

## NETWORK NEWS



**Charla Devereux –  
Bernard Carr writes:**

As Network Manager for nearly 14 years, Charla has played a crucial role in the SMN. She has been the 'hub of our wheel', with a unique knowledge of our history and functioning. Although she ran the SMN office, her contribution extended well beyond book-keeping and office responsibilities. Her IT expertise and managerial skills

enabled her to oversee the overall smooth running of the organisation, including its financial operation. In particular, she played a key role in organizing the conferences and was a member of the programme committee.

Most importantly perhaps, Charla has been our main link with the members, many of whom have expressed their appreciation of her efficiency and helpfulness. Indeed, while it was not in her original job specification, she was essentially in charge of the membership domain in recent years. In fact, I suspect that nobody was fully aware of everything she did. She worked long hours and – even though I was her line-manager and visited the office on several occasions – I probably only glimpsed the tip of the iceberg of her contribution.

While the Network as a whole is immensely indebted to Charla, I would also like to express my personal appreciation for all the help she gave me over my five years as chair. The role proved surprisingly arduous and it would have been impossible without her. For example, as an *ex officio* member of the Board, with a length of service much longer than most other members, her awareness of procedures and memory of previous decisions was an important factor in ensuring its smooth functioning and continuity. She was also very meticulous in passing onto me the steady stream of communications from members, thereby providing a vital link between the Membership and the Board.

Charla was planning to retire shortly anyway but recent work-related events have brought this forward. She gave notice of her resignation last June and completed her employment in early September. Her successor has yet to be appointed but the ongoing structural changes within the SMN mean that her responsibilities will probably be split between several people. Indeed, it is unlikely that any single person could take on all her roles, which itself testifies to the magnitude of her contribution.

Finally I would like to pay tribute to Paul Devereux, who has always given Charla such enormous support behind the scenes. As members will know, Paul regularly accompanied her at conferences, helping with transport and numerous practical matters on a purely voluntary basis. Their home also contained the SMN office and archival records – now relocated to Colet House – and I often enjoyed their hospitality during my visits there. I thank them both for their friendship and support over many years.

Bernard Carr

## MEMBERS' NEWS



**Death of Leon Schlamm**

**Claudia Nielsen writes:** It is with great sadness that I convey the news of Leon's death in August 2015. Leon was a great friend of the SMN, he was active in various meetings in the 90's and more recently made a presentation on Jung's work to the London Group. Leon started his professional life as an accountant but quickly realised that his bliss lay elsewhere.

He switched fields and devoted his life to the study of spirituality and religion, for which he travelled the world. His research work focused on Rudolf Otto and numinous experience and on the psychology of Carl Jung and religion. He was particularly interested to show the relation of Otto and Jung to mystical experience. In the early 90s, together with Dr Peter Moore, he created an MA programme in Mysticism & Religious Experience, the first of its kind to be established in the UK, from which some members of the SMN benefited, including me. It is with sadness and gratitude that I say farewell to a teacher and a friend.



**News Release from Rupert Sheldrake Online  
[www.sheldrake.org](http://www.sheldrake.org)**

Rupert is currently taking part in a nine-part, three-month long dialogue with Michael Shermer, editor of *The Skeptic*, head of the Skeptics Society and author of the monthly Skeptic column in *Scientific American*. He is also one of the US's most prominent atheists. This project was initiated by, and

is hosted by, a leading US educational website.

The first dialogue is on materialism in science. The June topic was mental action at a distance, and July was God and science. Opening statements and responses to each other are online here: <http://www.thebestschools.org/special/sheldrake-shermer-dialogue-nature-of-science/>



**Dr Ervin Laszlo – Laszlo Institute of  
New Paradigm Research**

The Laszlo Institute of New-Paradigm Research (L-INPR) intends to make a meaningful contribution to our understanding of the fundamental nature of the world, and through this understanding to contribute to wellbeing in the world. It pursues this objective through research on the concepts, principles and worldviews emerging in the sciences, and developing their applications to fields of human interest. It is based at Bagni de Lucca, Tuscany.

**L-INPR activities include**

- **programmes of research and courses, seminars and symposia dedicated to the new paradigm.** The programmes bring together leading-edge scientists, humanists and thought-leaders to develop and apply the integral paradigm emerging in science to the pertinent scientific, intellectual, social, and cultural fields.
- **practical action initiatives in partnership with ethical and humanistic individuals and organisations.** In the framework of the Institute's Associated New-Paradigm Change-the-World Projects, the initiatives explore the relevance and the application of the integral paradigm to problems and opportunities in the contemporary world.

