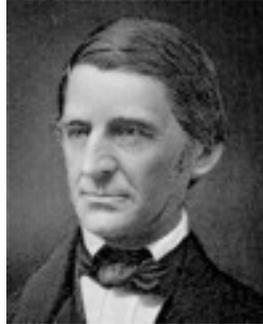




# I W C Newsletter

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***“A friendly thought is the purest gift that man can afford to man”  
— Thomas Carlyle***

## Learning Through Friendship

*The following excerpts from the first two sets of correspondence between Ralph Waldo Emerson, American philosopher of Transcendentalism, and Thomas Carlyle, a preeminent English historian and man of letters, shows the originality of thought and mutual respect that provided the basis for a unique exchange of ideas between two of the great minds of the 19th century. This correspondence will be the subject of the Founding Day Address at the Institute of World Culture on Saturday, July 2nd at 7:30 pm.*

From **EMERSON TO CARLYLE**: First letter. Boston, Massachusetts, 14 May, 1834

“My Dear Sir,— Some chance wind of Fame blew your name to me, perhaps two years ago, as the author of papers which I had already distinguished (as indeed it was very easy to do) from the mass of English periodical criticism as by far the most original and profound essays of the day,—the works of a man of Faith as well as Intellect, sportive as well as learned, and who, belonging to the despairing and deriding class of philosophers, was not ashamed to hope and to speak sincerely. Like somebody in Wilhelm Meister, I said: This person has come under obligations to me and to all whom he has enlightened. ... I am glad that one living scholar is self-centered, and will be true to himself though none ever were before...

“You are dispensing that which is rarest, namely, the simplest truths,—truths which lie next to consciousness, and which only the Platos and Goethes perceive. I look for the hour with impatience when the vehicle will be worthy of the spirit,—when the word will be as simple, and so as resistless, as the thought,—and in short, when your words will be one with things...

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Theme for 2011: The New Learning: Pathways to Global Culture  
Aim 9. To assist in the emergence of men and women of universal culture,  
capable of continuous growth in non-violence of mind, generosity of heart  
and harmony of soul — Declaration of Interdependence

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Founding Day Address**  
**Ralph Waldo Emerson**  
**and Thomas Carlyle:**  
**A Friendship of True Minds**

**Saturday, July 2**

**7:30 - 9:00 p.m.**

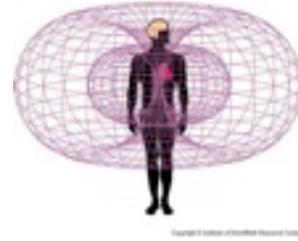
**Speaker: Cliff Tillotson**

**Concord House, 1407 Chapala St.**

*“A friend is a sort of paradox in nature.”*  
 – Ralph Waldo Emerson

The forty year transatlantic correspondence between two of the 19th Century’s greatest thinkers has left a legacy of provocative thought about cosmic questions and social issues that are still relevant to contemporary life. What insights can we harvest from the long-standing relationship of these two titans of thought? Like ourselves they lived during a time of moral and political crisis and strife. What can we learn from their four decades’ long, multi-dimensional debate to help us orient our inner compasses and wisely navigate through the foreboding challenges of our own time?

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 information.



## **Activating the Global Heart**

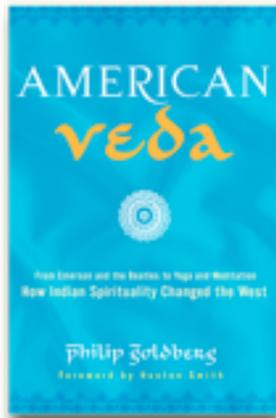
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**Book Circle:**  
***American Veda***  
**Forum: Mondays in July**  
**and one Tuesday, July 5**  
**Concord House**  
**1407 Chapala St.**  
**7:30 - 9:00 pm**

The book circle studying American Veda will continue during the month of July. However, the group will meet on **Tuesday, July 5th at 7:30 PM** due to the July 4th holiday. Thereafter, the **Monday meetings will resume**. The reading for July 5th is Chapter 5. Newcomers to the discussion are welcome.

