

Foreword

It is my pleasure to introduce volume three of **The *Wednesday*** to the wider readership. Readers who are on the mailing list have received the issues collected in this volume regularly every Wednesday on time. I am grateful to their interest in the magazine and their encouragement and support. I am also indebted to my writers, poets and artists who have contributed to the issues. I also want to give special thanks to the editorial team, Barbara Vellacott and Paul Cockburn, for their continuing interest and support and their friendship which I value highly. The Wednesday group is the power house where new ideas are tested and new visions articulated. The Opera Café welcomed the group after the closure of our home-base at Albion Beatnik Bookstore and I am very grateful to the proprietor Salih El-Masri and his staff.

Since publishing the last two volumes I have been researching societies, newspaper and magazines with the Wednesday in their title. I came across a very interesting precedent. For example, there was a secret society in Berlin devoted to philosophical political, and ethical discussion called the *Mittwochsgesellschaft* (the Wednesday Society). Its members met between 1783-1796 twice a month in the winter months and once a month in summer. Its members were civil servants, clergymen and men of letters, many of whom were involved in educational, legal and religious reforms of the time. *Berlinische Monatsschrift* (Berlin Monthly Journal) was the magazine of the society. Kant contributed a number of articles to the magazine, although he was not a member of the society. (I am indebted to David Solomon who drew my attention to this society and to the anonymous writer on Wikipedia.)

I also found out that the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society was formerly known as the Wednesday Psychological Society. It commenced meetings in Sigmund Freud's apartment in 1902. By 1908, Freud officially dissolved the informal group and formed a new group under the name the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society. The first president was Alfred Adler. Amongst its members were Wilhelm Reich and Carl Jung. It was through reading the minutes of these meetings that Paul-Laurent Assoun, in his book *Freud and Nietzsche*, found clear evidence that Freud knew Nietzsche well while he maintained that he didn't read him until late in his life.

There was also a TV afternoon magazine for the BBC called the Wednesday magazine (1958 – 1963). A weekly newspaper in America is also called the Wednesday. The *Wednesday Journal* is published by the Wednesday Journal Inc. (Illinois), which publishes the weekly newspapers *Austin Weekly News*, and other reviews.

I look forward to the day that **The *Wednesday Press*** becomes a serious publisher in philosophy, art and poetry. We already have some plans and I hope we can carry them through.

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