

NETWORK NEWS

Network Book Prize 2008

The 2008 Network Book Prize has been shared by **Peter and Elizabeth Fenwick** – *The Art of Dying* and **Mike King** – *Secularism, the Hidden Origins of Disbelief*. The Fenwick's book was reviewed in the summer issue last year, and Mike King's book by Frank Parkinson in the spring issue. The Art of Dying book launch lecture can be downloaded as an MP3 file from the site, and a number of Mike's lectures can be found under the London Group. The Network Book Prize is awarded annually to the book or books written by Members which have made the most seminal contribution to fields of interest to the Network.



Elizabeth and Peter Fenwick



Mike King

Readers may also be interested in the pamphlet that Peter has produced with Sue Brayne on end of life experiences – a guide for carers of dying. The overall message is that death is a transition to another reality, and that it is important to reframe our understanding of the dying process both from a philosophical and a clinical angle. The pamphlet can be provided free of charge to any hospice, nursing home, hospital or individual who would like a copy. See www.braynetwork.com or e-mail sue@braynetwork.com

New Members, 2009

We welcome the following members who have joined since the beginning of the year:

NAME	COUNTRY	NAME	COUNTRY
Akin-Smith, Ashley	UK	Anand, Elspeth	UK
Anand, Shiv	UK	Bayley, Keith	UK
Brew, Angela	Australia	Bub, Carissa	UK
Carrigan, Annie	UK	Cousins, Wendy	N.Ireland
Davey, Penelope	UK	De Vos, Robert	South Africa
Downey, Linda	UK	Evans, Tom	UK
Findlay, Thomas	UK	Hall, Jeremy	UK
Hans, Hoenl	Germany	Hietala-Beavers, Ulla	UK
Hopkins, Ann	UK	Horner, James	Belgium
Hosker, Blandine	UK	Howard, Jennifer	UK
John, Arthur	UK	Kemball-Cook, Ashley	UK
Kemball-Cook, Cora	UK	Kirwin, Mark	UK
Lander, Geraldine	UK	Leon, Dai	New Zealand
Luke, David	UK	Martin, Philippe	Belgium
McCluskey, Hannah	UK	McCluskey, John	UK
Morgan, Eiluned	UK	Morrice, Nicholas	UK
Mott, Peter	UK	Pettifor, Peter	UK
Rawlinson, Iain	UK	Selwyn, Miriam	UK
Shaw, Lizzie	UK	Skolimowski, Juanita	Poland
Stone, Jessica	UK	Taylor, Ben	UK
Thomas, Davina	UK	Walton, Bridget	UK
Whistler, Jane	UK	Wiseman, Anna	UK

Attention Members!

Personal Numbers and Office Procedures

Please help your administration office to run smoothly and so help you efficiently:

- when your details change (address, telephone number, email address etc.) please make sure we know
- use your membership number whenever you contact us, and write it onto all correspondence, conference booking slips, subscription forms, bankers order forms and orders for books, services etc.
- book early for conferences - it helps you get a place, and us get the tickets to you in good time
- ensure cheques are made out correctly to Scientific & Medical Network; for conferences and orders: always add (legibly!) details of what it's for and membership number on back, even when accompanied by a booking form
- remember we're a network, and it often takes time for all relevant people to be contacted so when making requests give us time to respond helpfully (and always remember to tell us who you are - we sometimes get forms back with no name at all!)
- help us save money; whenever possible pay in £ sterling and use bankers orders and gift aid for your subscriptions - it maximises funds available for more important things

Office hours are 9am – 5pm Monday – Friday and there is normally someone to answer the telephone between those hours, with an ansaphone otherwise.

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Subscriptions

Because SMN's accounting year ends in December, it needs subscriptions to be paid in January, before it incurs the cost of providing members services for the year. Regardless when you paid your subscription in 2008, your 2009 subs were due in January, and from then until the subscription is paid it will show in the membership records as owing. This causes administrative confusion in the office as well as affecting the timely receipt of your copies of Network Review until your subscription is received. SO PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU BY PAYING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION AS CLOSE TO JANUARY AS POSSIBLE.

