

# Summer Weeks **Spiritual Ecology**

## Methods of Perception in Nordic Nature

Formative Forces in the Landscape  
Empathic Nature Observation  
Meditation Research  
Ethereic Geography

**Soleggen Mountain Resort (Jotunheimen, Norway) 31. July - 13. August 2017**

Dirk Kruse: Meditative Observation of the Landscape through Imagination, Inspiration, Intuition  
Dr. Gunter Gebhard: Seeing with Goethe's Eyes- Plants, Stones and Stars  
Dr. Manfred Schleyer: Formative Forces in Living Nature and Man  
Martin Hollerbach: Trees, Landscape, Agriculture

The Summer weeks "Spiritual Ecology" want to invite you to "read the book of nature" together in a one-week summer retreat, followed by a deepening excursion week in the alpine landscape of "Giants' Home".



Four qualified specialists in spiritual research and nature will contribute to plenary and working groups: Dirk Kruse, Dr. Gunter Gebhard, Dr. Manfred Schleyer, Martin Hollerbach. In addition there will be guest lectures.

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# *What is at Stake*

Natural science is in deep crisis today; destruction of the environment and audio-visual assaults on the individual's mind and heart express a fundamental lack in our understanding of the 'living'. Without the connection to nature, including nature in, science becomes sterile and narrow-minded; more and more susceptible to being manipulated by things such as short-sighted economic interests.

Is science today travelling to its own end; dogmatically barren and intolerant to the pure sensorial perception of nature, which was once the very base and source of inspiration for its culture-forming power? Can we get natural science back on track?

Are we going to find a track where wonder, questioning and self-reflection are the guiding forces behind the reason humans question our vast universe?

Norway, in the west of northern Europe, has rough, almost overwhelming forces of nature. In the elementary forces of the bedrock and the water, in the exuberance of light - everywhere one can feel invited to experience nature in its spiritual, living-being essence. Imaginations and inspirations are as if spread out in the landscape, sometimes accentuated here and there by stave churches.

Building on the pioneer event from 2016, which evoked enthusiastic acclaim by participants and dialog partners alike, this year's **Summer Weeks Spiritual Ecology** reaches even further with an extended two-week program: in a laid back, dialogic, summer-holiday atmosphere, under the wide sky and in open perception, with a big heart and focused thoughts.

The Summer Weeks invite participants to learn how to read in the book of nature with artistic, soulful precision, at an open-air retreat in an alpine resort at "Jotunheimen" (Giants' home). During the first week, you will acquire the tools for a deeper observation of nature and in the second week we invite you to accompany us on day trips to the peaks and valleys, fjords and the stave churches of the area.

We will have some public events in Oslo in the weekend before (29.07.-30.07.) serving as an introduction to the theme for this year's Summer Weeks.

What can happen when people, folk souls and the beings of the land - the little and the majestic ones - meet eye to eye, in dialog mode? We kindly invite you to be part of a dialog of the living!

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