

The NEWSLETTER

<http://www.krishnamurtimontreal.org>

Love is not cultivated

Love is not to be cultivated. Love cannot be divided into divine and physical; it is only love — not that you love many or the one. That again is an absurd question to ask: “Do you love all?” You know, a flower that has perfume is not concerned who comes to smell it, or who turns his back upon it. So is love. Love is not a memory. Love is not a thing of the mind or the intellect. But it comes into being naturally as compassion, when this whole problem of existence — as fear, greed, envy, despair, hope — has been understood and resolved. An ambitious man cannot love. A man who is attached to his family has no love. Nor has jealousy anything to do with love. When you say, “I love my wife,” you really do not mean it, because the next moment you are jealous of her.

Love implies great freedom — not to do what you like. But love comes only when the mind is very quiet, disinterested, not self-centred. These are not ideals. If you have no love, do what you will — go after all the gods on earth, do all the social activities, try to reform the poor, the politics, write books, write poems — you are a dead human being. And without love your problems will increase, multiply endlessly. And with love, do what you will, there is no risk, there is no conflict. Then love is the essence of virtue. And a mind that is not in a state of love is not a religious mind at all. And it is only the religious mind that is freed from problems, and that knows the beauty of love and truth.

J. Krishnamurti, *The Book of Life*, November 23.



News and Notes

IN APPRECIATION

Once again, many thanks to Flip Image Communications for the technical production of the KICM Newsletter, and to Pierre Hudon for the excellent translation work.

KICM WEBSITE

The KICM Website is now fully operational. On it you will find current information about the KICM, the library, video showings, events and more. The address is:

www.krishnamurtimontreal.org.

VIDEO SHOWINGS

Beginning this fall, there will be a number of important changes to the Krishnamurti video showings schedule and location. Instead of a series of six presentations in the autumn and winter at Concordia University, the showings will now take place once a month at the Atwater Library. Please check our website for more information on the time and location.

The video showings will feature Krishnamurti DVDs with French sub-titles to accommodate francophone viewers. Also, there will now be a \$5.00 cover charge for the presentations, and the information articles about Krishnamurti will be available at no cost.

KRISHNAMURTI INFORMATION CENTRE OF MONTREAL Year-End Financial Report 1st September 2007 - 31st August 2008

Message from the Treasurer

The Krishnamurti Information Centre of Montreal is a non-profit organization run by volunteers, and is financially dependent on subscription fees and donations from members and the public. The past year has seen a decline in overall income, primarily due to a reduction in donations, while overall expenses were up. This situation occurred because of a large expenditure of \$500.00 in August to pay programming for the KICM's re-designed and upgraded website.

The decision to improve our presence on the internet, in order to direct the public to up-to-date information about KICM activities, is part of our intent to focus on publicity in the coming year. In this regard, the savings previously set aside for our library fund (\$440.00) will be put towards advertising expenses. Also to support this aim will be a new entrance charge of \$5.00 at our video showings starting this fall. We believe that an increased emphasis on publicity is necessary to sustain the KICM's mandate into the near future.

	2007-08	2006-07
Balance Forward :	\$1,571.73	\$ 1,031.13
<u>Credits</u>		
Annual Fees	635.00	560.00
Donations	689.10	1,463.67
Video Rentals	150.00	200.50
Audio Rentals	0.00	0.00
Library Fund	0.00	20.00
Credit Total	\$1,474.10	\$2,244.17
<u>Expenditures</u>		
ICM Brockwood	0.00	500.00
Office Supplies	93.86	39.79
Postage and P.O. Box	168.21	143.43
Advertising	438.27	517.39
A/V Rental	350.00	350.00
Website Programming	500.00	0.00
Books & Videos	0.00	69.36
Prov. Gov. Reg. & Decl.	32.00	32.00
CIBC Charges	46.80	51.60
Debit Total	\$1,629.14	\$1,703.57
Balance Forward :	\$1,416.69	\$1,571.73

Activities of the Krishnamurti Information Centre of Montreal

The Krishnamurti Information Centre of Montreal (KICM) was founded in the early 70s, and to this day continues to execute its sole mandate of promoting and disseminating the teachings of J. Krishnamurti. This aim has been achieved through video/DVD presentations for the public, the operation of a library offering Krishnamurti books, videos, DVDs, and audio cassettes, the publication of a bilingual newsletter.

After two KICM members attended the International Committees Meeting at Brockwood Park, England, in 2007, we have made efforts to expand our activities in new directions.

These recent endeavors are as follows:

Books for Prisons

Initiated by the Krishnamurti Foundation Trust in England, the Books for Prisons project involves offering Krishnamurti's book *Beyond Violence* to penitentiary libraries at no cost. To date, the KICM has provided copies of the book, and a number of other Krishnamurti books published in French, to Quebec prisons through the organization ARCAD (Association for Recreational and Cultural Activities with people in Detention). Currently we are working on distributing the book to federal prison libraries in other provinces across Canada through the John Howard Society.