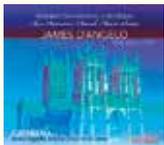
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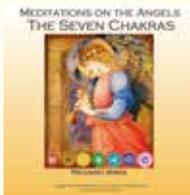
**Dr Stephen Fulder –**  
[www.stephenfulder.com](http://www.stephenfulder.com)

Stephen Fulder, Ph.D, is one of Israel's leading spiritual teachers, founder of the Israel Insight Society (Tovana). He has been teaching Buddhism and meditation practice to thousands of people over the last 20 years. He draws on 40 years of deep personal experience of Vipassana/ Mindfulness meditation and dharma practice as well as the immeasurable wisdom of the Buddhist tradition, to help us to rediscover the magic of the moment, and the great heart and big mind that lies just under the surface. His new website makes available hundreds of talks, reflections and articles in English and Hebrew as well as guided meditations, both for beginners and those with prior experience. In addition there are materials on herbal remedies, about which Stephen has written many books.



**James d'Angelo CD – The Holy City**

This CD was recorded in Washington National Cathedral in 2012, and represents a Mass Sequence and a Evensong Sequence constituting the whole of James's sacred music. Influences on his work include Gesualdo, Hindemith, Debussy, Ravel, Holst and Jean Catoire. The CD will appeal to lovers of sacred choral and organ music – see [www.gothic-catalog.com](http://www.gothic-catalog.com)



**Richard Irwin –**  
**Meditations on the Angels CD**

As well as joining the Board as the new web site domain holder, Richard is also a composer. His CD is an album of seven contemplative pieces suitable for individual meditation and for healing. The album was inspired by the concept of Western concept of angel voices, combined with Eastern ideas about the benefits of meditation for health, balance and spiritual enlightenment. Each of the seven movements is designed to help focus the mind on one of the Chakras. The music is available on most Internet music services including Apple Music, Amazon and Spotify. For further details and commercial use of the recordings please contact Richard Irwin directly by email at [richard@hymnswithoutwords.com](mailto:richard@hymnswithoutwords.com). I can send interested readers a more detailed description by Richard himself.

**LOCAL GROUP NEWS**



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**May 2015**

Our May speaker was **Scilla Elworthy PhD**, who entitled her talk **Can our Values Shift in Time to Save the Planet?** Scilla has been nominated for the Nobel Peace prize three times for the work she has done towards peace and disarmament. She works tirelessly on her projects, which are based on her strong belief in the basic human right for respect and freedom. In 1982 Scilla founded the *Oxford Research Group* to address effective dialogue between nuclear weapons policy-makers worldwide.

In 2002 it was *Peace Direct*, an organisation that helps local peace builders in conflict areas. Then in 2013 she co-founded *Rising Women Rising Worlds*, to advise the leadership of selected international corporations. Her most recent project is her book, *Pioneering the Possible: awakened leadership for a world that works*.

This evening Scilla started by pointing out that we live in a world that is miserable and frightening for most of its inhabitants. Although the rich/poor gap is forever getting wider, the truth is that rich people are unhappy too. Einstein pointed out that no problem can be solved from the consciousness that created it and based on this insight, Scilla distilled 10 top values, which need to be replaced, if we wish to enjoy a more sustainable, rewarding and meaningful existence. For each of the stale value and its replacement, we heard powerful examples supporting her arguments.

Some brought despair - for instance, the actions of the corporation-backed TTIP agreements (see <http://www.theguardian.com/global/2015/may/04/ttip-united-nations-human-right-secret-courts-multinationals>) - and others hope - for instance the fact that in the 1990s for the first time, more wars ended by negotiated settlement (42) than by military victory (23). This started a trend that accelerated in the new millennium, between 2000 and 2005, seventeen conflicts ended in negotiated settlements; just four ended in military victory.

