

STUDY CIRCLE

May 2021

VALUES FOR HUMANITY

Meets Online Via Zoom Tuesday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm

The Study Circle will be using articles from the book "Team Human" by Douglas Rushkoff, who asserts that although created by humans, our technologies, markets, and institutions often contain an antihuman agenda. Rushkoff, a digital theorist and host of the NPR-One podcast *Team Human*, reveals the dynamics of this antihuman machinery and invites us to remake these aspects of society in ways that foster our humanity. A short article or essay may be posted on the Institute website for each meeting. It would benefit the discussion if everyone could read the material beforehand. If you have questions or would like to participate, please email: dlmooresb@gmail.com. You will be emailed a Zoom link. There will be a brief introduction to the topic at the beginning of each meeting and the rest of the time will be open for discussion. We very much look forward to your participation. *Be sure to check <http://www.worldculture.org> for more information and readings.*

May 4 **Team Human**

Rushkoff asserts that it is time we reassert the human agenda, and we must do so together.

May 11 **A.I. or Renaissance Now**

New technology and its machines may get certain things done faster but what is the downside. How does a renaissance, a rebirth of old ideas in a new context, advance our deepest human values.

May 18 **7:30 - 8:30 The Wisdom of Children**

We will focus on the wisdom of children. Our speaker will be Nancy Martin, a former Peace Corp volunteer and retired Montessori teacher.

8:30 - 9:30 Creating Hope with His Holiness, the XIV Dalai Lama

We will stream a UCSB Arts & Lectures interview with HH the XIVth Dalai Lama, in conversation Pico Iyer on the topic of creating hope. Regular participants of the Institute's Study Circle will automatically be sent a link to join the meeting at 7:30 pm. Others can email: donna@worldculture.org – no later than 4:30 pm, Tuesday, May 18th to receive a link. It can also be viewed free of charge and without prior registration here: UCSB's Arts & Lectures: <https://artsandlectures.ucsb.edu/Details.aspx?PerfNum=4621>

May 25 **Human Values and Humanistic Socialism**

Our focus will be on the last sections of *Team Human*: "Organize" and "You Are Not Alone", which provide ways to recognize the power of solidarity.

The Study Circle will be suspended for June, July and August, resuming in either September or October.