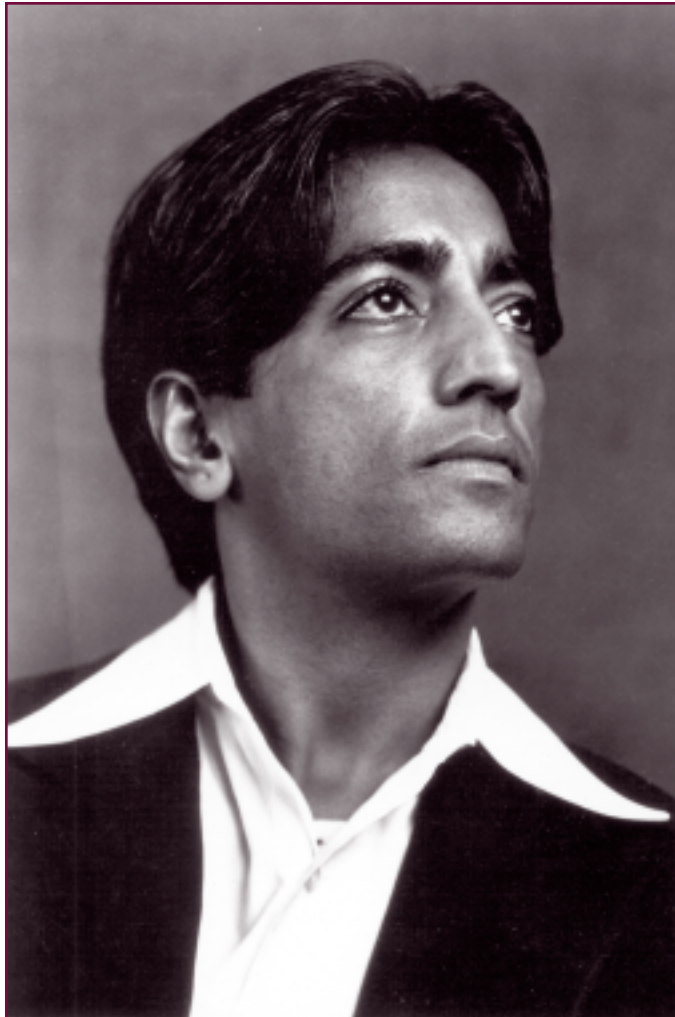


# Foundation Focus

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## **“To Be Is To Be Related”: What is Relationship?** Ojai Winter Dialogues 2002

The Krishnamurti Foundation of America is pleased to announce its Ojai Winter Dialogue 2002. The event will take place at the Oak Grove School and the topic is “To Be is To Be Related”: What is Relationship? It begins on the evening of Friday, February 15, at 6: 30 p.m. and ends on Monday, February 18, around 3 p.m.

In a world of increasing and often random violence, the value of relationship cannot be overstated. Yet, part of the problem associated with violence is that it connotes a lack of

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## **Krishnamurti, Ojai, 1st Public Talk, 26th of May, 1940**

*“ . . . war is only an outward manifestation of inward confusion . . . ”*

“The world is ever in pain, in confusion; it has ever this problem of struggle and sorrow. We become conscious of this conflict, this pain, when it affects us personally or when it is immediately about us, as now. The problems of war have existed before, but most of us have not been concerned with them as they were remote, and not affecting us personally and deeply; but now war is at our door and that seems to dominate the minds of most people.

“Now, I am not going to answer the questions that must inevitably arise when one is immediately concerned with the problems of war, what attitude and action one should take with regard to it, and so on. But perhaps we shall talk over together a much deeper problem, for war is only an outward manifestation of inward confusion and struggle of hate and antagonism. The problem that we should discuss, which is ever present, is that of the individual and his relationship with another, which is society. If we can understand this complex problem then perhaps we shall be able to avoid the many causes that ultimately lead to war. War is a symptom, however brutal and diseased, and to deal with the outer manifestation without regard to the deeper causes of it is futile and purposeless; in changing fundamentally the causes, perhaps we can bring about a peace that is not destroyed by outer circumstances.

“Most of us are apt to think that through legislation, through mere organization or through leadership, the problems of war and peace and other human problems can be solved. As we do not want to be responsible, individually, for this inner and outer turmoil in our lives, we look to authorities, groups and mass action. Through these outward methods one may have temporary peace, but one can have that abiding, lasting peace only when the individual understands himself and his relationship with another, which makes society. Peace is within and not without; there can only be peace and happiness in the world when the individual—who is the world—sets about definitely to alter the causes within himself which produce confusion, sorrow, hate, and so on. I want to deal with these causes and how to change them, deeply and lastingly.