Here is the list of the values and their replacement as envisaged by Scilla:

Stale value:	Replaced by:
<b>1. Might makes right</b>	<i>Talking trumps fighting</i>
<b>2. Humans have the right to do as we like with the planet</b>	<i>Humans are responsible for the health of our planet</i>
<b>3. Survival of the fittest</b>	<i>Survival through cooperation</i>
<b>4. Science and the rational mind are what distinguish mankind</b>	<i>Body, feelings and soul balance the mind in humankind</i>
<b>5. Continuing economic growth is essential</b>	<i>Consciousness is the new capital</i>
<b>6. Good fences make good neighbours</b>	<i>Building bridges works better for less</i>
<b>7. Short-termism is fine</b>	<i>Thinking long-term is the fastest way to save our planet</i>
<b>8. There will always be a technical fix in time to resolve serious problems</b>	<i>We need a greater intelligence than technology to fix humans and their problems</i>
<b>9. Women are too emotional to deal with the real issues of business and world affairs</b>	<i>A yin-yang balance is the best bet for human survival</i>
<b>10. Consuming is our right</b>	<i>Connection not consumption will satisfy us</i>

Humans, Scilla pointed out, are meaning seeking creatures with spiritual impulses. The mantra for 20<sup>th</sup> C was 'what can I get' and for the 21<sup>st</sup> C it must be 'what can I give'.

We had an interesting discussion to follow and I think it is fair to say, that many of us felt more hopeful about the future, based on what we heard!

**June 2015**

This month our speaker was **Graham Ward**, Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford, author of a number of books, including *Cities of God* (2000), *True Religion* (2002) *The Politics of Discipleship* (2009) and more recently *Unbelievable: why we Believe and Why we Don't* (2014). This evening Graham explored with us, **Living with Invisibility**. He started by describing a typical day in his personal life to demonstrate that we live great chunks of our lives on the borderline between the visible and the invisible. The tool we use to make the invisible 'visible' is *imagination*. According to evolutionary anthropologists, we are unique as species for living in a world ruled by symbolism. We perceive the world, and sense something more. In what is presented to us there is also an invisible aspect, which we experience as symbolic, to which we attach meaning. These emerge through the process of interpretation. Graham quoted Merleau-Ponty, who called the invisible, that which we infer from the visible, "intentional transcendence". The invisible is all around us. At the dimension of awareness, it is said that 95% of the operations of our body are unconscious, leaving only 5% conscious! In the sciences, Graham pointed to the example of multiverses, dark matter and dark energies, all of which are totally invisible and demonstrated theoretically through highly abstracted computerised mathematics.

Religious faith is another way in which we humans negotiate the invisible in the visible. It makes the hidden appear in the same way as in any other human symbolic transaction. Graham elaborated extensively on the work by the 4<sup>th</sup> C Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem. He explained in great detail the steps Cyril took the aspirants through to ensure they had powerful experiences of all five senses: sight, sound, touch, smells, and taste, which would deliver them firmly into the intended belief system. It started with a series of intellectual lectures, culminating in initiation through baptism into the community of believers. The teachings were to be memorised, nothing was written down, indicating that experience rather than cognitive process was the pedagogic method. The aspirants were also sworn to keep secret what and how they learned. The use of imagination through the powerful experiences of the senses, which those seeking illumination were taken through, enabled them to learn about and participate in the divine. Furthermore, space and time was used skilfully as well, as the lectures took place in the magnificent basilica built by Constantine in Jerusalem, which had within it both the site of the crucifixion, Golgotha, and the cave of the resurrection. This made Jerusalem a sacred place, both in terms of location and time, for being the ancient city of King David, the place of the crucifixion, the salvation of humankind, and the site of new Jerusalem, awaiting the second coming of Christ.

It was a most interesting perspective and Graham left us with the question: are thought, multiverses, God, etc., different *forms* of invisibility, or are they, which he personally thinks more likely, different *logics* we use to understand the influence of the invisible on the visible, e.g. brain activity inferring thoughts, gravitation suggesting a cosmological constant, ideas that are all based on the work of imagination, which he feels is the most neglected area of neuroscience.

From the point of view of current world affairs, Graham expressed his interest in studying the effects of the invisible on the people who voluntarily affiliate themselves to groups like Islamic State, or Boko Haram.

We had an interesting discussion following the presentation, with challenging questions and poignant answers.

**July 2015**

This month our speaker was **Phoebe Wyss**. Her talk was entitled, ***Inside the Cosmic Mind***, the title of her new book. Phoebe is a professional astrologer and this evening she explained her quest to validate astrology, which she found over the 35 years as a professional, was often dismissed as nonsensical because it cannot be tested with the tools of materialistic science. She started by pointing out the current perspective sees the cosmos as meaningless, in accordance with mainstream cosmological beliefs predicated on materialist science. In contrast, ancient cultures had a more 'right brain' perception of the world in which they lived. Phoebe pointed out for example that the ancient Egyptians did not make a difference between inner and outer worlds. Both aspects were interrelated and the gods manifested in both. The Hermetic axiom 'as above so below' is the best example of this philosophy, understood also to mean inner and outer.

