

'BECOMING HUMAN: EARLY CHILDHOOD AS THE FOUNDATION FOR A MORAL LIFE'



2019 WALDORF EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATORS CONFERENCE



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Becoming Human: Early Childhood as the Foundation for a Moral Life

with keynote speaker Adam Blanning, MD.

Every young child must work through a great weaving project--the bringing together of pre-birth intentions and innate soul capacities with hereditary gifts and challenges. Successful weaving gives the child not only a deeper sense of self, but also creates the essential foundation for moral health. We will trace the incarnation process in order to better understand how we can all best know, recognize, and love the other.

Together with Dr. Blanning we will explore how early childhood experiences relate to the development of later moral capacities in adulthood. This is in relation to a larger theme we are working on that has to do with the social needs of the times, and to the World Early Childhood Conference in Dornach in mid-April 2019, which will have as its theme "Individual Freedom and Social Responsibility - seeking ways toward a human future".

The 2019 conference will include a wide array of workshops and mini-sessions, a Friday evening marionette performance by the Magic Puppet Tree of “The Rock Spring Wonder” from Goethe’s Fairytale, and a performance by Eurythmy Spring Valley on Saturday evening. There will also be a pre-conference meeting on Friday, and post-conference work-alike sessions on Sunday – details coming soon.

Study suggestions in preparation for the conference:

Lecture 3, June 27, 1924, *Education for Special Needs* (The Curative Education Course) by Rudolf Steiner

Chapter 8, pages 82 – 94 in *Understanding Deeper Developmental Needs - Holistic Approaches to Challenging Behaviors in Children* by Adam Blanning, available online through WECAN Books [here](#).

Conference registration (via WECAN website) opens Friday, December 14th and closes Tuesday January 22nd, or when we sell out ~ whichever comes first.

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Adam Blanning, MD practices family medicine at the Denver Center for Anthroposophic Therapies. He also works as an educational and developmental consultant for area Waldorf schools (Denver, Boulder, and Carbondale) and has lectured about anthroposophic medicine and child development throughout the U.S. and Canada. He is currently serving as vice-president of the Association for Anthroposophic Medicine and Therapies in America (AAMTA), sits on the board of the Physicians' Association for Anthroposophic Medicine (PAAM) and teaches in its training courses. He is a founding member and core faculty for the Nurturing the Roots course in Waldorf early childhood therapeutic education, and teaches and directs the two-year PAAM curriculum in school doctoring. He likes to grow things in his backyard and spend time with his family when he is not doctoring.

Dr. Blanning is also the author of *Understanding Deeper Developmental Needs - Holistic Approaches for Challenging Behaviors in Children*, which is recommended background reading for the conference.