***American Veda* by Philip Goldberg** offers a fascinating description of cultural transfer. Subtitled “How Indian Spirituality Changed the West”, this survey starts with an account of how the American transcendentalists Emerson and Thoreau made use of “Hindoo” texts and continues through the 20th century documenting how a variety of spiritual seekers, radicals, celebrities such as the Beatles and contemporary clerics brought Indian

religious ideas and meditation techniques into Western consciousness.

The forum will be led by Carolyn Dorrance and discussion of salient themes encouraged. *American Veda* was published in 2010 by Harmony Books, a division of Random House. The ISBN # is 978-0-385-52134-5.

Contact Carolyn Dorrance at 967-1055 or email [carolyn@worldculture.org](mailto:carolyn@worldculture.org) for more information.

**2011 SUMMER FILMS**  
**AT THE INSTITUTE**

**Concord House**  
**1407 Chapala St.**  
**7:00 pm**

*Films for non-violence of mind,  
generosity of heart, and harmony of soul*

**Saturday, July 9, 7:00 pm**

**SOMEPLACE WITH A MOUNTAIN**



Screened at the 2011 Santa Barbara Film Festival, this documentary focuses on a special group of Pacific islanders: the Lapita Navigators, the forefathers of many cultures in the tropical Pacific, who are losing their homes and crops due to flooding. Steve Goodall came across them on his travels and discovered they knew nothing about the current forecasts for sea level rise. Once informed, they asked for his help. Steve was inspired by their simple lifestyle and dedication to the well being of their families and friends.

## In July

### Anniversaries

- 1st Gottfried Wilhelm von Leibniz, German philosopher, mathematician b. 1646
- 2nd Hermann Hesse, German-Swiss poet, novelist, painter, Nobel laureate b. 1877
- 3rd Franz Kafka, Austro-Hungarian novelist b. 1883
- 4th Nathaniel Hawthorne, American novelist, short story writer b. 1804
- 6th John (Jan) Huss, Czech religious thinker, philosopher, reformer d. 1415
- 6th Tenzin Gyatso, Tibetan spiritual and political leader, XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet b. 1935
- 9th Peter Paul Rubens, Flemish Baroque painter b. 1577
- 10th William the Silent, Prince of Orange, Dutch statesman, founder of the Dutch Republic d. 1584
- 10th Sir William Blackstone, English jurist, professor b. 1723
- 11th John Quincy Adams, American diplomat, 6th U.S. President b. 1767
- 12th Henry David Thoreau, American author, poet, transcendentalist b. 1817
- 13th Julius Caesar, Roman military and political leader and ruler b. 102/100 B.C.E.
- 14th/24th Isaac Bashevis Singer, Polish-born American author, Nobel laureate b. 1904
- 15th Rembrandt van Rijn, Dutch painter, printmaker b. 1606
- 15th Thomas Bulfinch, American writer, mythologist b. 1796
- 16th/17th Jean Baptiste Corot, French landscape painter, printmaker b. 1796
- 18th Robert Hooke, English natural philosopher, polymath b. 1635
- 18th Nelson Mandela, South African activist, former President of South Africa b. 1918

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## Saturday, July 16, 7:00 pm DEPARTURES

Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film of 2009, *Departures* is a delightful and sensitive journey into the heartland of Japan and an astonishingly beautiful look at a sacred part of Japan's cultural heritage; a story of love, of discovery, of revelation and of the transcending human spirit.



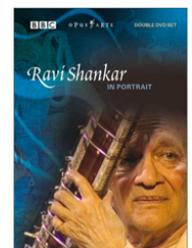
## Saturday, July 30, 7:00 pm SEARCHING FOR BOBBY FISCHER



A critically acclaimed but little-seen 1993 film based on a non-fiction book about a father who discovers that his seven-year old son is a child chess prodigy.

## Saturday August 6, 7:00 pm RAVI SHANKAR—IN PORTRAIT

This 2002 film looks at the roots of classical Indian music and visits with classical musician Ravi Shankar, who reflects on his close relationships and reveals his important influences. This beautiful film contains many clips of Ravi Shankar playing, including early pieces from the 1930's to excerpts from the Monterey Pop and Woodstock performances.



