



Andrew Glazewski and the Founding of the Scientific and Medical Network

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In June 1973, George Blaker, a man with many years in the British civil service, received an unexpected phone call. The caller told him, "I am Andrew Glazewski. You don't know me, but I have heard what you are trying to do. If I have got it right I also know someone else trying to do the same thing. His name is Dr Patrick Shackleton, Dean of Postgraduate Medical Studies at the University of Southampton".¹

George Blaker, Dr. Peter Leggett (then Vice-Chancellor of Surrey University) and Sir Kelvin Spencer (former Chief Scientist at the Ministry of Power) had been discussing how to bring together scientists interested in the spiritual side of science. Andrew Glazewski (despite titles such as *Father, Canon* and *Father Deacon* he preferred to be addressed as *Andrew*) had met Dr. Shackleton at a Wrekin Trust conference in May 1973. Dr. Shackleton must have been somewhat impressed as he wrote to Andrew, "You started to teach me something." Over the following months Blaker, Shackleton and Andrew exchanged several letters in which they fleshed out their ideas for what became the Scientific and Medical Network.²

Though George Blaker had never heard of Andrew, he was well-known as a Catholic priest, physicist and healer who used the language of science to speak about spiritual matters. Since the mid 1960s he led regular workshops in Shropshire at Attingham Park, hosted by Sir George Trevelyan. Along with the healer Bruce MacManaway and the Sufi Reshad Feild they drew large audiences of students and others interested in the emerging New Age consciousness. Few others were then talking about it.

Off the lecture circuit, Andrew was parish priest to a small enclave of Polish exiles near Newton Abbott, people who were too physically or psychologically scarred by war to fit in with British society. He lived in an old military barrack with a curved corrugated roof. Next to his living quarters was a laboratory with oscilloscopes, Wimshurst machines, magnetometers, coils and various electrical meters. He was proud of his collection though by the time I visited him in 1971 the equipment was covered in dust. He hadn't used it since the 1950s.

We first met in 1963 when he came to direct the Lent retreat at the boarding school I was attending. He talked about meditation – without using words, the subconscious and overconscious minds and how to communicate with them; about healing through the human field. He spoke little about God even though he was so mystical that his presence swept you away. He wanted to put first things first. Most important was to know your lower and higher nature.

When I left school I took his teachings with me. We connected later when I was an undergraduate at St. Andrews University, and began a correspondence that grew into friendship. Most astounding for me was his assertion that living and non-living entities are surrounded by electric, sonic and infra-red fields. Not only that, but that there exists another field that controls the others, what he called, the Organizing Field, that operates beyond space and time and determines the growth of an organism; its healthy functioning.³ He had developed a healing technique where the hand moves through the body's field, clearing blockages to restore a natural energy flow. The practice is similar to Therapeutic Touch, later re-discovered by Dolores Krieger and Dora Kunz.

However Andrew's field theory was much more than a theory to explain healing or ESP. It was the basis for his spiritual outlook; his teachings on prayer and meditation. He even described angels in terms of the Organizing Field as self-organized "sets of proportions"; musical harmonies. The process of psychological

and spiritual development involved a growing awareness of one's own field, that of other people and other living things. He meant it literally. No doubt he had well-developed faculties that detected and interacted with fields; derived information from them such as the health of a person far away or events that took place long ago. He emphasized that he was not unique, that anyone could develop "field awareness". Summing up a lecture to Edinburgh University students in 1968, he said,

*I am quite sure that of these three things. That everybody can cure, that there is a field medicine, and that you can go into quite a different world when you start to live in the world of proportions, when you meet the world of the subconscious and overconscious mind.*⁴

The first organizational meeting for the SMN was held at Exeter University on 4 September 1973. Andrew was present at that meeting. The organizers decided that the Network had to contain credentialed scientists and medical men. The more hard-boiled the better. Dr. Shackleton said, "If we are to catch people of scientific calibre into our Network then we need proper bait on the hook."⁵ The next meeting was to be in December, but Andrew never made it. He died on November 8 while leading a Wrekin Trust workshop at Hawkwood College.

A few years ago I trawled the Internet but could find almost no information about Andrew. There were a few papers he'd published in the 1950s but nothing about his later teachings. Feeling compelled to remedy the situation I contacted Andrew's family and others who might have known him. However I soon found that most people who worked with him were dead and that whole boxes of tapes, letters and other documents disappeared after his death into unnamed basements. I had all but given up on the project when several tapes were mailed to me by John MacManaway whose father had hosted Andrew several times. Though badly deteriorated I was able to transcribe the tapes. Along with other published writings, those talks became the basis for the recently published book, "The Harmony of the Universe".⁴

Ruth Nesfield-Cookson, once secretary to Sir George Trevelyan and who knew Andrew well told me that on one of their walks he asked her if she would start *his* university, in the name of the Wrekin Trust. It would cost no more than 6 million pounds. She never got around to it. However for much less money Andrew helped establish the Scientific and Medical Network. I feel that he would be quite pleased at how far the Network has come, and grown in the forty years since its founding.

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