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Karl Konig : Camphill Movement before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Camphill Movement:

Born in Vienna in 1902, Karl Konig began his medical career at the Institute of Embryology in the Univ. of Vienna and later became house physician at the Clinical and Therapeutic Institute at Arlesheim, Basle, Switzerland. His lifelong work for the handicapped person, which began with the founding of the Pilgramshain Children's Home in Silesia and continued in Scotland in 1939 with the founding of the Camphill Rudolf Steiner Schools for children in need of special care, later grew to encompass work with adolescents and adults as schools, colleges and village communities were established in many countries. As the founder of the Camphill Movement, he was well known as a medical doctor, author and lecturer. He died in 1966. In the first of these essays starting from the bleakest of prospects as a refugee, Konig describes the unfolding of a vision. He traces back to their hidden Rosicrucian source the spiritual roots of the ideals that underpin this vision in the seminal examples of three great historical personalities: Cimenius, Zinzendorf, and Owen, and acknowledges the continuation of Rudolf Steiner in our own time to a new understanding of social issues. The practical expression of these ideals has grown steadily over the years in response to the needs of children and adults who bear a handicap. Resulting in community forms that reflect the threefold nature of the human being This is explored in the second essay in which Konig discusses the ethical practices and moral attitudes that give to community life its essential meaning and purpose, and shows how these are fundamentally

Christian. Although rather specific in his choice of subject matter, this little book is nevertheless general in its implications for social life today.