Appointment of Directors, 2009

The SMN Board of Directors consists of up to 12 directors, up to 9 of whom are appointed by the members at the AGM. Up to 3 more may be co-opted by the Board itself. Each year the one third of the member appointed directors, who have served the longest, retire by rotation as do all the co-opted members. They are, if they wish, eligible for re-election or co-option. The members retiring by rotation at the AGM in 2009 are Ms. Jacqueline Nielsen, Professor Bernard Carr (Vice Chair) and Dr. Christopher Lyons (Treasurer). All are eligible for re-election or co-option and all have indicated their wish to continue. Mr. Raymond Dawkins resigned on the 24th March, 2009, as he was moving to Italy. The remaining Directors are Professor John Clarke (Chairman) (re-elected in 2007), Dr. Amit Biswas (2008), Miss Gerri McManus (2008), Professor Marilyn Monk (2008) and Mr. Martin Redfern (2008).

There are, therefore, four vacancies to be filled at the AGM in 2009. Members, who wish to be considered for these vacancies, are requested to apply by the end of May by sending their C.V. and a short note on how they see themselves contributing to the aims of the Network. This will enable the Board to consider how they would match the tasks to be performed and, where appropriate, make recommendations to the members. If there are more applicants than vacancies, a vote will be taken at the Network AGM in July. The members of the company will follow the recommendations of the Network AGM, unless there is good reason not to do so. Applications should be sent to The Secretary, Scientific and Medical Network, P.O. Box 11, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos: GL 56 0ZF.

SMN Blog News

The SMN blog is continuing to attract more visitors and more comments. The domain name is: <http://scimednet.blogspot.com> We are looking for more members to join the blog team. Being part of the blog team involves contributing short written items (200 words +) approximately once a month. If you are interested, contact olly@scimednet.org for more details or with an example post.

New Online Special Interest Groups - Reminder

In December, the Network launched six online special interest groups for members only, hosted by Google Groups. The six groups are:

- 1) Transpersonal Psychology and Consciousness Studies
- 2) Philosophy of Science and Religion
- 3) Subtle Energies Theory and Research
- 4) Cosmology and Quantum Physics
- 5) Holistic Medicine and Healing
- 6) Parapsychology and Paranormal Science

Over 200 members have already joined the groups. To learn more about these groups or to subscribe to any of these groups, please follow the below link: <http://www.scimednet.org/groupsubscribe.htm> and follow the simple instructions. Alternatively you can access the groups via the Members' Circle of the website. If you have any questions about the groups or have any problems subscribing, please contact Olly Robinson on olly@scimednet.org

Learning for Life Values Poster Programme

We have had another successful year with the Values Poster Programme. We have 140 schools and 19,000 students involved, mainly in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. We have managed to arrange the award ceremonies in each of the three parliaments. Their website - www.learningforlife.org.uk/awards/ has been completely redesigned to make it easier for students to navigate. We are looking to develop

the programme on a joint basis between grandparents who have grandchildren between 12 and 16, so if any of you would like to take part, please let me know and I will send you a poster template. Alternatively, you will find that you can download the template from the website. In the month from mid-February to mid-March, the electronic template was downloaded 2,800 times.

MEMBERS' NEWS

Christian de Quincey

Q Letter on Consciousness

You can subscribe to Christian's free e-newsletter containing interesting updates on the more transpersonal aspects of consciousness studies. Recent issues feature intuition, solitude and wisdom - the Wisdom Academy is now offering a certificate in consciousness studies to explore the mystery of consciousness - see www.thewisdomacademy.org. To subscribe, send an email to thevisionaryedge@deepspirit.com and for Christian's blog see www.thewisdomblog.wordpress.com



Roger Woolger

The Story of the Heart

Roger has compiled a wonderful anthology, subtitled poetry for the spirit and inspiration for the soul. There are 15 sections with detailed contents and an index for easy reference. Sections include the human condition, living, lovers, scars of the heart, the bottom of the night, self-acceptance, awakening, I and

thou, death and rebirth. The reader will find many favourites from world literature in this collection, but also some less well-known material. A great bedside book, and one that can be used as a source of inspiring material. This edition is privately printed and will contribute to the publication of a new and more elaborate version. See www.rogerwoolger.com or email woolger.uk@talk21.com

Dr. Daniel Benor

WHEE: Whole Health Easily and Effectively®

WHEE is a potent self-treatment for pain, yet simple to use and easily learned. Within minutes it can reduce physical and psychological pains. WHEE is also helpful with stress and distress that often contribute to pains. WHEE addresses spirit, relationships, mind, emotions and body (as matter and energy).