Phoebe joined the SMN with the intention to explore how astrology works. Looking at philosophical contributions, she singled out Plato's realm of ideas in the Universal Mind structuring Nature, and Plotinus, whose perspective was that every being, at whatever level of consciousness, participates in the Anima Mundi, the soul of the world. Pauli and Jung were also quoted extensively, supporting her argument of correspondences between inner and outer worlds, the most well known being the concept of synchronicity. The concept of archetypes, an idea developed by Jung, helped her explain the nature of the zodiac energies.

Phoebe also mentioned the work of Rupert Sheldrake and his ideas of morphic resonance and the understanding of mind extending beyond the physical body both in time and in space, which brought her closer to understanding how astrology works. Another principle, that of fractal correspondence derived from chaos theory, also had an impact on Phoebe's understanding, and together with the nested hierarchy model had helped her make sense of mind being included and transcended in levels of sophistication, throughout reality. She compared it with the language of correspondence from the ancients, between the micro and the macrocosmos. The human being is a mini universe, containing the whole within him. The seminal work of Richard Tarnas and his student Keiron le Grice helped Phoebe further and she quoted a sentence by Tarnas 'the psyche is not in us: we are in the psyche', which she sees as *a very big idea to take in*.

Ultimately Phoebe suggests that there is a top-down flow of meaning in the cosmos, from the mind of the whole downwards. The zodiac 'is a geometric matrix in the cosmic mind', in constant flow in which the archetypes – its core ideas – unfold and combine their qualities in ever-changing patterns. Notably, the zodiac expresses no causality but a *mirroring* of meaningful configurations of archetypal energies, which can be found in the events of history and our personal life stories. Astrology she said, allows us to recognise these patterns as they emerge in our lives, and help us make sense of our experience.

**Sydney Group – Jean Ingman**

Report of the meeting of the Sydney Group of the Scientific and Medical Network held on 15th May 2015.

Our speaker today was **David Ingman** who introduced the book "The Grand Illusion" by Brendan D. Murphy.

A massively detailed 600-page collation of scientific and spiritual knowledge showing how science and spirituality converge in their discernment of our realities.

Due to the extremely dense information content of the book only items from the first 100 pages were discussed. Statements by Bearden, Zeilinger, Goswami, Planck, Kaku, Weinberg, Green, Yurth, Kuttner, Rosenblum, Stapp, Bohm, Sheldrake and Wheeler were discussed.

Subjects ranged from consciousness being the basis of all being, through string theory, parallel universes, quantum entanglement, the holographic universe, simultaneous time, morphogenetic fields and the implicate/explicate order.

The philosophers amongst us pointed out that much of the material discussed had been laid out in the Vedas 5,000 years ago. It was agreed that vibration of consciousness equated with frequency and that it was indeed possible that multiple parallel universes could exist in the same space.

This led on to a discussion of whether the holographic universe was the source of parallel universes via frequency or all universes are naturally holographic. The conclusion was that only one source was necessary and that any universe/reality could be co-created with conscious intent by the intending participants. These universes/realities are capable of being created in all eras past, present and future simultaneously and therefore all exist at the same time. The implications of this and morphogenetic fields for reincarnation were examined.

The opportunities for obtaining information and abilities from the field via focused intent or hypnotic suggestion sparked a debate on the practical uses to which this knowledge can be put. Experiments in the field of art and music have shown that this is possible. David then recounted his own experience in "downloading alternative behaviour programs." In this regard he suggested that "A Law of Focused Intent be Formulated."

*The Sydney Group would like to send their congratulations to Elizabeth and Peter Fenwick on their 80th birthdays and thank them for their contributions to the Network and the world at large.*

At the last meeting of the Sydney Group of the Scientific and Medical network. We continued to discuss the book, *The Grand Illusion* by Brendan D. Murphy. Prepare to contemplate freedom from restraining beliefs.

Fritjof Capra – *The Tao of Physics*:

"Mystics understand the roots but not the branches, scientists understand the branches but not the roots."