“The world about us is in constant flux, constant change; there is incessant sorrow and pain. Amidst this mutation and conflict can there be lasting peace and happiness, independent of all circumstances? This peace and happiness can be discovered, hewn out of whatever circumstances the individual finds himself in. During these talks, I shall try to explain how to experiment with ourselves and thus free thought from its self-imposed

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## Supporting The Krishnamurti Foundation of America 2001 Annual Giving Drive

As we enter a new century, the simple clarity of Krishnamurti's statement that "You are the World and the World is You," seems as poignant as ever.

Our 2001-2002 Annual Giving Drive has begun and our goal this year is \$1,000,000.

Book and video sales, and interest from investments, bring in operating revenue; however, it is largely from the donations it receives, from its friends and supporters, that the Foundation is funded.

These donations keep Krishnamurti's books and videos in circulation. They underwrite an active Website, electronically disseminating the teachings and information about the foundation's various activities. These funds insure that the work of the Krishnamurti Archives, preserving the original record of Krishnamurti's written and oral legacy, continues.

They make possible the weekly, monthly, and seasonal dialogues where people come together for a few hours, or days, to explore what it means to live intelligently. And they provide for many areas of outreach to those who might otherwise never encounter Krishnamurti.

Some 16,000 appeal letters have been mailed out. When yours arrives we hope you will take a moment to reflect on what these teachings have meant to you and will, in turn, help us with your donation to share the elegance of Krishnamurti's teachings with so many others.

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relationship. Whether we are thinking of the home, the school, government buildings, or places of worship, there is nowhere we can feel safe any more. The breakdown of traditional values and norms has released its own kind of Hiroshima.



Stephen Smith  
KFA Center Coordinator

Faced with the enormity of the problem, it is tempting (though erroneous) to "throw up one's hands." Indeed, the call for community becomes more urgent, the more we are aware of its lack. And, for an increasing number of people, community can no longer be local, in the sense that it derives from birth, upbringing, or heritage. At this point, we can begin to reach the depth of what Krishnamurti means when he says, "consciousness is common." For it is not in fragmentary identification—itsself an

obvious cause of violence—but in the deep sense that we are one and the same that we can begin to build a different world. We look forward to your participation in this important dialogue. Registration opens on Monday, December 10, 2001.



Alan Kishbaugh,  
KFA Executive Director

## Appeal for Archives Material

The Archives of the Krishnamurti Foundation of America welcomes the gift of any kind of material relating to Krishnamurti's life and work. If you have, or if you know of anyone who has, any early or unusual books, recordings, photographs, films, letters or mementoes connected with Krishnamurti or with the events surrounding him, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

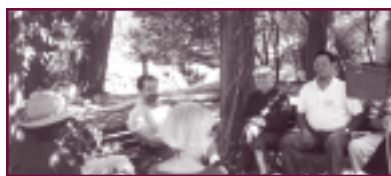
We are seeking to build as complete a collection as possible. Our new archival facility ensures that materials are safely and securely stored in optimal conditions where they can be consulted in perpetuity by serious students, researchers, and scholars. You can contact us at: The Krishnamurti Archives, 1070 McAndrew Road, Ojai, CA 93023, Tel: 805 646 8863, Fax: 805 646 0833, Email: archives@kfa.org.

## Krishnamurti Endowments

A reminder to all who may wish to earmark donations for specific areas of the Foundation's work. In May of this year, the Foundation created five endowments for the long-term furtherance of archival work, outreach, publications, the Oak Grove School, and the care and maintenance of the Oak Grove where Krishnamurti spoke for over fifty years.

A brochure detailing these funds is available for the asking, please write or send an email requesting the brochure.

## Santa Sabina Dialogue Retreat, A Summary



Dialogue Participants at Santa Sabina

This year's event was distinguished by its topic, The Beauty of Silence: Understanding the Movement of Thought. It brought together fifty-eight participants from across the

nation, meeting at the uniquely beautiful Santa Sabina Center in San Rafael.

After a welcome from Lynn Baker, manager of the center, Stephen Smith introduced the Dialogue in a talk intended to show the relevance and connection between the two components of the topic. Later, we moved to the dialogue process itself, in the circle-format that is germane to this process. This, in turn, led to the evening's video which featured Krishnamurti in conversation with 'Mr. X'.

On Saturday and Sunday (morning and afternoon) there were two two-hour dialogue sessions in small groups. The weather was beautiful throughout, which allowed for groups to meet outside, as well as in a yurt that had been recently erected. The groups seemed to "gel" almost immediately, and there seemed to be an open sharing right from the start. There was a special group for first-timers. This seemed to create an overall harmony.

The food, as usual, was excellent, and participants found time and opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the local landscape. Overall, it was a great retreat—we look forward to seeing you in Santa Sabina next year.

*"I believe that every child in this world needs to have a relationship with the land...to know how to nourish themselves and to know how to connect with the community around them."*

- Alice Waters,  
Founder of the Edible Schoolyard Project

## Coming Together OGS Kitchen Expansion

The last days of summer shorten, crops mature and ground squirrels scatter as our students once again fill the campus. Each fall we reenact the rhythms of a once agrarian society. As the human pace accelerates around us we have the good fortune to step into our gardens to be reminded of the natural cycles of the earth and the seasons of renewal that are intrinsic to our well-being. There we are surrounded by the original alchemists as the oaks and herbs transform water, air, soil, and sunlight into precious substances essential to our survival.