See discussion on the relationships between each of these and all the others at <http://www.wholistichealingresearch.com/srmeb.html>

There is also a YouTube presentation <http://benorwholisticblog.com/2009/03/25/awesome-wholistichealing.aspx> where you can see how a businessman who had suffered from a frozen shoulder for 4 years was able to release most of his pain in 30 minutes. We also have an instructional video on www.WholisticHealingResearch.com/WHEE_video

Arthur Funkhouser - Déjà Vu

Art has created a web site on his research into déjà vu experiences.

The URL is www.deja-experience-research.org



Sir John Houghton Gregory Lecture at St Andrews

Member Professor Eric Priest, FRS

writes: On our web site <http://www.jamesgregory.org/> by clicking on 'John Houghton' you can now find several pieces of information about the last James Gregory Public Lecture by Sir John Houghton on Global Warming, namely a movie of the lecture, the powerpoint presentation of the lecture and a 16-page pamphlet which covers the material of the lecture in more detail. The speaker was not able to cover many aspects of this important subject, on which many of us would like to become better informed, so if you would like more details, we have gathered together potentially helpful links and articles at <http://www.solar.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/~eric/down.html>



LOCAL GROUP NEWS

Cambridge Group

HAZEL GUEST – 01223 369148

At our meeting on Wednesday 11th March there was no set topic. Discussion started with comments on programmes and events associated with the Darwin anniversaries, which led to issues of religion, spirituality and ethics. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th May, 7.40 for 8pm start, at 44 Beaufort Place, Thompson's Lane, Cambridge CB5 8AG, tel: 01223 369148. Michael Langford will introduce the topic of Genetic Engineering.

London Group

CLAUDIA NIELSEN – 0207 431 1177

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Isabel Clarke is a consultant clinical psychologist with a particular interest in spirituality - which she sees as being at the heart of what it is to be a human being - as well as in psychosis and the overlap between the two. In January Isabel talked about her most recent book, *Madness, Mystery and the Survival of God*, in which she seeks to find a scientific explanation for mental experiences which are distressing and overwhelming and are often labeled psychotic. She explained how this interest came out of the experience of observing the breakdown of a good friend when she was young, which led her to take a degree in clinical psychology.

Her ideas started to fall into place when she came across a theory rooted in experimental cognitive science, called Interactive, Cognitive Subsystems or ICS, developed by John Teasdale and Phillip Barnard in the early 90s. This theory describes how the pathways in the brain connect, postulating that there are two main subsystems at the top of the hierarchy, the Propositional, which is verbal, logical and manages boundaries, and the Implicational, which is emotional. This one Isabel prefers to call 'Relational' because it organises relationships. These two subsystems are equally influential and when they are in sync, all works well. They do however at times become disconnected, such as in sleep or under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In addition, at times of unusual stress or perhaps for some other specific reason, the relational subsystem can become uncoupled from the propositional, boundaries collapse

and emotions become overwhelming. Depending on personal context this can lead to psychosis or else induce the sense of cosmic significance of mystical experience. Isabel explained the model and process which has become the framework of reference she uses in her successful work with psychotic inpatients at the psychiatric hospital Woodhaven. Her interest in the field has led her in the past to edit a book entitled, *Psychosis and Spirituality; Exploring the New Frontier* (2001), and she has also organised three conferences on Psychosis and Spirituality in 2000, 2001 and 2005. At present Isabel is actively developing important resources in the Spiritual Crisis Network www.SpiritualCrisisNetwork.org.uk.