*Comment:* In other words mystics experience and are aware of the unseen whereas scientists apply reductionism to the study of objective reality. Both become aware of a unity. Ancient philosophies have long held that consciousness is the basis of all realities and today's physicists are increasingly agreeing.

Lawrence Le Shan – *The Medium, The Mystic and The Physicist*.

All essentially describe the same interconnectedness of reality, while having arrived at their conclusions via different paths of enquiry.

Einstein: "Time is not at all that it seems. It does not flow in only one direction, and the future exists simultaneously with the past."

Bertrand Russell:

- There is a better way of gaining information than through the (physical) senses.
- There is a fundamental unity to all things.
- Time is an illusion.
- All evil is mere appearance.

*Comment:* Re 4, we create and regard plays, films, etc. as visual entertainment as we realise that no one actually suffers. We realise they are an "illusion", a construct of imagination. Whilst we are beginning to understand that our conscious self co-operates with others in forming our "reality", we have difficulty in applying the same logical reasoning to our situation due to our beliefs and resulting emotions.

Stanislav Grof: "Modern consciousness research reveals that our psyches have no real and absolute boundaries; on the contrary, we are part of an infinite field of consciousness that encompasses all there is."

*Comment:* Study of the military remote viewing programs validate the above whilst showing that all information past, present and future is accessible to those who "focus." Some doctors nowadays call medical diagnostics (clairvoyants) who can diagnose a patient's condition from hundreds of miles away without ever seeing them or knowing who they are. Interesting that the word diagnosis is composed of dia-, ancient Greek meaning apart, and gnosis meaning mystical or spiritual knowledge. Long ago someone said "Seek and ye shall find."

William Blake: "If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is, infinite. For man has closed himself up till he sees all things through narrow chinks of his cavern"

*Comment:* Purposely, so as to **experience** separateness, cause and effect, challenge, uncertainty, achievement, failure and the highs and lows of emotions and attachments especially the loss of a loved one.

Grof and Halifax: "The universe is seen as an ever-unfolding drama of endless adventures in consciousness, very much in the sense of the Hindu *Lila*, or divine play.

*Comment:* You were not "born", you will not "die", you simply change the focus of your attention. When you understand that you are eternal and indestructible then the meaning of "forever becoming" becomes apparent.

Rupert Sheldrake/David Bohm: Morphic fields, the implicate and explicate orders, the "holomovement".

*Comment:* Worlds within worlds within worlds. Multiple ideas, unmanifest and manifest, creating different lives in different realities with different "laws", all arising from the same ground of totality of consciousness and all holographically interconnected. All ever present while continually being **dis**-covered from within the infinite potential.

Most of us have trouble in conceiving that we could be living many lives at once. Imagine you are a musical note and you have an identity, "B flat", you sound your note many times as an integral part of myriad compositions. Each composition has its own identity of course. Whilst sounding your note in one composition you will be unaware that you are simultaneously sounding your note in many other compositions as you have delegated parts of your consciousness to perform therein. You as "B flat" will have a preference for certain compositions, your favourites, and while focusing upon your performance in one of your favourites you are temporarily unaware that you are playing your note in many other compositions simultaneously.

Now substitute "higher self" for "B flat" and "ego selves" for delegated parts of your consciousness.

PS. As consciousness creates a microscope to view a hidden reality so consciousness creates bodies to experience different realities. Horses for courses.

Many near death experiencers have reported seeing themselves as different personalities living several different lives simultaneously.

The discussion on these subjects was lively and pertinent even though we are such a small group. We are grateful to Eric Franklin for sending us copies of the lectures given at the Lampeter and West Wales Group, which we will be showing in the future.

**GRAMPIAN GROUP – Dr Nicola Miller**

**Paul Kieniewicz** gave a warm welcome to the 11 members and non-members who attended the inaugural meeting of the Grampian Local Group on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. After giving a brief overview of the Group's purpose and ideas concerning forthcoming speakers he gave a tour of the SMN website, highlighting the SMN's mission, aims and values, and alerting us to the forthcoming 'Beyond the Brain Conference: Free Spirits or Determined Machines?' The Group's opening topic 'Science, Consciousness and Matter' began with a discussion about the nature of consciousness (a state of being aware of sensing, feeling, thinking and willing), attributes of consciousness, models of consciousness (monistic and dualistic) and the prevailing scientific view that consciousness is entirely a product of brain processes (chemical and electrical activity). There followed a provocative and thought-provoking video 'Entangled Minds' where Dr Dean Radin, Chief Scientist at the Institute of Noetic Sciences, discusses results of his recently published research.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKuwWBYHQ50>

