

What to Remember When Waking: Disciplines that Can Transform an Everyday Life

The 2010/11 Salon Series

David Whyte

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

Paul King & Marie Faire

*What you can plan
is too small
for you to live.*

*What you can live
wholeheartedly
will make plans enough
for the vitality
hidden in your sleep.*

*To be human is to become visible
While carrying what is hidden
as a gift to others.*

*Now...What shape
waits in the seed
of you to grow
and spread
its branches
against a future sky?*

*Is it waiting
in the fertile sea?
In the trees
beyond the house?
In the life you can imagine
for yourself?
In the open and lovely
white page
on the waiting desk?*

*Extract from
What to Remember When Waking
David Whyte*



Most of us have talents and qualities that live in isolation from the world, never finding a proper outlet or focus. This can lead to a sense of, endless adaptation, rather than a growing sense of focus, courage, generosity and belonging. Our great artistic and contemplative traditions, however, say there are ways of building this courageous sense of endeavour – real disciplines that can develop real maturity in a human life.

It is important to recognise that what we look for is not untrammelled happiness, but an enlarging conversation that might be able to encompass even the most harrowing losses. This conversation is not a Pollyanna search for a hidden key to contentment, but a profound ability to make ourselves large enough, brave enough and generous enough for the triumphs and difficulties encountered in even the most ordinary human life.

During this salon series we will explore those disciplines and practices that helps us remember the central conversations of life, work and relationship; central conversations that make sense of all the other peripheral conversations we engage in as human beings. These will include the disciplines of making useful beginnings, keeping real momentum, the importance of

understanding our own natural cycles of endeavour, rest and recuperation and the ability to bring about good endings: we will also look at key understandings with regard to cultivating a robust vulnerability, a conversational focus, living creatively with the unknown and re-imagining success.

With David we will look at a truer inheritance than the false perfection we always imagine is possible, a perfection which, often takes enormous strain and will power to realise, and instead focus on the courageous conversation itself, leaving the conversation to take the strain and do all the work.

Success in our outer life is sometimes accompanied by a forgetfulness with regard to our original vision and the reason why we set off on our journey in the first place. A central discipline therefore has to do with deep memory as a foundational source.

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 to international theological conferences and we feel delighted and fortunate to have him working with us again.

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 continues informally into the evening, which includes dinner. The second day will start at 9.30 and finish by 4.30.

This is our fourth salon series. It is a format David and participants really enjoy and value. Some participants will be returning for their fourth series, they find the salons a continual source of revelation and development. The format provides a context for a deepening on-going conversation which continues between modules with what has arisen during the salon and with questions offered for reflection and exploration.

Limited Numbers

The maximum number of places on the salons is 21. A significant number of people from previous salons have already pre-booked their place for this series.

Cost

The total cost for the three salons is
£1500 + VAT (17.5%) = £1762.50

A fine dinner on the first evening and lunch on the second day of each salon are included in the price along with refreshments at the breaks.

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 4 weeks before the event.

Venue

The venue for this programme is The Rectory Hotel, near Malmesbury, Wiltshire. The Rectory is a delightful country house hotel with very good food set in lovely grounds and the perfect setting for this programme.



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

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.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this series please contact us at 01380 859106 or
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