In February we heard **William Morris** the Secretary General of the Next Century Foundation, an organisation involved in peace processes around the world producing policy papers for submission to governments. Although organised many months back, this talk came right at the heel of the conflict in Gaza and William was able to give us a first-hand report on the situation. The picture that emerges reveals hopelessness and helplessness. People, old and young are traumatised by the ferocity of the recent war. Israelis used phosphorus and also sonic bombs, which traumatise children, and destroyed a huge number of buildings, including residential. William says the ordinary Israelis have no idea of what the army has done in Gaza. On the other hand, Hamas did not come out of the conflict well. The casualties amongst fighters were low because they failed to fight, but high amongst Hamas members. The other reason for the low popularity is the ongoing violent conflict with Fatah, with its many shootings. On the West Bank however, its popularity increased. Fatah is a corrupt organisation and there is no credible government there. The party that has gained popularity as a result of the conflict is Islamic Jihad, who were themselves responsible for shooting rockets into Israel after the cease fire which ended in November.

Although the finance comes from Iran and the United Arab Emirates, the weapons used come from China. They are smuggled through Khartoum in Sudan by Bedouins who take them across the desert into Egypt and then to the tunnels into Gaza. A long term solution will have to include a restructuring of Fatah, by which younger men are allowed into the political circles of the organisation to replace the corrupt old guard. It also has to include peace between Fatah and Hamas. A change of attitude towards Hamas must also occur as we are at the moment, trapping Hamas into their own rhetoric, telling them what they believe - as for instance, the desire to throw the Jews into the sea. Inclusion rather than exclusion is required, and Israel needs to change its stance in a number of ways, including letting go of the need to show their power over Gaza by closing the crossings to prove their might. The talk was interesting and left us with a sense of sadness and me personally baffled that competent people on both sides are unable to find a better solution than wanting to beat each other to pulp. For further information on the work of the organisation, go to www.ncfpeace.org

In March we welcomed my good friend and SMN colleague **Martin Redfern**, who is a senior producer in the BBC Science Unit. He showed us some wonderful pictures of ice and snowy landscapes, sea, blue skies and cuddly penguins - but the news is not great! Martin was selected as one of the very few journalists that the British Antarctic Survey takes South and he sailed from the Falklands aboard HMS Endurance spending five weeks travelling the full length of the Antarctic Peninsula. HMS Endurance has two Lynx helicopters, enabling scientists - and lucky journalists - to land in some inaccessible places, some of them where no human has ever been before.



The Antarctic Peninsula, with its towering mountains and glaciers, contains some of the most spectacular scenery in the continent. Martin compared it with someone flooding the Himalayas so that only the mountaintops and their glaciers remained. But the Peninsula, though as big as Britain, only contains 1% of the continent's ice. Altogether, 90% of the world's ice, 70% of its fresh water, is locked up in the great ice sheets of East and West Antarctica. The question everyone is asking is 'Is it going to stay there?'

If the ice melting or breaking away as bergs around the edges is balanced by fresh snow falling in the interior, all is well. But some regions do not seem to be in balance. The continent's biggest glacier, the Pine Island Glacier in the Western Antarctica, drains ice from an area the size of Texas. Explorers Martin met had been measuring the flow of the glacier and told him that it has accelerated by about 7% just this season. Were that to continue, this glacier alone could raise world sea level by a quarter of a metre. This summer scientists drilled an ice core to see if the changes observed are part of a natural cycle or something new. So far, the evidence suggests the latter. The Antarctic Peninsula has warmed by around 2.5° C in the last 50 years – more than anywhere else on Earth. And the change shows no sign of slowing. Now, the Wilkins ice shelf on the other side of the Peninsula is poised to collapse. Antarctica is changing beyond recognition and the consequences may affect us all.

Manchester Group

CHRISTINA HEATON christinaheaton@msn.com

Christina Heaton writes: The meeting took place in St Clare's Franciscan Friary, Manchester on Saturday 7th February 2009.

Anthony Peake spoke on 'The daemon / Eidolon Dyad', exploring the proposition that we have two separate consciousnesses one of which is a higher being that possesses knowledge of future events. The presentation examined evidence for the phenomenon and included a review of possible scientific explanations – ranging through migraine, temporal lobe epilepsy, bi-polar disorder,

schizophrenia and autoscapy. During discussion Anthony Peake stated that his work discusses and proposes theory and further research may find the ideas amended. More information about Anthony Peake's work and books can be found on his website www.anthonypeake.com and he can be contacted at CheatTheFerryman@aol.com

