

Self Knowledge: The Inner Foundations of a Robust Outer Life

The 2009/10 Salon Series
with

David Whyte

28/29 September, 7/8 December 2009 & 22/23 March 2010

"We invite you to join us for the third of our highly successful salon series with David Whyte. This is a unique format giving participants the opportunity to work with David in an intimate setting over 3 salons."

Paul King & Marie Faire

In this salon series David will explore with us the way the cultivation of self knowledge actually makes us fuller participants in a world from which we often try to hide. This inner foundations of a robust outer life; calling forth the necessity of coming to know, confront and develop one's flaws and abilities and the character to go with it together with the need to understand how others see us and how we affect the world around us.

We will look at those internal faculties and abilities that are the foundations for all the external actions we have to take to fully embody our positions of responsibility and leadership. These include:

Relationship with Time - When the internal shaping of our identity changes it is often a time to change our outer world accordingly. In a way, we have to constantly pay attention to know what season it is in our inner life; what time is it in our personal and professional lives. What pattern is coming to maturity? What is about to happen?

Intuition - Sometimes the unwillingness to recognize an internal intuition or pattern in our private or professional lives creates an equivalent blind spot in our strategies for everyday life.

Courage - The necessity of stepping onto a, sometimes narrow, piece of ground which lies at a pivotal center of the pattern rather than being caught in the safer complications at the outer edge of the circle.



Finding Radical Simplicity Amidst Complexity - One of the primary necessities lies in the area of pattern recognition - the ability to recognise new demands on a system, whatever that might be.

Becoming Visible in the World - The necessity of understanding that visibility in life in general, or in a leadership role in particular, means taking on identities that are larger than our understanding of ourselves. Many times our perceived identity in has a timeless almost mythological dimension that sometimes has very little to do with our actual personality.

Fully Engaging - Engaging fully in our conversations - putting our relationship with our work into an equal conversation with our relationships at home and our relationship with ourselves.

Time's Relationship with Stress - stress often results from an unhealthy relationship with time, particularly the very human necessity for an experience of timelessness. This sense of timelessness is necessary not only at weekends and on holiday but in the midst of our endeavours.

Self-Compassion & Imagination - Cultivating an imaginative life that has a larger perspective than the urgencies of work and career. Beyond the normal business definition of the imagination as the ability to think up new things there is a deeper interpretation of the imagination as a much larger faculty of belonging and creativity in a changing, complex world.

Join David at his own frontier for a poetic and compelling investigation of these important faculties of self knowledge as the foundation of a robust outer life.

David Whyte

We feel sure that those of you who are interested in these salons already know David and love his work. As ever he is in great demand around the world from major corporations and international conferences and we feel delighted and fortunate to have him working with us over this series.

The Format

Each salon will start late afternoon on the first day with a presentation from David setting the scene for the salon. The conversation will continue informally into the evening, including dinner. The second day will start at 9.30 and finish by 4.30.

Limited Numbers

The maximum number of places on the salons is 24 and a significant number of people from last year's salons have already pre-booked their place for this year.

Cost

The total cost for the three salons is
£1500 + VAT = £1725

Refreshments, plus dinner on the first day and lunch on the second day of each salon are included in the price.

Please note the salons are being offered as a continuous series and are not being sold individually. However following a number of requests we are accepting people who can make only two of the three salons in the series but the full price will be charged.

Cancellation Fees

There will be a 100% cancellation fee for cancellation less than 3 weeks before the event.

Special offer

Participants who would like to complete their experience with David in 2009 by attending his annual workshop with us on 25 September will be able to do so for just £100+VAT.

Venue

The venue for this programme is The Rectory Hotel, near Malmesbury, Wiltshire. The Rectory is a delightful country house hotel set in lovely grounds and the perfect setting for this programme. It has a special ambience and serves wonderful food.



The Rectory is just 9 miles north of M4 J17 and 3 miles from Kemble railway station on the London Paddington to Cheltenham line.

*... you come to a place whose only task
is to trouble you with tiny
but frightening requests,
conceived out of nowhere
but in this place
beginning to lead everywhere.*

*Requests to stop what
you are doing right now, and
to stop what you are becoming
while you do it,
questions that can make
or unmake a life
questions that have patiently
waited for you,
questions that have no right to go away.
Sometimes – David Whyte*

Booking

Please send a cheque to
The Beyond Partnership Ltd,
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or contact us to reserve your place and request an invoice. Receipt of payment confirms your booking. Please note we do not currently accept credit cards.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this series please contact us at 01380 859106 or info@thebeyondpartnership.co.uk