News from the Online Waldorf Library

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The past months have seen continued interest from all over the world in Waldorf education. Each day brings requests for both general and specific information. In recent months, graduate students in the Philippines, New Zealand, South Africa, and North America have contacted OWL with research questions. Waldorf and public school teachers request lesson-planning help, parents new to Waldorf/Steiner education ask pointed questions about statistical outcomes.

The OWL strives to offer a comprehensive archive of free articles on more than 50 subjects through our Focus Search page. New articles are added weekly as are journal articles from national and international Waldorf and Steiner publications. Recently added, and easy to find on our home page under "Recent Additions," is the online edition of *Living Education*, published by the Steiner Waldorf Schools Fellowship in the United Kingdom. Also of interest to site visitors is the link on the home page to Goethean Science Education and The Nature Institute, including all back issues of its newsletter, *In Context.*

The appeal of biodynamic wines has brought a number of inquiries about biodynamic farming and gardening. The OWL now offers the full text of *The Agriculture Course* by Rudolf Steiner, provided as a link by the Rudolf Steiner Archive, also on the home page.

On our Helpful Links page the OWL visitor can find a web site that offers the full texts of books in the public domain. The Baldwin Online Children's Literature Project offers Waldorf teachers and homeschooling parents a number of specific subjects, and online books for Kindergarten through Grade Six.

The OWL will soon have a dedicated page listing all currently available online books in the "Foundations of Waldorf Education" series. These works by Rudolf Steiner created the basis for Waldorf education and are a must-read for students in Waldorf teacher education programs. Currently these online books can be found through the Focus Search page by clicking on "Online Books" in the "Resource Type" category.

Our database of books available in English and information on where to purchase them also continues to increase. Visitors to the site can find books in print through the Focus Search page by selecting "Book" under the Resource Type and clicking any subject listed.

The work of the Online Waldorf Library is to facilitate the exchange of information about Waldorf education. I welcome your interest, questions, and comments on how the site can continue to be improved to meet your needs.

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