In the afternoon, philosopher **David Lawton** talked on 'Explanation and Evidence: Metaphysics and the Near Death Experience'. He began by focusing on the initial state of peace and well-being reported by near-death experiencers and posed the problem of how to reconcile these first person reports at the point of death with those of the third person perspective. After presenting evidence linking death-like states to states of ecstasy, David presented his theory of 'Transcendental Vitalism' to account for the link. He then proposed an original solution to the hard problem of consciousness which, in conjunction with other ideas of his theory, he claimed could explain core elements of the near-death experience in a coherent and consistent way. David repeated his talk at the 'Death and Beyond' conference in Jamaica, an audio of which can be downloaded from the Audio and Video Archive on the SMN website. He is currently working on a book on 'Transcendental Vitalism' and can be contacted at dlawton@davidopera.com

Scottish Group

DAVID LORIMER – 01333 340490

Monica Jackson writes: A meeting was held in Edinburgh on Wednesday 25th March to hear **Jim Pym**, a spiritual healer, speak about his work. As Jim pointed out, there is no question that healing does occur with no apparent physical causation or medical explanation. Even the scientific reductionists would admit that what the medical profession describes as 'spontaneous remission' can and does happen. The spiritual healers also know that while they may or may not be successful, when healing does take place, he or she is somehow an agent in the matter. The question is how? In what way?

Jim offered three possible explanations for the phenomenon. One, the channeling of psychic or spiritual energies, such as Chi or Prana; Two, through spirit guides who have the requisite knowledge and three, the inherent nature of the Divine. Someone suggested the analogy of Plato's ideal forms. Certainly something seems to be taking place between healer and healed which shifts what was out of sync, focus or shape, back into alignment with an inherent rightful state. It is as if the distinction or apparent separation between the healer, the healed and the divinity or God disappears and duality becomes unity or wholeness. Perhaps it is a matter of perception: by being perceived as whole (healing = wholeness) we regain our wholeness, like clicking back into focus.

Here a question arises: What in this matter is the relevance of faith? For instance when someone is healed at a distance while unaware of the healer's action? Jim told the story of a man to whom he had given healing for heart trouble, who rang up later to say, 'what have you done to my eyes? I can't see properly.' Jim replied, 'Have you tried taking off your glasses?' It turned out that without the specific intention of the healer or the healed, the eyesight of the latter had been restored as well. Jim also told the story of a Muslim healer, a hakim, who would always ask himself two things: Am I the right person and is this the right time? A patient came to this man insisting on being healed there and then. As the time did not feel right, the hakim replied, 'I can't heal you now, God is on holiday.' The supplicant went away disgruntled, but was spontaneously healed two weeks later. The whole lecture was both profound and deeply thought provoking, giving us a wealth of material on which to speculate.

MEMBERS' ARTICLES AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

All the articles listed below are available electronically on the members' side of the website or online if referenced.

SCIENCE/PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE

A Radical View of Information: on its nature and science, A.K. Mukhopadhyay, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, mukhoak53@yahoo.com (16 pp., from *Frontier Perspectives* 16(2), pp. 19-29, 2008).

This paper focuses on a possible fundamental nature and character of information. It develops arguments on the primacy of information in the context of its relationship with space, time and energy, self, memes and genes.

Connection, Confrontation and Unity of Two Titans: 'Local' and 'Nonlocal' Science,

A.K. Mukhopadhyay (16 pp., from *Science and Spiritual Quest* 2008 pp. 129-144).

The physical science in its present phase focuses on five fundamental areas namely, time, space, energy, matter and conveyed information. This form of science could be categorised as 'local' science. On the other hand, there supposedly exists another science of five distinguished members of nonlocal family. Namely they are consciousness, mind, life-principle, self and information.

MEDICINE-HEALTH

Teaching Spirituality and Health to 3rd year Medical students, Larry Culliford (6 pp., from *The Clinical Teacher*, 6, pp. 22-27).

An account of the course given at Brighton and Sussex Medical School emphasising the increasing importance of spiritual values and skills in clinical care.

Pharmaceuticals Found in Fish across US

see www.msnbc/msn.com/id/29877421

Fish caught near wastewater treatment plants serving five major U.S. cities had residues of pharmaceuticals in them, including medicines used to treat high cholesterol, allergies, high blood pressure, bipolar disorder and depression, researchers have reported.

