



INSTITUTE OF WORLD CULTURE STUDY CIRCLE FALL 2023

The Study Circle meets in-person in the Seminar Room of the Institute of World Culture's Concord House, 1407 Chapala St., Santa Barbara, CA, as well as via Zoom, Tuesday evenings from 7:30–9:00 PM.

November Program – Aquarian Pioneers



This universal Aquarian diffusion of the true ideal of spiritual science and lifelong learning will enable human beings to awaken a vibrant sense of universal justice, universal compassion and universal concord. It will enable people to learn anew how to think, how to speak and how to contribute

fearlessly yet appropriately to the collective fund of human wisdom: how to evoke benevolent spirits.

–Raghavan Iyer

November 7th Toni Morrison and the Use of Language

The group will discuss Toni Morrison's 1993 acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize in Literature. The speech tells the story of an "old woman, blind but wise". She is worried about how the language she dreams in, given to her at birth, is handled, put into service, even withheld from her for certain nefarious purposes. Being a writer she thinks of language partly as a system, partly as a living thing over which one has control, but mostly as agency – as an act with consequences.

November 14th No Meeting on this date

Santa Barbara participants are encouraged to attend Aquarian pioneer and Native American botanist, professor and writer Robin Wall Kimmerer's lecture on this evening at UCSB's Campbell Hall. *Transformation is not accomplished by tentative wading at the edge.* – Robin Wall Kimmerer

November 21st William Blake and the Age of Aquarius

The book, *William Blake and the Age of Aquarius*, shows how Blake's myths, visions, and radicalism found new life among American artists who valued individualism and creativity, explored expanded consciousness, and celebrated youth, peace, and the power of love in a turbulent age.

November 28th Robert Maynard Hutchins

Former dean of Yale Law School, chancellor of the University of Chicago, president of Fund for the Republic, and founder of the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Santa Barbara, Hutchins believed the object of education was to teach what it means to be human, which to him meant studying universal principles and asking questions in a lifelong quest for wisdom. *The object of the educational system, taken as a whole, is not to produce hands for industry or to teach the young how to make a living. It is to produce responsible citizens.* – Robert Maynard Hutchins

More Information on the program and how to join: <http://www.worldculture.org>