The rituals of growing and preparing food and coming to the table together were once the very basis of community. The school's popular hot lunch program serves varied cuisine prepared from ripe seasonal crops organically grown by our students and staff or purchased from local farmers, supporting community agriculture. But, we have outgrown the 1978 facilities. The school board is working to raise \$200,000 to expand and relocate the kitchen, serving, and eating areas to enable us to provide nutritious vegetarian meals to the entire school community of 225.



The architectural plan is based on principles of sustainability. Sustainable systems are defined as those that produce energy equivalent to or in excess of what they consume. The design will

*"That healing [of the mind] gradually takes place if you are with nature, with that orange on the tree, and the blade of grass that pushes through the cement, and the hills covered, hidden, by the clouds."*

- Krishnamurti, *Krishnamurti To Himself*

utilize recycled, locally harvested and sustainable growth timbers, non-toxic floor and wall surfaces, passive solar energy, solar water heating, and photovoltaic electricity.



Opening onto the garden, the building itself will be a teacher, integrating innovative design and technology. Cooking and gardening provide endless lessons for studying the interconnections of food, climate, terrain, ecosystems, and the development of diverse cultures. And, they are a universal medium for the transmission of skills and sensibilities that are often best conveyed by working wordlessly alongside one another. By including our children in tangible responsibilities, we express our trust in them.

Whether tilling and revitalizing the soil, planting sprouted acorns, building a straw bale greenhouse, or hunting elusive green beans, the children are resourceful and resilient gardeners. They take delight in sunflowers and tall corn and the delicacy and tenacity of life. Montessori, Piaget, and other renowned educators demonstrated that the awakening and refinement of the senses is the foundation for a clear and insightful intellect. Sensory experience remains in the memory long after cognitive information recedes.

Sitting in the garden shelling heirloom peas to save for our winter crop, we encounter a different quality of time. The world of efficiency and instant gratification recedes, and the children experience the rhythm of the earth they will inherit.

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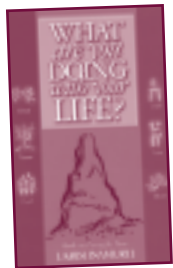


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limitations. But each one must experiment and live strenuously and not merely live on superficial action and phrases. This earnest experiment must begin with ourselves, with each one of us, and it is vain merely to alter the outward conditions without deep, inward change. For what the individual is, society is; what his relationship is with another is the social structure of society. We cannot create a peaceful, intelligent society if the individual is intolerant, brutal, and competitive. If the individual lacks kindness, affection, thoughtfulness, in his relationship with another he must inevitably produce conflict, antagonism, and confusion. Society is the extension of the individual; society is the projection of ourselves. Until we grasp this and understand ourselves profoundly and alter ourselves radically, the mere change of the outer will not create peace in the world, nor bring to it that tranquillity that is necessary for happy social relationship.

"So let us not think of only altering the environment; this will and must take place if our whole attention is directed to the transformation of the individual, of ourselves, and our relationship with another. How can we have brotherhood in the world if we are intolerant, if we hate, if we are greedy? Surely this is obvious, isn't it?" (This excerpt may be found in the book *Living In An Insane World*. The entire public talk may be found in *The Collected Works Vol. III*)

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- Bookviews

## Monograph Series

Krishnamurti Publications of America is proud to announce the launch of its Monograph Series. The series brings together papers of roughly 15,000 words length which critically examine Krishnamurti's work. Their intention is to shed new light on what is a multi-faceted jewel; as such, emphasis and preference will be given to “perspectives on,” rather than “journeys with” Krishnamurti.

The editors will give special attention to the originality and quality of the writing. They are not looking for teachings-based

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## The Nature and the Implications of Transformation: Professor Hillary Rodrigues (Extract From a Complete Monograph)

“If we believe in the possibility of transformation, it is likely founded upon a kind of faith in Krishnamurti's transformation and thereby in the possibility for ourselves and others to do the same. But such faith strikes me as fundamentally in conflict with Krishnamurti's teachings which have the *what is*, the fact of the “here-and-now,” as a point of departure. The *what is* is the real state of our own minds at this very moment.

“There is little or no place for curiosity about someone else's psychological state, or for hope in some ideal such as “freedom from conditioning” as our starting point. To speculate on whether or not Krishnamurti was free from conditioning may perhaps be a lesser evil than faithfully believing that he was transformed or firmly denying that he was not, but it is still problematic. Similarly, I contend that it is just as problematic to maintain that transformation is impossible. The former belief is based on hope rather than fact, and the latter circumvents inquiry and exploration.”

*Monographs will be available at the KFA online Bookstore in October for \$2.50 + postage and handling.*

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