

# Lake Eustis Report

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## Lake Eustis Institute

Enlighten your view of the world...



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### What the Heck is Transcendentalism & Why Should I Care?

When you were in a high school or college American literature or history class and heard the word transcendentalism, did your eyes glaze over?



The interesting thing about transcendentalism besides being a long, confusing word is that it is an almost entirely American way of thinking. Ralph Waldo Emerson laid the groundwork in the 1820's. For Emerson, finding God depended on one's inner striving toward spiritual communion with the divine spirit. This striving was often influenced by nature and solitude.

Two of America's greatest and most singular poets, Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson owed much of their philosophy to Emerson and the transcendentalists. All three writers loved nature and saw the observation of nature as a way to reach a spiritual communion with God.

Dickinson wrote: "Nature" is what we see – The Hill – the Afternoon – Squirrel – Eclipse – the Bumblebee – Nay – Nature is Heaven....

Come spend a few hours at the Institute's *For the Love of Literature* seminars in March and April and delve into these writer's observations of nature and God. The seminars meet on Monday afternoons at 4:00 PM on March 23 and April 27. The fee is \$10 per seminar.

### Sunset Celebration– Wednesday, March 11 5-7 PM

Open to all Institute members and guests on the second Wednesday of the month. Not a member, yet? Call 352-357-3995 or visit [www.lakeeustisinstitute.org](http://www.lakeeustisinstitute.org).

### Unintended Consequences Seminar

Wednesday, March 11, 4:00 PM.

George McCord, seminar leader, will lead a group discussion on the unintended consequences of U.S. laws that make it extremely difficult to extradite fugitives from American justice when they have fled to foreign countries.



Remember Ira Einhorn? He murdered his girlfriend in Pennsylvania in 1977. He fled to France in 1981, was tried and convicted in absentia in 1993, and finally extradited in 2001. What took so long?

### What Happens When a Church Leader Interferes in Matters of State?

The Great Ideas seminar is looking into what great minds have had to say about faith and politics. Shakespeare's history play, *Henry VIII*, is an example of the church meddling in the affairs of state. Cardinal Woolsey decides to get rid of Queen Katherine through a trial questioning the legitimacy of her marriage to Henry VIII.



4:00 PM, Tuesday, March 17. \$10.

*Florida Art in Focus Reception, Exhibit, & Gala/Auction March 13 -21, Cancelled*

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