**EMERSON TO CARLYLE**

I need not tell you my dear sir, what pleasure a letter from you would give me when you have a few moments to spare to so remote a friend. If any word in my letter should provoke you to a reply, I shall rejoice in my sauciness.

Your friend, R. Waldo Emerson

From **CARLYLE TO EMERSON**: First Letter  
Chelsea, London, 12 August, 1834

“My Dear Sir,--Some two weeks ago I received your kind gift. To say that it was welcome would be saying little: is it not as a voice of affectionate remembrance, coming from beyond the Ocean waters, first decisively announcing for me that a whole New Continent exists, --that I too have part and lot there! Among the figures I can recollect as visiting our Nithsdale hermitage,--all alike Apparitions now,----there is perhaps not one of a more undoubtedly supernal character than yourself: so pure and still, with intents so charitable; and then vanishing too so soon into the azure Inane, as an Apparition should! Never has your Address in my Notebook met my eye but with a friendly influence.

“And so here, looking over the water, let me repeat once more what I believe is already dimly the sentiment of all Englishmen, Cisoceanic and Transoceanic, that we and you are not two countries, and cannot for the life of us be; but only two parishes of one country, with such wholesome parish hospitalities, and dirty temporary parish feuds.

Most faithfully, T. Carlyle

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- 19th Edgar Degas, French painter, sculpture, printmaker b. 1834
- 20th Francesco Petrarch, Italian scholar, poet, Father of Humanism b. 1304
- 20th/22nd Gregor Mendel, Austrian Augustinian priest, scientist b. 1822
- 24th Simón Bolívar, Venezuelan military general, political leader b. 1783
- 25th Thomas à Kempis, German Catholic monk, mystic, author d. 1471
- 26th George Bernard Shaw, Irish playwright, Nobel laureate b. 1856
- 26th Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist b. 1875
- 26th Aldous Huxley, English writer, essayist b. 1894
- 28th Jean de la Fontaine, French poet, fabulist b. 1621
- 29th Dag Hammarskjöld, Swedish diplomat, Secretary-General of the U.N. ([quote](#)) b. 1905

From **EMERSON TO CARLYLE**: Second Letter  
Concord, Mass., 20 November, 1834

My Dear Sir,--...You express a desire to know something of myself. Account me “a drop in the ocean seeking another drop,” or God-ward, striving to keep so true a sphericity as to receive the due ray from every point of the concave heaven. Since my return home, I have been left very much at leisure. It were long to tell all my speculations on my profession and my doings thereon; but possessing my liberty, I am determined to keep it, at the risk of uselessness (which risk God can very well abide), until such duties offer themselves as I can with integrity discharge. One thing I believe,--that Utterance is

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place enough: and should I attain through any inward revelation to a more clear perception of my assigned task, I shall embrace it with joy and raise. I shall not esteem it a low place, for instance, if I could strengthen your hands by true expressions of the hope and pleasure which your writings communicate to me and to some of my countrymen. Yet the best poem of the Poet is his own mind, and more even than in any of the works I rejoice in the promise of the workman. Now I am only reading and musing, and when I have any news to tell of myself, you shall hear them....

Your friend and servant,  
R. Waldo Emerson

From **CARLYLE TO EMERSON**: Second letter Chelsea, London, 3 February, 1835

My Dear Sir, -----

That you sit there bethinking yourself, and have yet taken no course of activity, and can without inward or outward hurt so sit, is on the whole rather pleasing news to me. It is a great truth which you say, that Providence can well afford to have one sit: another great truth which you feel without saying it is that a course wherein clear faith cannot go with you may be worse than none; if clear faith go never so slightly against it, then it is certainly worse than none. To speak

