

A Glimpse of Oneness

The Seminar in Berlin, Germany, 16th-17th April, 2011

A seminar is planned for Berlin on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April, 2011. This is an invitation to 2 days of discussion and conviviality with the hope that a glimpse of Oneness will emerge.

Why do we plan a seminar in Berlin

Seminars have taken place in France, England, Hungary and Italy in the past 25 years through the impetus of Meher Baba devotees in England and France with Don Stevens and others, acting in principal roles.

In earlier seminars the London study group would most frequently suggest an array of possible focus points, which were communicated to the various groups in Europe, to choose from for presentations at those seminars. The suggested areas were based on studies of Meher Baba's words, their implications and how they are experienced in life's circumstances. The chosen themes would become a focus for the companions within their group, an energizing aspect to research, discussion and cooperation on the preparation for the planned seminar. This could take a whole year. Coming together from all over Europe at the designated seminar has been growing into meetings of exchange, celebration, and inner links.

In the London companion group is one German companion, who has participated in all but one seminar of the last 25 years, she felt it was time to have a seminar in Germany. There are Meher Baba devotees in Germany, some come together in small gatherings and some don't have access to a companion group. A possible seminar in Berlin has been welcomed as an exciting opportunity to meet these Baba devotees and others, who might hear of this event as such.

Schedule and Location

The extended weekend for this event is planned for the Easter holidays 2011, so that persons with children can participate. In Berlin we envisage a large meeting room with all necessary facilities. This is in the process of research.

The Heading for the seminar in Berlin

A Glimpse of Oneness.

This heading reaches out to a wider audience. The aspect of proselytizing is not an aim nor is the habit of presenting a new religion. The hope will be to see and feel Oneness within Otherness. Persons will also be invited to participate, who are devotees of other spiritual traditions. This does not mean that the companions need to hide the fact that their inspiration and allegiance is to Meher Baba.

The arts within spiritual traditions will play a major role during the seminar

Suggested themes

- pilgrimage, it's role, traditions, stories
- the role of the human body on the spiritual path
- the role of separation as opposite to Oneness
- the aspect of creativity in spiritual search
- Oneness expressed through beauty
- Companionship in spiritual search
- Manonash and beads on one string
- Spiritual anonymity – the use of anonymity by spiritual figures, past and present.

Translation facilities are being planned for the various sessions.

Finances

Accommodation for the Berlin seminar will be researched to find agreeable, but low price places. R. knows of a kind of hostel scheme, she found very good.

Contacts

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Please let us know, whether you are able to attend and are also happy to make a contribution within the framework of the suggested themes.

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