



**IWC STUDY CIRCLE  
MAY 2026 PROGRAM**

**Dianoia – Thinking Things Through**

**Tuesdays, 7:30–9:00 PM (Sept through May)**  
**Institute of World Culture, Concord House**  
**1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, CA**  
**In-Person and via Zoom\***

“Great opportunities lie before statesmen and citizens at every turn, but they can only be seen and seized when there is calmness and clarity, nourished by a reasoned conviction of the supreme potential of all men to participate in a truly universal vision.”

*Parapolitics, Raghavan Iyer*

**May 5, 2026      *Civilization, the Death of Art and Beauty***

H.P. Blavatsky was one of the few who traveled across the entire globe in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. It is illuminating to look back to her critique of civilization in 1891 and think about our own civilization and its impact on Nature.

**May 12, 2026      *Non-violence – the Law of our Species***

An essay by Mahatma Gandhi will help us think about our true nature.

**May 19, 2026      *A Thinking Being, Thoreau***

This session will give us a chance to discuss the recent broadcast of the Ken Burns’ documentary on Henry David Thoreau.

**May 26, 2026      *The World is on Fire, Pico Iyer***

We will listen to and discuss comments made by the contemplative author, Pico Iyer, during an interview at a book festival in Kerala, India, 2026.

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