Dubois (450) 692-1274

KRISHNAMURTI INFORMATION CENTRE Year-End Financial Report 1st September 2006 - 31st August 2007

Message from the Treasurer

The Krishnamurti Information Centre of Montreal is a non-profit organization run by volunteers, and is financially dependant on subscription fees and donations. During this past year, subscriptions were down, but members generously stepped up to compensate with increased donations. In the coming year we expect our primary costs once more to be audio/visual rentals for presentations at Concordia University, and media advertising announcing these showings. However, we are expecting more revenue from video rentals, since the library has upgraded its collection to include DVDs of K's talks. We would like to thank again those who contributed by covering the costs of postage, photocopying, book purchases and advertising over the past year. Overall, the KICM is now well positioned to continue disseminating the teachings of J. Krishnamurti in 2007-2008.

Note: A total of \$440.00 for our library fund collected in previous years is included in the balance carried forward from 2005-2006.

	2006-07	2005-06
Balance Forward :	\$ 1,031.13	\$640.10
<u>Credits</u>		
Annual Fees	560.00	665.00
Donations	1,463.67	821.32
Video Rentals	200.50	35.00
Audio Rentals	0.00	0.00
Articles	0.00	9.75
Library Fund	20.00	0.00
Credit Total	\$2,244.17	\$1,531.07
<u>Expenditures</u>		
ICM Brockwood	500.00	43.27
Office Supplies	39.79	39.77
Postage and P.O. Box	143.43	180.03
Advertising	517.39	308.00
A/V Rental	350.00	290.00
Books & Videos	69.36	197.17
Prov. Gov. Reg. & Decl.	32.00	32.00
CIBC Charges	51.60	49.80
Debit Total	\$1,703.57	\$1,140.04
Balance Forward :	\$1,571.73	\$1,031.13

The International Committees Meeting at Brockwood Park

This past summer, for the first time the Krishnamurti Information Centre of Montreal (KICM) was invited to represent Canada at the International Committees Meeting (ICM) at the Krishnamurti Centre, Brockwood Park, England. Two of our members, Maxime Dubois and Christian Lefebvre, attended the event held from July 3rd to 7th. Christian's account of his experience is on Page One of this issue of the Newsletter.

The ICM is sponsored by the Krishnamurti Foundation Trust (KFT, established in 1968) the first of the four Krishnamurti foundations, and is held every two years at Brockwood Park. The purpose of the ICM is to allow Krishnamurti centres and committees from numerous countries to meet and exchange ideas, information and experiences related to their work of making available Krishnamurti's teachings in their part of the world. The KFT has under its jurisdiction Canada, Europe, Africa, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Asia (except India) and most countries in south-east Asia.

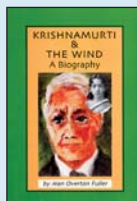
This summer, 40 members from 22 countries participated at the ICM. Each member presented a brief description of their organization's activities, and there were discussions of what seemed to work and what did not. Maxime and Christian made many friends and contacts and established the KICM's presence and commitment at these gatherings. Now part of this unique network, we plan to continue to consistently attend in the years to come.



The Library Acquisitions

Krishnamurti & The Wind

Jean Overton Fuller
The Theosophical Publishing House,
London, 2003
300 pages



For sixty years, Jean Overton Fuller has been a member of the Theosophical Society. She finds no contradiction between Krishnamurti's teachings and the teachings of those the Theosophists call "The Masters." Krishnamurti perhaps offered a quicker route.

Jiddu Krishnamurti - World Philosopher (1895 - 1986) His Life and Thoughts

Dr. C.V. Williams
Motilal Banarsidass - Private Limited,
Delhi, India, 2004
581 pages

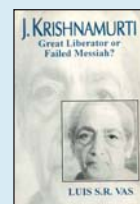


The enigma of Krishnamurti's life is explored and exposed - from the death of his mother

when he was young to the adulation he received as a guru-figure, from abject poverty to luxurious comfort; from cultish repression to absolute freedom.

