



**INSTITUTE OF WORLD CULTURE STUDY CIRCLE
FALL 2023**

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

September Program

The Aquarian Age: What is dying and what is being born?



Aquarius is symbolically bound up with destruction and regeneration, as well as with a conception of a creative humanity not bound up with static forms. One of the characteristics of the Aquarian Humanity is an elevation of consciousness through spiritual intelligence, symbolized by the development of aerial flight since the dawn of Aquarius in 1902. We will begin our focus on the thought and ideas of Aquarian pioneers.

September 19th The Contemplative Traveler

Discussion will focus on an article of an interview with Pico Iyer. His thoughts are a helpful beginning to understanding the changes and challenges that humanity faces: "When I called my book *The Half Known Life*, it was a way of saying we don't need certainty and we don't need hard conclusions. But we probably do need spiritual counsel and wisdom to navigate a world that's always going to have shadow as well as light."

September 26th A.I. and Beyond

The Circle will listen to the thoughts of Peter Friesen who will join us via Zoom. Peter studied philosophy and public administration and has a doctorate in law. His comments will begin on the subject of artificial intelligence and beyond.

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