



## *The Friendly Bull & Singing Swan*

### The Initiatic Story of Europe – Past, Present and Future

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At present we in Europe are in the midst of a cultural, political and spiritual enactment of the mystery of Dionysus, and heading towards its conclusion.

Europe takes its name from the classical myth of Europa and the Bull, which is a simplified version of the Dionysian myth. A mystery is an allegorical description of what is possible when a person or group of people, in this case a whole European society, has reached the possibility of initiation into a higher consciousness and purpose. The enactment of this mystery by Europe as a whole was made possible by the peace established by the cessation of war, the gradual reunification of Eastern and Western Europe, and the formation of the EEC, leading to the creation of the EU. It is in the context of the EU that the Dionysian mystery has been able to be enacted.



*Jesus Christ (Dionysus-Orpheus) the Swan, carved on the sarcophagus of King Ferdinand I in the Largo do Carmo Convent, Lisbon.*

Europe is now in the throes of acting out that part of the mystery wherein Zagreus, the child of Persephone and Zeus (the Bull), has been born and is being torn apart by the Titans, and his heart is being rescued by Pallas Athena. The goddess, together with the help of Zeus, gives Zagreus' heart a new form, that of the Swan. This Swan is then helped to fly up to the heights in what is called ascension, so that it can sing the Word of Truth – the Word that creates all things new and ushers in a new Age, or in this case, a Great Age.

Europe's landscape is the stage of this mystery enactment, and areas of Europe represent Europa (Persephone), the Bull (Zeus), Zagreus (the bull calf) and Dionysus (the Swan). We have now reached the moment when the Swan can begin its 'ascension' and start to sing. It will be a 12-year process, with seven major 'notes' within it, associated with the seven levels or 'heavens' of consciousness. The key areas are the Exterland, the landscape zodiac centred on the Externsteine, and the landscape north of this stretching up to Schleswig in the north of Germany.

Peter will introduce and describe all these things, and explain how we can act out this mystery as initiate-players, in the key places on the 'Swan stage' of Europe, so as to help all Europe succeed in its task.

The seminar will be in English, with German translation, and will include some workshop experience.

Peter will be assisted by his wife Sarah.

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## Venue

Haus der Begegnung, Seminarzentrum, Mühlenstrasse 2, 31812 Bad Pyrmont, Germany.

## Programme

Sat: 10:00-13:00, 15:00-18:00; Sun: 10:00-13:00, 14:00-17:00

## Cost

200,- €

Early booking: 180,- €

*Requirement: if booked and paid by 7 February 2020.*

*In the event of a later cancellation, a processing fee of 15,- € will be charged.*

## Information & booking

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