J. Krishnamurti - Great Liberator or Failed Messiah?

Luis S.R. Vas
Motilal Banarsidass, Private Limited,
Delhi, India, 2004
191 pages



This book appraises various assessments, and charges against Krishnamurti who was selected to be a Messiah and a World Teacher by the Theosophical Society. Did K live up to their expectations? How original a thinker was he? How great was his impact? How accessible are his teachings? Vas tries to answer these and other related questions.

The Library

— Books in French

News

from around the
World

Les limites de la pensée

Discussion - J. Krishnamurti and David Bohm
Translated from English by Colette Joyeux
Éditions Stock, 1999 (245 pages.)



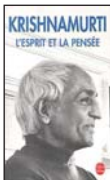
When Krishnamurti, a great spiritual master who is demanding without being dogmatic, and David Bohm, an eminent physicist, found themselves face to face, one could expect a dialogue of the deaf or a tough confrontation, since their respective universes appear so opposite.

Nevertheless, these two friends and very special personalities, succeed in tackling the crucial questions of existence with great perspicacity, pedagogic quality, authenticity and precision. This book is essential for those who are interested in exploring the mysterious areas at the crossing of metaphysics, morals and politics, philosophy and linguistics, religion and science. It is also an invitation to question traditions, and the quest for an absolute that we often try to find where it is not.

L'Esprit et la pensée

Jiddu Krishnamurti

Translated from English by Colette Joyeux
Éditions Stock, 2001 (254 pages.)



In spite of the great success of technology, our quest for progress seems to have hit a wall: chaos is present in many areas of the globe; racism and nationalism are leading to atrocities, and one begins to doubt the promise of a radiant future for mankind. In this book, Krishnamurti looks at two possibilities of dealing with this situation. The first and more traditional way consists in trying to change social, political and economic structures. For Krishnamurti, this is bound to fail, as it is inspired by thought. The second way is unexpected, as it is based on an inward transformation brought about by the mind. But how do we distinguish between thought and mind, and how are they related?

Instead of giving immediate answers, Krishnamurti invites the readers to observe their mental processes to see when they lead to insight or deadlock. With this second path change is not based on a voluntary and collective action, but on a radical mutation that is individual, intimate and totally new.

EVENTS AT BROCKWOOD

The following theme weekends are scheduled for the Krishnamurti Centre at Brockwood Park:

- Feb. 22nd - 24th Justice and injustice
- Mar. 14th - 19th Improving oneself: myth or reality?
- April 11th - 13th Is the brain different than the mind?
- April 20th - 26th L'éducation, méthode ou art de vivre? (In French)
- May 16th - 18th Open dialogue
- May 31st An introduction to Krishnamurti's teachings

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RESIDENTIAL DIALOGUES AT OJAI

The Krishnamurti Foundation of America is holding a series of small group discussions at the Krishnamurti Retreat, in Ojai, California.

To maintain a sense of friendly togetherness, the groups will be limited to eight to ten participants. All participants will reside at the Retreat, share meals and activities, and engage in two dialogue sessions a day.

Each event will begin on a Friday evening at 7 pm., and last until Sunday afternoon. The last session of 2007 is:

December 14 - 16: "What is the nature of belief?"

For more information or to register, contact Michael Krohnen, Telephone: (805) 646-4948.

KECC RE-OPENS

In 2006 we reported that the Krishnamurti Educational Centre of Canada, located near Victoria, British Columbia, had permanently closed down Krishnamurti related activities. After a period of re-organization, the KECC announced this summer on the Krishnamurti Foundation of America website that they have now re-opened as a retreat centre. In August, Mark Lee, Director of the KFA visited the centre and gave a seminar on meditation.

For information and inquiries concerning the KECC:

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Library Hours

Every Wednesday; 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
by appointment only.

Please contact Mary to arrange an appointment (by Tuesday evening at the latest) and feel free to call anytime with questions pertaining to the library.

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Rental Fees

Audio : Cost — \$3, deposit — \$4.

Video : Cost — \$5, deposit — \$15.

Loan : 1 week depending on demand.

Book Loans

Books : Free, deposit — \$10.

Loan : 2-4 weeks, depending on demand.

Postal delivery - add \$5.

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