

BIO FOR ANTHONY RUSSELL

(ROUGHLY 1.15 MINUTES):

ANTHONY RUSSELL IS A CULTURAL HISTORIAN, WRITER AND ARTIST. HE HAS TRAVELLED MUCH OF THE WORLD COMBINING PAINTING WITH TOUR LECTURING - PRINCIPALLY TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ON BESPOKE TOURS AND TO THE ARTS SOCIETY (FORMALLY NADFAS).

HE SPENT SIX YEARS AS A CONSULTANT FOR LUKE HUGHES ADVISING ON THE FURNITURE NEEDS OF PRESTIGIOUS BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT BRITAIN, INCLUDING MUSEUMS, PALACES, SCHOOLS AND CATHEDRALS.

NOW BASED IN LONDON, HE SPENDS MUCH OF HIS TIME LECTURING AND UNDERTAKING RESEARCH. AT THE BRITISH MUSEUM, WHERE HE RUNS OUTREACH EVENTS AND HOSTS VISITING LECTURERS, HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "*HUGH GRANT MEETS THE DALAI LAMA.*"

COMMITTED TO THE 'SEARCH FOR CIVILISATION' AND AS AN ADVOCATE OF NONVIOLENCE, HE IS THE FOUNDER OF THE CHANDOS; SUPPORTING CAUSES THAT PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION, ON THE COMMITTEE FOR UNITING FOR PEACE AND A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON DEMOCRACY IN BURMA.

HE IS AUTHOR OF THE BOOK '*EVOLVING THE SPIRIT - FROM DEMOCRACY TO PEACE*' (COMMENDED BY AUNG SAN SUU KYI, THE NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE AND LEADER OF BURMA), AS MEANING A GREAT DEAL TO HER. HE IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE BROCKLEY FESTIVAL OF IDEAS AND A FOUNDING ADVOCATE OF THE INITIATIVE 'CIVIL-ISATION'.

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