DVD Distribution

The aim of this project is to offer for sale Krishnamurti talks and dialogues on DVD to local public libraries, beginning with the Bibliotheque nationale. At present negotiations are underway with the publication department of the Krishnamurti Foundation Trust, who will provide the DVDs, for distribution rights in the province of Quebec. At present, there is no official distributor of Krishnamurti material in Canada.

Books to the Elderly

This project is intended to offer elderly members of the KICM the opportunity to loan Krishnamurti books from the KICM library and have them delivered to their homes free of charge. So far, two older members have expressed interest, and a volunteer is now providing the service to them.

Please note: The KICM is wholly dependent upon the participation of members as volunteers to operate and carry out its activities. We are constantly short of manpower, and would gladly welcome anyone who can spare the time to assist us in a variety of ways.

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Illumination or merely experience?

by George West

Reading Eric Pagé's perceptive article *The Art of Dressing a Child Who Won't Stay Still* (*KICM Newsletter*, Autumn, 2005), I noticed his usage of the transitive verb 'experience' in reference to the meanings implicit in terms such as 'illumination' the 'natural state', and 'direct perception of reality', etc. Can what is indicated by these terms actually be experience, or even the result of experience? Krishnamurti, as is well documented in his talks and writings, certainly denies that this is the case.

After all, does not all experience occur in time, is of time, and takes time? Moreover, do not all experiences instantly become the past as memory? If it is true that experience remains in time as memory, how could experience or its result be direct perception of reality, which is timeless?

Even so, the question might be raised since it is true enough that every instant of our existence is always experience. What I am suggesting is that while insight or direct perception of reality is instantaneous (no thought / time), experience may not be separate from it - insight could be an awakening into the true nature of all experience. However, as soon as this 'insight' is thought of, pursued, or sought after as an

experience to be 'experienced' by the 'me' it remains forever elusive.

Eric Pagé titles his article, "The Art of Dressing a Child Who Won't Stay Still." This ceaseless movement is certainly an apt characterization of our own mind. Is it ever not moving? So in being still does any mind exist that is separate from the immediate totality of reality as it really is? Is not this same reality, that is, the reality of time, space, place, experience, living and dying also inseparably the immeasurable wholeness of reality?

In the teachings of Zen we find mention of "The Gateless Gate" as a metaphor for this no thought / time insight, the point being we cannot enter a place we have never departed. Zen masters also pointedly inquire "At this very moment what do you lack"?

Krishnamurti also posed a very critical question whenever someone proudly presented him with his or her alleged profound realization – Sir or Madame, he would inquire, is all that just a theory, or a fact?

George West is a long-time member of the Krishnamurti Information Centre of Montreal.

What is age? Is it the number of years you have lived? That is part of age; you were born in such and such a year, and now you are fifteen, forty or sixty years old. Your body grows old - and so does your mind when it is burdened with all the experiences, miseries and weariness of life; and such a mind can never discover what is truth. The mind can discover only when it is young, fresh, innocent; but innocence is not a matter of age. It is not only the child that is innocent - he may not be - but the mind that is capable of experiencing without accumulating the residue of experience. The mind must experience, that is inevitable. It must respond to everything - to the river, to the diseased animal, to the dead body being carried away to be burnt, to the poor villagers carrying their burdens along the road, to the tortures and miseries of life - otherwise it is already dead; but it must be capable of responding without being held by the experience. It is tradition, the accumulation of experience, the ashes of memory, that make the mind old. The mind that dies every day to the memories of yesterday, to all the joys and sorrows of the past - such a mind is fresh, innocent, it has no age; and without that innocence, whether you are ten or sixty, you will not find God.

J Krishnamurti, *Die Every Day / The Book of Life*

The Library Acquisitions

Over the last year we have added the following titles to our library collection.

Books

Beyond Violence

Jiddu Krishnamurti
Krishnamurti Foundation India, Madras, (1973)
reprint 2000
Hardcover, 186 pages



"It (violence) is like a stone dropped in a lake: the waves spread and spread, at the center is the 'me'. As long as 'me' survives in any form, very subtly or grossly, there must be violence." The theme of violence and Krishnamurti's approach to it are as relevant today as they were when he spoke in 1970 to vast audiences. In discussing the nature of violence, Krishnamurti also unravels the other psychological factors such as hurt, competition, insecurity, and fear, which are closely related to violence.