**In July**

**Observances and Acknowledgements**

- 4th Independence Day in the U.S. celebrates the adoption in 1776 of the Declaration of Independence
  - 5th Discovery of radio waves coming from the Milky Way galaxy announced in 1933
  - 11th Breakthrough in the understanding of infinitesimal calculus by Leibniz in 1675
  - 14th Storming of the Bastille, marking the beginning of the French Revolution in 1789, is celebrated annually as Bastille Day
  - 15th Spanish Inquisition abolished in Spain by royal decree in 1834
  - 16th First atomic bomb tested at Los Alamos, New Mexico, U.S. in 1945
  - 16th/17th First photograph of a star taken by William Bond in 1850
  - 20th Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the first human beings to step onto the moon's surface in 1969
  - 20th First successful landing of a space vehicle on Mars in 1972
  - 30th Society of Freemasons opened an American lodge in Boston in 1733
- Undated
- Breakthrough in the foundation of quantum mechanics theory by Werner Heisenberg in 1925
  - First world atlas, attributed to Claudius Ptolemy, was printed in 1477

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR**  
PRISM lists member-recommended community events of interest on the IWC website.

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**CARLYLE TO EMERSON**

with perhaps ill-bred candor, I like as well to fancy you not preaching to Unitarians a Gospel after their heart. I will say farther, that you are the only man I ever met with of that persuasion whom I could unobstructedly like. The others that I have seen were all a kind of halfway-house characters, who, I thought, should, if they had not wanted courage, have ended in unbelief; in "faint possible Theism," which I like considerably worse than Atheism.... Nay, who knows but it is doubts of the like kind in your own mind that keep you for a time inactive even now? For the rest, that you have liberty to choose by your own will merely, is a great blessing: too rare for those that could use it so well; nay, often it is difficult to use. But till ill health of body or of mind warns you that the moving, not the sitting, position is essential, sit still, contented in conscience; understanding well that no man, that God only knows what we are working, and will show it one day; that such and such a one, who filled the whole Earth with his hammering and trowelling, and would not let men pass for his rubbish, turns out to have built of mere coagulated froth, and vanishes with his edifice, traceless, silently, or amid hootings illimitable; while again that other still man, by the word of his mouth, by the very look of his face, was scattering influences, as seeds are scattered, "to be found flourishing as a banyan grove after a thousand years." I beg your pardon for all this preaching, if it be superfluous: impute it to no miserable motive....

Will you write with all dispatch, my dear sir; fancy me a fellow-wayfarer, who cordially

bids you God-speed, and would fain keep in sight of you, within sound of you.

Yours with great sincerity,  
T. Carlyle

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The Institute conducts research "in stress, heart-brain interactions and the physiology of optimal performance." Its vision is "to help people reduce stress, self-regulate emotions and build resilience for healthier, happier lives." For that purpose, the Institute offers training and technologies to community service organizations, children, teachers, veterans and their families.

Deborah Rozman describes the goals of the seminar, *Activating the Global Heart*, to be held at the Institute as "an energizing and

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uplifting event that incorporates an innovative understanding about the heart's role in accessing the new awareness and intelligence that is emerging on our planet. You'll learn about why this is important to children today and techniques needed to improve your emotional well-being and greatly increase your ability to affect global change. In this program you'll also gain the tools you need to participate in the Global Coherence Initiative, a science-based co-creative project to unite people in heart-focused care and intention, to facilitate the shift in global consciousness from instability and discord to balance, cooperation and enduring peace.

“Activating the Global Heart will provide an entertaining and informative experience designed for people interested in Leading Edge Science, Global Change, Health Improvement and the Advancement of Mental, Emotional and Intuitive Intelligence for all age groups.

“At the seminar, you will learn about:

- Heart Intelligence—a scientific understanding of the power of the heart
- Heart Coherence—an optimal state of awareness, health and performance
- Energetic Intention—using your core power to affect planetary consciousness
- The Power of Positive Feeling—access codes to success
- The Global Coherence Initiative and the science behind it

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visual enhancement, video presentations, music and HeartMath's innovative technology, the emWave Desktop which allows you to see changes in the heart's communication with the brain and body in real time.

The world in the presenters' view “is at an important hinge point where both chaos and new order are emerging simultaneously. It's now our time to answer the call, they believe. Through the power and intelligence of the heart you can move beyond your limitations into a new reality and take all of your wisdom to new levels that allow you to be a true custodian of the planet and its future.



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