



Waldorf Early Childhood Educator Training

The Art of Conversation: *The Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily*

Instructor: Jason Yates

COURSE OUTLINE

Description of Course Content: Imagination, relationship, and soulful conversation: these are some of the leading themes of *The Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily*, written by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe in 1795. This course will be a journey through the imagery of the fairy tale meant to illuminate these themes as well as the questions that arise along the way—“What is more refreshing than light?”

Learning Objectives: Through working with the text of the fairy tale, each student will develop the ability to:

- consider and enter into the story as a new kind of mythos in which different soul elements converse with one another, leading to a richer conception of what it means to be a human being;
- value how relationships create challenges and stimulate the development of new capacities;
- discern how conscious conversation can inform their work as teachers in relation to both their students and their colleagues.

Required text:

The Green Snake and the Beautiful Lily (please use the version/translation provided)

Recommended texts: *The Time Is at Hand!*

(e.g., www.amazon.com/Time-Hand-Rosicrucian-Goethes-Beautiful/dp/0880104007)

Method of Instruction: guided classroom conversation, reading, and breakout activities

Method of Student Evaluation and Completion Requirements: attendance and classroom participation in all discussions and activities

Assignment: During in-class assignments, each student will prepare and present to their classmates

9 classes of 1.5 hours each, plus time for questions after each class (15 hours)

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