

There is a growing undercurrent of feeling that the reductive methods of the old paradigm are in some way not serving human needs, as they should. This unease is to be found in Science, in its failure in the last thirty years to make a new leap forward; in Peak Oil and the Climate Change crisis; and in our standing by ineffectually alongside modern day conflicts. We pick up the newspaper and there is a story of discontent, which presents some part of the situation, commented on by experts, separated from its context, giving us enough insight to disturb us without giving us the responsibility and impetus to act.



Seeing, Knowing, Renewing as a method, locates the issues within our own attitude of being to meet with them, understand them and resolve them. The basis of this change is through Goethean science.

Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832), as well as being an outstanding poet and playwright, also developed a methodology about how one could constructively engage with the world of experience. His participatory approach differs from the immediate prescription of things one can read from a common science book, in that it requires a commitment of the whole being. Goethe leads into truly seeing in a different way.

In 1888, **Rudolf Steiner** was invited to work as an editor at the Goethe archives in

Weimar, starting a life-long association and development of Goethe's science. Steiner explored further the contrast between the the abstract theory- or model-base of classical science with Goethe's experience-based approach. Steiner has long been the main conduit outside Germany for the spread of Goethe's scientific work, but in recent years there has been a revival in Goethean Science, partly centred at Schumacher College.

The workshops **Seeing Knowing and Renewing – What is the Hawthorn?** will explore how both rational and intuitive knowledge informs action for individual and community level transformation. The Hawthorn is a magical example we have selected for this first set of workshops. We can use this method of seeing knowing and renewing in myriad ways, indeed in everything we encounter in our lives. (read more on www.earthlinksall.com)