At the heart of this video is the 'quantum measurement problem' and the role of the observer: how can we measure what is happening at the subatomic level when, if the path is knowable photons behave like particles and, when unknowable, they behave like waves (particle-wave duality). The results of these experiments show how consciousness has measureable effects at the subatomic level and how a group generates a global consciousness whose effects can also be measured. The ensuing discussion ranged from a recommendation to see *Copenhagen*, a play by Michael Frayn based around a meeting between physicists Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg (first performed in 1998) to the work of Masaru Emoto and Mae-Wan Ho. Overall, a very promising start for this new Group. Please address any enquiries to the local group coordinator, Nicola Miller at [drnamiller@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:drnamiller@yahoo.co.uk)

**MEMBERS' ARTICLES AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

Available from the Editor

**SCIENCE-PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE**

**Real versus Simulated Mobile Phone Exposures in Experimental Studies**

**Dimitris J. Panagopoulos, Olle Johansson, and George L. Carlo**

(8 pp. from Hindawi Publishing Corporation, BioMed Research International, Volume 2015, Article ID 607053, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2015/607053>)

**MEDICINE-HEALTH**

**How Prenatal Psychic Trauma and Communication Works in Whole-Self Prebirth Psychology©2015**

**Jon RG and Troya GN Turner (13 pp.)**

**Whole-Self Prebirth Psychology:**

**Principles Of Whole-Self Integrative Therapy©2015**

**Jon RG & Troya GN Turner (21pp.)**

**A Unified Field Theory of Weak Magnetic Field Action**

**Paul Heroux of McGill University on Microwave News**

Heroux controversially proposes that extremely weak magnetic fields can bring about changes in DNA by acting on ATP synthase.

**PSYCHOLOGY-CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES**

**Understanding Consciousness Interview**

**Max Velmans (16 pp. – a very thorough explanation)**

**Searching for Consciousness using Reason and Logic**

**Graeme Vivers (7 pp.)**

**Rapid Electronic Method for Obtaining Visual Imagery**

**Gwyn Hocking (11 pp.)**

**Technical Information on the Above**

**Gwyn Hocking (28 pp.)**

**PHILOSOPHY-SPIRITUALITY**

**Reincarnation and Past Lives**

**George Moss (7 pp. – a brief survey of lines of evidence)**

**GENERAL**

**Exploring the Frontiers of Consciousness with**

**Peter Fenwick**

**Andrew Powell (11 pp. – Andrew's engaging recollections given at the Fenwick 80<sup>th</sup> birthday meeting)**

**The Five Traits of Extraordinary Ordinary People**

**David Sacks (5 pp.)**

**The Hypocrisy at the Heart of the Food Population Debate**

**Jonathon Porritt (5 pp. – a reflection on population and food)**

**Directive to Ban Stratospheric Aerosol**

**Geoengineering, Dec 13**

**(20 pp. – a very thorough assessment of the arguments based on the 200 moratorium)**

**Online articles by Anthony Judge:**

**Evil Rules: Guidelines for Engaging in Armageddon Now**

<http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/musings/evilrule.php>

**Correlating a Requisite Diversity of Metaphorical Patterns**

**Entuning the dynamic of cognitive eases and diseases**

<http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/docs10s/infoheal.php>

**The University for Peace, Chronicle of a Death Foretold**

<https://www.transcend.org/tms/2015/06/>

[the-university-for-peace-chronicle-of-a-death-foretold/](http://the-university-for-peace-chronicle-of-a-death-foretold/)

**Embodying Strategic Self-reference in a**

**World Futures Conference**

**Transcending the wicked problem engendered by projecting negativity elsewhere**

<http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/docs10s/selfref.php>

**Requisite Meta-reflection on Engagement in**

**Systemic Change?**

**Fiat, fatwa and world-making in a period of**

**existential radicalisation**

<http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/docs10s/spanda.php>

**Enhancing Strategic Discourse Systematically using**

**Climate Metaphors**

**Widespread comprehension of system dynamics in**

**weather patterns as a resource**

<http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/docs10s/climmeta.php>

## NEWS AND NOTICES



### Alfred Russell Wallace Magazine Articles

Special Wallace editions of Natural History and Skeptic magazines (both published in the USA) have just been produced in collaboration with Richard Milner's Wallace Centenary Celebration project (<http://www.darwinlive.com/wallace/amnh.html>). Richard edited both issues - and they are packed with excellent Wallace-related articles by well known writers, ranging from Sir David Attenborough to Richard Conniff (see the attached content lists). Richard Milner's project has paid for several hundred extra copies of each magazine and these will be sent free of charge to anyone who wants them, anywhere in the world! If you would like one or both magazines please send your postal address to Richard - stating whether you want one of them or both. Please put "Free Magazine" in the subject line of your message. Richard's email address is [rmilner2012@gmail.com](mailto:rmilner2012@gmail.com)

