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Dear friends,

Each autumn I feel inspired to write about silence, about how valuable it is for each of us to find times for silence in each day. As the weather turns cold and we naturally become more inward, we have the opportunity to cultivate the art of silence. Whereas the heat and expansion of summer tends to draw us in an outward direction, now we turn to what lies within. Can we take time each day to kindle that small flame that lives within and which is so easily extinguished by neglect?

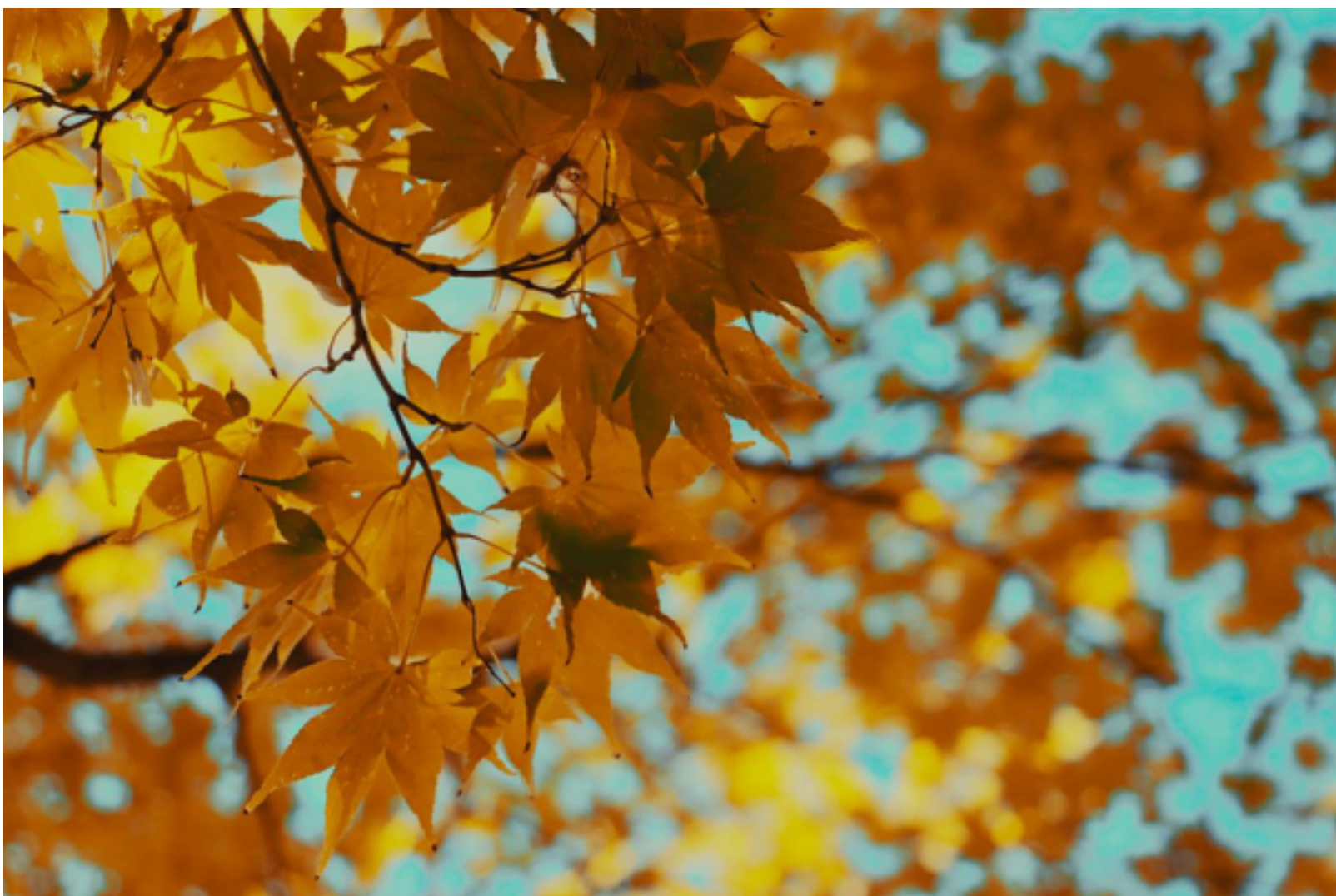
Our valuing silence is something our children can witness. They can participate in the moment of quiet before blessing a meal. They can see how we do not always need to have music or noise around us and that we can be comfortable working, reading or just being, in silence. They can learn to embrace the silence when the lights go out at bedtime, knowing now is the time to go and meet their Guardian Angel. How empowering to a child to help him look forward to darkness and sleep as a time of renewal instead of something to ward off with nightlights and recorded music and so on.

Can we help children learn, not through admonition, but by example, that the most important part of conversation is often the silence, the pauses, the listening that takes place and not the overflowing of verbiage?

As children grow toward becoming teens and then young adults, how much stronger they will be if they regard the Voice within as something that, though it might need perseverance and patience to access, is of inestimable value as one journeys along one's lifepath. They can learn to find solace and renewal in silence, in seeking the Voice within.

We Americans are poised at a dangerous and important crossroads in our history: may we find the strength to seek silence and to not get overwhelmed by the chaos of noise, and the tumult of the crowd.

Here are our free audio downloads: included is one on silence which I hope inspires you.



Many people ask how they can further support Christopherus' work in the world. One possibility is to donate toward our work. We thank any of you who feel able to do this.

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Christopherus becoming a vendor

I would so appreciate it if those of you who either get educational funds from your state or who know about such programs would kindly send us information about this: we are hoping to reach more homeschoolers by becoming vendors and need your help to find organizations administering state funds to homeschoolers. Please help us!

And thank you so much to those of you who have already sent in information!

Self-Study Course

When I designed our Christopherus Study Course a few years ago, I did so with two purposes in mind: 1) to help parents learn some of the artistic skills called for by our curriculum and 2) to help parents on their own individual path of self discovery and self development.



From now until 1 December, we are offering our Self Development Course at a special reduced price. The Course is easily accessible and is yours: there is no deadline by which one needs to complete the work. Each of you can work on it as best suits your way of learning and your own needs. The feedback we have received tells us that the Course is as empowering and nurturing we had hoped it would be!



Use coupon code **H9AWT** to [get \\$50 off the Course now](#), until 1 December.

The Course consists of short videos, recordings and written documents. I also lead a study on The Kingdom of Childhood, one of the most accessible of Steiner's lecture series on education. There are modules focused on storytelling; playing recorder; handwork; embracing being a homemaker; the Twelve Senses; the Four Temperaments; and much, much more!

You can read more about the Course and view samples here.

Til December,

Blessings on your homeschool journey,
Donna