Report on Study Group in Bavaria

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Seymour Carter and I thought it might be a good idea--maybe a bit risky to offer a 10 day Sensory Awareness workshop in Riederau, Ammersee in Germany. We did it and actually got some students interested.

We were able to work intensively with a small group of very motivated people with various professional backgrounds. The program provided that every morning was dedicated to Sensory Awareness experiments, the afternoons were focused on enlarging our knowledge of the functioning of our organism, our structure and posture. We called it a BodyReading class. On some evenings the students could take advantage of Seymour’s Gestalt sessions.

At the end of the Summer Group we had such good feedback about the class, we decided to plan another "Long Term" study group for June 3-13, 2010 with the following variation:

We will split the group into 2 periods, which can be booked separately or booked as a whole. The idea of a longer course is to give an opportunity for a deeper experience for those who are looking for this, and also offer a continuation of the study of Sensory Awareness for students wanting to take steps in the direction of becoming a leader of Sensory Awareness studies. The Details of this Study Group will be found on Seymour’s website: seymourcarter.com.

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5) ELSA GINDLER, Vol. 1. Memorial to the originator of the work we know as Sensory Awareness. Excerpts from Gindler’s letters, an article by her, and reports from her students; including Ch. Selver, 44 pages, with photos (1978). *

6) ELSA GINDLER, Vol. 2. Memories from Gindler students and an article about Heinrich Jacoby, innovative educator and colleague of Gindler. 44 pages, with photos. *

8) ELFRIEDE HENGSTENBERG. This issue embraces her own studies with Gindler and Jacoby, her work with children, and biographical notes. She was closely involved with Emmi Pikler’s discoveries. 46 pages, with photos.

9) HEINRICH JACOBY. The Work and influence of Gindler’s longtime collaborator, summaries of his books, interviews with his students, including his editor and colleague Sophie Ludwig. 46 pages with photos.

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11) CHARLOTTE SELVER, Vol. 1. Sensory Awareness And Our Attitude Toward Life. Collected lectures and texts, Containing: Sensory Awareness & Total Functioning; Report on Work in Sensory Awareness & Total Functioning; To See Without Eyes...; On Breathing; On Being in Touch With Oneself.

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