A Comment upon Modern Medicine, Graham Ewing (6 pp.)

Discusses the introduction of new scanning techniques on the basis that that the body is a dynamic system in which brain function regulates biochemistry and vice-versa; and that the function of the brain responds to sensory input.

The Harappan Pharmacist: Concrete Evidence, Mayank Jyoti (5 pp.).

An essay on the ancient site of Lothal and its role as a herbal centre.

Mercury Silver Amalgam in Teeth, Dr Malcolm H Sutcliffe (3 pp.).

Argues that we need a change in the law to make mercury or what is sometimes misleadingly called silver fillings illegal. Email contact malcolmscientist@hotmail.com

PHILOSOPHY-RELIGION

Dualism – A Fatal Flaw, Cy Grant (4 pp.)

A key theme of my book *Blackness & the Dreaming Soul* is that the West is locked in a dualism – a fundamental imbalance that arises from a fatal flaw in the fabric of human knowledge, preventing us from understanding our world.

What is Neurotheology? Charles Zeiders (5 pp.).

An introductory overview.

Descended into Hell: Biblical Texts and Ancient Stories about the (Near-) Death Experience of Jesus Christ, Ruud van Wees, (4 pp.).

True Happiness is Unravelling the Self

Mick Quinn, (3 pp.)

CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES

The Dark Feminine – A Jungian Explanation, Cedrus Monte (22 pp.).

A profound reflection on this theme, which anyone interested in the psychology of the shadow will want to read.

Reflections on the Ownership of Consciousness,

David M. Black (23 pp., from *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 15, No. 7, pp. 5-27.

A contribution to a conference on spirituality suggesting that we can conceive the world both within a form of scientific monism and a vision of the world composed exclusively of subjects. Available from dmbblack@clara.co.uk

Narcissism - the Shadow of Transpersonal Psychology, Harald Walach (13 pp., from *Transpersonal Psychology Review*, Volume 12, No. 2, 2008, pp. 47-59)

How does Life Work? John Kapp (5 pp.).

The aim of this paper is to get science out of the absurd straitjacket of materialism, and lift the taboo on studying life which is stifling progress in consciousness studies and medicine. See also books by Prof Reginald Kapp 'Science versus Materialism' 1940, 'Mind, Life and Body', 1951, 'Towards a Unified Cosmology' 1960, republished on www.reginaldkapp.org

ARTICLES FROM INTEGRAL WORLD NEWSLETTER

to subscribe: <http://www.integralworld.net/pommo/user/subscribe.php>

Integral Nondualism - Daniel Sleeth

<http://www.integralworld.net/sleeth1.html>

The State of Integral Philosophy and Science Zakariyya Ishaq

<http://www.integralworld.net/ishaq9.html>

GENERAL

The Fringe Benefits of Failure, and the Importance of Imagination, J.K. Rowling Commencement Address, Harvard (5 pp.)

An inspirational speech that can also be downloaded from www.harvard.edu

Action Plan for Shifting Paradigm and Saving Humanity from Extinction, Jens Jerndal (9 pp.),

www.jerndal.net

Will Humanity survive even the next decade, the way things are going? Argues that all the urgent problems we are facing are man-made and many are ststemic, but we do have a choice, and we can arrest our deteriorating situation if we all act together, quickly, intelligently and coherently.

Rhythmica Mythica – John Moriarty Memorial Lecture, David Lorimer (15 pp.)

ARTICLES BY LESTER R. BROWN

Could Food Shortages Bring Down Civilisation?

<http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?id=civilization-food-shortages>

When Population Growth and Resource Availability Collide
http://www.earthpolicy.org/Books/Seg/PB3ch06_ss5.htm

Plan 3.0 Mobilising to Save Civilisation, 39 Powerpoint slides from Lester Brown – see www.earthpolicyinstitute.org

Globalisation in Reverse? John Bunzl. (3 pp.).
 Considers a simultaneous policy response to the current crisis when countries are tempted to resort to protectionism.
 See www.simpol.org

How to Confront Societal Crazyness and Live Abundantly in these Challenging Times, Serge Beddington-Behrens (5 pp.).
 Supportive advice and insights from Serge's February newsletter see www.sergebb.com or email info@sergebb.com

A Vision in the Vatican – Pathology in the Papal Chapel, Anne C. Silk (4 pp.).
 Suggests that part of Michelangelo's painting in the Sistine Chapel may reveal what he knew about the brain by means of a hidden code.

