



Institute of World Culture

IWC STUDY CIRCLE

## MAY 2024 PROGRAM

### A CHALLENGE TO THE IDEOLOGY OF INDIVIDUALISM

"Wonder acts upon a man like a shock, he is "moved" and "shaken," and in the dislocation that succeeds all that he has taken for granted as being natural or self-evident loses its compact solidity and obviousness; he is literally dislocated and no longer knows where he is." – Josef Pieper

#### Tuesday, MAY 7th

***A Challenge to the Ideology of Individualism*** Roger Ames, Professor at Peking University, Professor *Emeritus* of Philosophy at the University of Hawaii, gives a compelling portrait of the Confucian view of relationships in which the individual is inseparable from the community. The Circle will listen to one of Ames' presentations on YouTube and discuss it along with a short reading on The Five Constant Virtues of Confucian Thought. These virtues provide a way to begin to understand thinking outside the individualism of the West.

#### Tuesday, MAY 14th

***Transformative Education: The Art of Living and Learning*** This presentation is a special Institute-wide program via Zoom, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm (PDT). Dr. Sonal Murali and her staff will join us from India via Zoom to discuss the significant element of children's transformative education. Study Circle members will be sent a link as normal.

***Tuesday, MAY 21th Leisure: The Basis of Culture*** Selections from Josef Pieper's book, "Leisure, The Basis of Culture", will be the basis for discussion. Pieper traces the meaning of leisure back to the Greek word that is the root of the English "school". He asserts that the statement "We work in order to be at leisure", turns everything upside down. Actually, really living is really learning.

#### Tuesday, MAY 28th

***Symbols and Synchronicity: Signposts Along the Path*** Jeanne Martin will lead us in a discussion about how paying attention to the signs and symbols around us can help us navigate our lives right now. Discover ways that we can benefit from quieting our minds to open to these gifts, which emerge along our path, especially in times of choice points. We will explore the concept of synchronicity from a Jungian perspective related to how symbols can foreshadow a potential future.

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