

In Claritas

The Good Life: What can philosophers and philosophy tell us about the art of living and dying?

In Claritas Fall Retreat Nice, Provence (France)

24, 25, 26 October 2013

Dear All,

Resting in gratitude for the impressive Summer Retreat in Amsterdam – you will find the first reflections on www.inclaritas.com - we are eager to build on this and to prepare the Fall Retreat in Nice.

It has been said that the materialism which dominates contemporary Western culture can be explained by our wish for eternal life. It yields a narrative of grasping, clinging, holding and hoarding – permanence – reflecting a belief system that denies acceptance of what we nevertheless know all the time: That we are enmeshed in life which is itself uncontrollable, unpredictable and impermanent.

October in Provence is a celebration of the grape harvest, of the fruits of labor, of a cycle coming to an end, of the land returning to itself. We invite you to come and consciously experience living with the small and big cycles beyond your own narrative of life.

True governance does not ignore that the good life - the deepest joy - may well come from momentarily detaching from the prevalent narrative and concentrating on being present to what is and the oscillations and peace of that presence.

For your convenience please find the pertinent details hereunder. The program outline will be sent to you in the third week of September. If you wish to form an idea of previous retreats, please have a look at the program outlines from Salisbury and Amsterdam (enclosed).

Retreat commences:	24 October at 12hs00
Retreat concludes:	26 October at 12hs00
Airport destination:	Nice, France
Distance to city centre:	15 minutes with shuttle bus
Accommodation:	We recommend that you book your stay within walking distance to the old city and Promenade des Anglais (along the coastline). Some hotels worth considering are Hotel Rivoli, Villa Victoria, Hotel Suisse, Hotel Victor Hugo. Most hotels offer off-season prices in October. Hotels can be found on: www.booking.com , www.trivago.com (compares most booking sites)
Weather:	Around 20 degrees Celsius or 70 degrees Fahrenheit
Attendance:	Please confirm your attendance no later than 16 September 2013 at jironet@inclaritas.com
Fee:	Fellows may join the Fall Retreat free of charge (accommodation and evening programs are at own expense). Friends may join in under the same conditions as a Fellow for a first, introductory time.
Next gathering:	Winter Retreat 24-26 January 2014 in Rome

Warm Welcome!
Harry Starren
Karin Jironet

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Each day is a little life: every waking and rising a little birth,
Every fresh morning a little youth,
Every going to rest and sleep a little death.
(Arthur Schopenhauer, *Our Relation to Ourselves*, Vol. II, Ch. II)

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