A Whole New Kettle of Fish, Audrey Yeardley (8 pp.).
 A reflection on life and experience beginning from a recent Channel 4 Programme, The Great Sperm Race.

ONLINE PAPERS BY ANTHONY JUDGE
www.laetusinpraesens.org

Self-Reflexive Challenges of Integrative Futures
<http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/musings/wilbetc2.php>
Abstract: Contrasts the approach to 'futures' characteristic of Ken Wilber, and Integral Futures, with the approach taken by David Lorimer, and the Scientific and Medical Network. The differences between these approaches, for any integrative understanding of futures, are presented as arising from stylistic preferences and biases which are usefully highlighted with a range of metaphors.

Remedies to Global Crisis: 'Allopathic' or 'Homeopathic'?
 Metaphorical complementarity of 'conventional' and 'alternative' models <http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/musings/allhome.php>

Strategic Jousting through Poetic Wrestling: aesthetic reframing of the clash of civilisations
<http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/docs00s/pojoust.php>
 Incomprehensibility within Existing Analytical Frameworks
<http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/musings/unknow.php#inco>

Unrecognised Strategic Implications of Paradox and Logical Fallacy <http://www.laetusinpraesens.org/musings/unknow.php#unre>

NEWS and NOTICES

British College of Integrated Medicine

Bath-based charity the Integrated Health Trust is helping to elevate the role of Integrated Medicine Doctors and Nurses in the UK by offering groundbreaking education at the new British College of Integrated Medicine. The college is offering a two year part-time Diploma in the Study of Integrated Medicine for practising doctors and post-graduate nurses starting in September. The course has been validated by the University of Buckingham and is designed to enable participants to learn about and critically appraise the value of the range of psychological, self-help and complementary medicine (CAM) approaches being used by the general public when ill, in order to help guide them as to likely level of benefit or risk on the basis of best available scientific evidence.

Director of the College Dr Rosy Daniel, who was Medical Director at the Bristol Cancer Help Centre (now Penny Brohn Cancer Care) from 1993-1999, said:

'This training serves to both protect and guide the public and to establish credibility and professional respect within the current medical profession so Integrated Medicine becomes established as a medical speciality around the world.'

Those wishing to understand and support the wider aims of the charity please go to www.IntegratedHealthTrust.org and for college information go to www.integratedmedicine.org.uk.

Renaissance 2 (R2)

In the 21st century, the convergence of breakthrough technologies, socially beneficial ways of doing business, various forms of widespread spiritual awakening, integral philosophies and a new world-centric approach to politics, offers the human race a rare evolutionary opportunity to make a great shift toward a sustainable, thriving world civilisation. What is needed is a shared, joined-up vision of the potential kinds of futures we might create together. Our simple equation - the survival and future thrival of you, me, and all of us will be decided by two competing forces:

- **The Bad News:** The Speed of Climate Change together with the Rate of Ecological, Economic & Social Decline
- **The Good News:** The Speed at which we design and build a Renewable Economy together with our shift towards World-Centric Consciousness

The purpose of R2 is to co-catalyse the shift to a renewable economy and world-centric consciousness.
www.Renaissance2.eu Email: enquiries@renaissance2.eu

DVD - Crop Circles – crossovers from another dimension

This award-winning DVD was sent to me by Member Henrik Tschudi in Norway and has been produced by the Norwegian filmmaker Terje Toftenes. It has a coherent narrative encouraging the viewer to ask the question if the circles have been created by nonhuman intelligences. We know that some are man-made, but the most elaborate ones are arguably harder to explain in this way. Moreover, a few formations seem to contain sophisticated codes. It is as if the circle is a printout from some cosmic computer. The most striking images in this film show the actual formation of a circle as viewed from Silbury Hill, where one sees some balls of light moving in circles and the pattern appears in a matter of 10 seconds. See www.toftenes.no or email toftenes@toftenes.no

Science and Religion in Schools

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