Books by Krishnamurti in French

J. Krishnamurti – Carnets

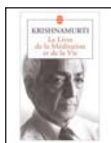
Translation by Marie-Bertrande Maroger
Editions du Rocher, 1988
388 pages



This unique Notebook, written almost daily by Krishnamurti in 1961 and 1962, moves with breathtaking swiftness from the sights and sounds of his immediate environment to those moments of bliss variously described as "immensity", "benediction", or the "other". (KFT catalogue)

K le Livre de la méditation et de la vie

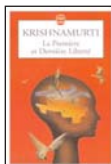
Translation by Colette Joyeux
Publications Stock, 1997
425 pages



Inspired by Krishnamurti's perception that truth can be discovered by anyone and that all life is interconnected, *The Book of Life* presents passages from Krishnamurti's talks and writings on a different theme for every week of the year, with each topic examined over seven days. Topics include: self-knowledge, desire, sorrow, death, meditation, fear, energy, feelings, violence, rebirth, god, truth, grief, authority, and belief. (KFT Catalogue)

La première et dernière liberté

Translation by Carlo Suarès
Publications Stock, 1979
295 pages



First published in 1954, *The First and Last Freedom* covers an extraordinary array of topics over 59 small chapters. It includes a nine-page introduction by Aldous Huxley and is considered by many their favorite Krishnamurti book. Upon its initial release *The Observer* wrote, "For those who wish to listen, this book will have a value beyond words." (KFA CATALOGUE)

Commentaires sur la vie

3 volumes
Translation by Roger Giroux and Nicole Tisserand
Publications Buchet / Chastel, 1973, 1976, 1977



While many of Krishnamurti's books are compilations of his talks, *Commentaries on Living* was written by Krishnamurti at the request of his good friend Aldous Huxley. The three-part series are among the easiest of Krishnamurti's works to read, blending descriptions of nature with explorations into the psychological problems that beset human beings. (KFA Catalogue)

La vérité et L'événement

Translation by Colette Joyeux
Editions du Rocher, 1990
200 pages



The first part of *Truth and Actuality* is a series of discussions from 1975 between Krishnamurti and Dr. David Bohm, Professor of Theoretical Physics at Birkbeck College, London University. The second part presents talks and dialogues which Krishnamurti gave in the autumn of 1975.

Le changement créateur

Translation by Annette Duche
Delachaux et Niestle Neuchatel / Paris, 1972, 1988
238 pages



"The book is an extended exchange between Krishnamurti and a faceless Questioner who communicates the essential doubts and confusions of Everyman. The exchange concerns: the reality of God, morality, love and sex, belief, tradition, discipline, 'seeing the whole,' meditation, passion, order, beauty and the artist. In a perceptive closing dialogue relevant to the various 'revolutions' evident today, Krishnamurti describes what he conceives to be 'the new human being.' Beautifully ordered meditations."..... (Publishers Weekly, from the book cover)

DVDs

Life is a Movement in Learning

- Series of 8 DVDs (6 public talks and 2 public dialogues), Madras, 1979. English with French dubbing & subtitles.



The 8 DVDs have the following titles:

Organizations Have Not Saved Man; An Action that is not the Outcome of Thought; Is Freedom a Matter of Time?; What Brings About Disorder in Relationship?; What is a Religious Mind?; The Movement of Meditation; Are We aware of this Division?; Can You Understand What a Religious Life Is?

The Movement of Desire

- Series of 6 DVDs (4 public talks & 2 public dialogues), Brockwood, 1978. The 4 disks of public talks are in English with French dubbing.



The 6 DVDs have the following titles:

Can I Strip Myself of the Network of Language?; How is One to Have Complete Order?; How is Freedom to be Understood & Lived?; The Beginning of Meditation; Are You Aware of the Structure of Yourself?; Can I Learn Through Relationship?

News from the World

The Krishnamurti Centre, Brockwood Park
Theme Weekends and Study Retreats

November 7th to 11th - Qu'est-ce que la mort? (In French)
November 21st to 26th - Images of oneself and others in relationship

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Krishnamurti Books in Braille

The Krishnamurti Foundation India is planning to publish Krishnamurti books in Braille and audio books for low-vision and blind readers. The editions would be in English, and the Indian languages of Hindi, Marathi, and Gujarati. Financial support is greatly needed for these projects. For more information please contact: editor@kfionline.org.

KFA Online Dialogue

The Krishnamurti Foundation of America website has an excellent interactive, on-line dialogue forum discussing a variety of topics. On the KFA home page (www.kfa.org) go to the "Get Involved" box at the lower right, and click on "Visit our Online Forum". One has to register to post comments or replies.

Mary Taylor Zimbalist (1915-2008)

Mary Zimbalist, a founding trustee of the Krishnamurti foundations and schools in Europe and America, died on June 17th in Ojai, California. She was an assistant to Krishnamurti for more than 20 years until his death in 1986.

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.

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 - Postal delivery cost according to size and weight of book(s).

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