### Wallace Letters Online

A new version of Wallace Letters Online has just been released: (<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/wallacelettersonline>). Improvements include:

- \*The records of letters and other documents are now sorted by default into date order
- \*There are now mini-biographies of hundreds of ARW's correspondents, making it much easier to interpret the letters
- \*Hundreds of new documents and artworks have been added since the last update in November 2014 (including Wallace's Amazon fish drawings and Bates's two Amazon notebooks, which are filled with beautiful watercolour paintings)

Two news articles about the new version of WLO have been published today on the Internet:

<http://www.nhm.ac.uk/about-us/news/2015/july/amazonian-artwork-pioneers-evolutionary-theory-now-accessible-online.html>

<http://wallacefund.info/content/early-evolution-pioneers%E2%80%99-artwork-now-online>

### Tucson Science of Consciousness Conference

The Science of Consciousness (TSC) 2016 Conference is jointly sponsored by the Center for Consciousness Studies at the University of Arizona, and the Center for Consciousness Science at the University of Michigan, and will be held at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort in Tucson, Arizona April 25-30, 2016. Some 700 people are expected for a week-long program of plenary and concurrent talk sessions, posters, art/tech demos, pre-conference workshops, recreation and social events including a welcome reception, conference barbecue and square dance, the traditional Poetry Slam/Zombie Blues/talent show, and closing 'End-of-Consciousness' party.

#### Themes and topics will include:

- Three Roads to Consciousness: 'GW', 'PC' and 'HOT'
- Moving From Correlates to Causes of Consciousness
- Machine Consciousness and Artificial Intelligence
- Origin and Evolution of Life and Consciousness
- Quantum Brain Biology
- Transcranial Brain Stimulation
- The 'Pribram Session' - Levels, Scale and Content of Consciousness
- Mechanisms of Anesthesia and Psychoactive Drugs

- Virtual Reality
- Consciousness and Collapse of the Wavefunction
- End-of-life Brain Activity

**Conference Website** - [www.consciousness.arizona.edu](http://www.consciousness.arizona.edu)

### INTERALIA MAGAZINE ( <http://www.interaliamag.org> )

INTERALIA MAGAZINE has now been successfully up and running for a year. To celebrate, they are now planning to expand with a new section called EMERGING IDEAS. The aim of this new section is to showcase the work and ideas of emerging artists, photographers, scientists, and writers who explore the interactions between the Arts, Sciences and Consciousness.

To fund Emerging Ideas they are currently running a Kickstarter campaign.

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/950053754/interalia-magazine-emerging-ideas>

The money we are trying to raise will allow us to cover I.T. development and the section's administration expenses. Contribution options will be –

- Up to 5 images or 1 video + artist statement (100 words max) + website link
- Article – fiction or non-fiction (500 word max) + contact/web link

### NDEs and Buddhism

The nature and significance of Near Death Experiences. Explanation and convergence of neuroscientific, psychological and spiritual perspectives. Buddhist monk Ashin Ottama has recently made and uploaded a new video about the NDE, the relation between mind and the brain, about the strange nature of 'afterlife', etc. - it is his contribution to the ongoing effort to understand correctly not only the phenomenon of NDE but also the strange nature of our human existence.

See: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2\\_OiRe0rYwU&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_OiRe0rYwU&feature=youtu.be)

## DR ALBERT SCHWEITZER – A CELEBRATION

*Humanitarian, Physician, Theologian, Philosopher, Organist*

**SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2015**

St Mark's Church, Myddleton Square  
London EC1R 1XX

Speakers: Dr James Carleton-Paget,  
Simon Dearlsey, David Lorimer, Trudi Sanderson

### ONLINE BOOKINGS

<https://scimednet.yapsody.com/event/index/16875?ref=elink>

