



**IWC STUDY CIRCLE**  
**SUMMER BREAK**  
June through August

**We will reconvene in September 2026**  
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. Email  
[Donna@worldculture.org](mailto:Donna@worldculture.org) for a Zoom link!

### **IWC Theme for the Year 2026: Awakening to Interdependence**

*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 by Raghavan Iyer*

### **Summer Independent Study and Thought**

All programs of the Institute of World Culture center around and elucidate the theme for the year. During our brief summer break, we offer you an opportunity for further reflection on this year's theme, which will also guide Study Circle discussions when we return in September. Below is a link to an essay that examines the concept of awakening interdependence in our personal, community and parapolitical lives.

**“Regenerating Moral Community: Thoughts on Thomas Paine”,**

Maurice Bisheff, President, Institute of World Culture. (2012)

For a copy of the article, copy and paste this link into your browser:

[https://thomaspaine.us/article\\_bisheff04.html](https://thomaspaine.us/article_bisheff04.html)

**SAVE THE DATE: JULY 4, 2026, IWC Founding Day Talk & Celebration**

Enjoy this summer break and we hope you return in the fall refreshed!

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