

Artificial vs. Michaelic Intelligence

Michaelmas Festival with Corps de Michael

Michaelmas Eve, Saturday, 28th September, 3pm

Stonehaven, Hershey, Pennsylvania USA

As the Michaelmas season draws near, we experience the rapid deployment of Artificial Intelligence in everyday life. From 'smart' gadgets to GPS, Siri, automated banking, and social media marketing, Artificial Intelligence stands poised to radically transform business, industry, and human interaction. At present, however, AI appears to lack “non-conscious and sub-symbolic intuitions or tendencies in the human brain (Dreyfus and Dreyfus, *Mind Over Machine*). While early AI was modeled on step-by-step deduction, “most humans solve problems using fast intuitive judgments” (Wason and Shapiro, *New Horizons in Psychology*).

Is a snap intuitive judgment synonymous with intuitive thinking as defined by Rudolf Steiner's seminal work, *The Philosophy of Freedom* (also translated, *Intuitive Thinking As a Spiritual Path*)? If not, what is intuitive thinking and how can it lead to **Michaelic Intelligence**? How is Michaelic Intelligence related the Spirit of the Present Age—*Michael*? Although the algorithms, data mining, information engineering, and reinforcement learning of AI promise great returns in efficiency and corporate profits, can AI yield the wisdom, intuitive thinking, social harmony, and humility of Michaelic Intelligence? Will Artificial Intelligence, Michaelic Intelligence, or some combination thereof, usher in the Philadelphia Community (Sixth Epoch) named in both Anthroposophy and the *Book of Revelation*?




The festival keynote, **Artificial vs. Michaelic Intelligence** with David Lenker will be followed by conversation on the theme, music, and a Michaelmas Potluck. Festivities will culminate at dusk with a Michaelmas Bonfire-on-the-Meadow commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the first harvest following the inauguration of Stonehaven's organic mission on 9th September 1958. Additionally, the Bonfire will celebrate Stonehaven's current organic farm partnership grazing Jersey heifers for an organic raw milk dairy serving Hershey and nearby communities.
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Festival Program

3pm ~ Arrive

3:15pm ~ Welcome to Stonehaven
Michaelic Courage Verse (Rudolf Steiner)

“Artificial vs. Michaelic Intelligence” (David Lenker)

Music
Conversation on Michaelmas Festival Theme

4:45pm ~ Break

5pm ~ Festival Study: *The Philosophy of Freedom: Preface to the First Edition*

Open Sharing: “My Definition of Freedom”
“The Knowing Doer and Examples of Michaelic Deeds”

6pm ~ Community Potluck (West Lawn and Dining Room)

7:30pm—Bonfire on the Meadow (All Ages)
*Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Stonehaven's
First Organic Harvest*

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