

## THE DRAMATIC UNIVERSE AND BEYOND

October 13-15, Nashville, Tennessee

A rapid spin through the ideas of John G Bennett assisted by dance and music. How to embrace all of everything in the inspiration of hazard and welcome a future without answers.

### A WEEKEND SEMINAR ON *THE DRAMATIC UNIVERSE*

The polymath **John Bennett** was a foremost student of Gurdjieff and, from early in his life, sought to reconcile the essentials of traditional spirituality with the discoveries of physical science. This led to him creating new forms of thought while involving himself in the methods of innovative spiritual teachers. His magnum opus *The Dramatic Universe* articulated a worldview of a reality in which human choice was significant. The universe is dramatic because it is built on hazard and uncertainty. Towards the end of his life, increasingly, he spoke of Will as the primary reality.



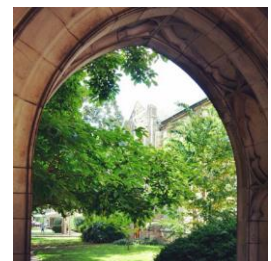
**Anthony Blake** studied and collaborated with Bennett for fourteen years and helped to continue the courses held at Sherborne after his death in 1974. Since then he has been exploring and developing the implications of Bennett's ideas in the context of the late twentieth and early twenty first centuries.

### Outline Schedule (subject to revision)

1. Universe – conditions of existence
2. The Supernatural – fact and value
3. Hazard – drama and the war with time
4. Work and Salvation – the demiurge and God
5. Will and Individuation – essence and existence
6. History – progress in the present moment
7. Synergy - the will of our time

The seminar will employ methods of communication based on Bennett's *structural communication* and embody the ideas in movements inspired by Gurdjieff's dances. It will also address the character of the *Synergic Epoch* which he believed we have now entered and is due to change how we act together, with nature and with the higher powers.

**Venue** The International Room, Scarritt-Bennett, Nashville, Tennessee (<http://www.scarrittbennett.org>) Seminar cost is \$350.00 (breakfast and lunch on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday included). For additional information contact DuVersity, Inc. c/o Michael White 91 Vantrease Rd. Brush Creek, TN 38547. [michaelwhite@dtccom.net](mailto:michaelwhite@dtccom.net); TEL. 615 684 2711.



**Lodging** is available at Scarritt Bennett in dorm-like single rooms connected by a shared bath at the rate of \$80 per night plus tax. Lodging reservations may be made by calling toll free (866) 420-5486 or emailing [reservations@scarrittbennett.org](mailto:reservations@scarrittbennett.org). Scarritt-Bennett is located in the heart of Nashville within walking distance of historic Hillsboro Village and the Vanderbilt campus with many dining and shopping options available. Free parking at Scarritt-Bennett. **NOTE: ROOMS AT SCARRITT-BENNETT MAY SELL OUT, THEY HOST A VARIETY OF EVENTS AND ANYONE WANTING ROOMS SHOULD CALL IN ADVANCE.** Otherwise rooms are available at local hotels. Some transportation assistance is available or it is a short taxi ride from the airport