

Ottawa Scholar to Speak at Doukhobor Discovery Centre

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Doukhobor scholar, author, anthropologist and photo-grapher Koozma J Tarasoff was the featured speaker at the opening of the 39th season of the Doukhobor Discovery Centre in Castlegar, British Columbia on Sunday afternoon April 25, 2010. He outlined the world legacy of the great Russian writer and pacifist Count Lev N Tolstoy (1828 - 1910) on the life of the Doukhobors. The museum opening was dedicated to the 100-year anniversary of the death of this world figure.



Tarasoff, who resides in Ottawa, Ontario spoke at high schools in Creston, Salmo, Nelson, Trail, Rossland, Castlegar, South Slokan, and Grand Forks between April 19th and May 5th, 2010. His mission was to share the beauty and wisdom of Tolstoy's quest for a just and moral life and the wisdom of the Doukhobor heritage. The program included a recent film about Doukhobors, a lecture about Tolstoy, questions, and a donation of his latest book, Spirit Wrestlers: Doukhobor Pioneers' Strategies for Living.

Tolstoy is remembered not only for his masterpieces War and Peace and Anna Karenina, but also for his very modern and innovative philosophical and moral thoughts. He was in touch with world thinkers of the time and influenced Mahatma Gandhi and later Martin Luther King Jr. One of the key achievements of his life was saving the Doukhobors from annihilation and organizing and financially assisting the migration of 7,500 of them to Canada in 1899.

[Legacy of Lev N. Tolstoy to the World](#), by Koozma J. Tarasoff.

Notes for talk at the official season opening of [The Doukhobor Discovery Centre](#), Castlegar, BC, April 25, 2010, and beginning of the 2010 West Kootenays Tour: [Select References in Spirit-Wrestlers.com on Lev N. Tolstoy, Doukhobors and the Peace Movement](#) for High School Speaking Tour in West Kootenays BC, by Koozma J. Tarasoff. April 20-May 5, 2010

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