

Local Group News

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Leo writes: In August we explored our understanding of the nature and meaning of spirituality, with an introduction by Leo Hobbs. We recognised that spirituality) the quality itself, seems to be an innate and mysterious feature of our being. We need to distinguish between this sense of the word) our experience of spirituality, and the way we express our spirituality. Nor must we overlook its dark side. A narrowly focused or bounded expression of spirituality can lead to self- centeredness and excessive emphasis on the interests of a restricted group, as, for example, in tribalism or ideological fundamentalism.

Our encounter with the world of HUMBERTO MATURANA continued in September and October when Tony Coates, an Auckland psychotherapist, spoke about Autopoiesis Theory and the Biology of Cognition. This followed on rather neatly from Roger Booth's earlier series on the Biology of Humanness, which also drew strongly on Maturana's work. Tony is particularly concerned with the interpretation of autopoiesis theory as it applies to psychiatry and mental health. We expect to return to explore this area of interest next year. In November DENNIS MARSHALL spoke on Schrodinger's Kittens) (the title of one of John Gribbin's books), outlining some of the philosophical problems involved in epistemology. The 20th century physicists had to face some of the same problems as have theologians throughout the centuries: how to reconcile what they know from experience to be 'true', with the commonsense world of everyday life.

Also in November we were delighted to join in a social evening with a small group of overseas visitors, led by Joyce Kovelman and John Ashworth, at the home of David and Margaret Necdarn. There was much happy interaction amongst the participants, many of whom had not met previously (including some of the locals!). Finally) our congratulations to Robin Kelly whose book) 'Healing Ways: a doctor's guide to healing', has just been published by Penguin Books.

Swiss Group

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On June 25th a meeting was held at Cret- Berard near Lake Geneva MIKE HORNER reports:
Agenda

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| 11.00 | KURT DRESSLER: Welcome, Apologies, Announcements. All: Personal introductions of varying length and detail. |
| 11.45 | FUROU TURAN: On Auras |
| 12.30 | All: Lunch |
| 14.00 | EVELYN ELSAESSERVALARINO: Blind people and NDEs |
| 14.45 | ELI LASCH:What can we do. Cancer as a metaphor for all sickness |
| 15.45 | All: Open discussion |
| 16.00 | Departure for trains |

Among the 26 participants, 12 were SMN members, 14 interested friends.

A memorable story

When God made the world he wondered where he would hide so as to have some peace. He knew that eventually his creatures, especially man, would explore the air, the seas, the earth below and the earth above. After many other ideas were considered and rejected he decided to hide in the heart of man since so few people would think of looking there.

On Auras (Furou Iuran) 'Auric fields - screen for the consciousness'

1. 1 The Patient therapist relationship.

The therapist gets into resonance with the patient and as both are in a larger consciousness the results of the shared field is the aura seen by the therapist.

2. 2 The structure of the aura.

Auras are dynamic, coloured and have shape and tone. There are four distinct lines of colour. (Blue, Red, Yellow and Purple.)

3. 3 Time and timelessness

Auras have the complete history of the person they are associated with. The past, present and future are all integrated. Some of the past is uninspected. Inspection can change the past or even the future.

4. 4 Landscape

Furou has found out that the auric bodies are intersected by three energy qualities. The stream of prana, in the middle is the main consciousness bearing, creative, life force. The yin stream is a female or receptive quality and the yang stream is a male or active quality. All three penetrate naturally an auric body at the border of each layer. The correlation with the auric field and an energy stream creates 'Il areas of consciousness' in the aura itself. The areas of consciousness enable a higher link with the contents of images in the fields. Furou has rediscovered an ancient universal archetypal pattern that determines the landscape of the aura. This pattern is in resonance with the Tree of Knowledge and The Tree of Life) which are also linked with some very old teachings of mankind such as the Kabbalah. The aura is a deeply embedded clue to our consciousness, to healing and to spiritual growth. All this is contained in the fields and gets revealed when the time is right.

5. 5 Spiritual Healing

Furou heals by putting questions to the Aura. For example parts of the Kabbalah are linked to female energy. This leads to putting the images in this "area of consciousness" in relation to the female aspects of the energy or personality of the person) as well as, if needed) to investigate the line of the female relatives or relations. Then, when perceiving the healing process in the auric fields, she asks the patients to hold (e.g.) a Bach Flower remedy watching to see if the information from the new set up of the mind, body and feelings of the patient with the energy of the remedy, match together.

Near Death Experiences and the Blind (Evelyn Elsaesser Valarino reports on the new book by Kenneth Ring and Sharon Cooper: "Mindsight")

Evelyn gave a report on interesting studies concerned with the experiences of blind people during Near Death Experiences (NDEs) or Out of Body Experiences (OBEs).

"Can blind people actually see during NDEs or OBEs"?

Three questions were asked initially. Do blind people experience NDEs and OBEs? The studies answer, yes. If so, are their experiences different or similar to sighted peoples' experiences? The studies answer, no differences, many similarities. Do blind people claim to have visual representations? Answer!!!! During NDEs and OBEs people "see" in the sense of being aware. This is richer than normal vision as the following quotes indicate.

"I could feel with the fingers of my mind."

"What do you mean by seeing"

"It is like hearing words and not being able to understand them"

"It is not the eyes that see but the I".

"Mindsight"

"I could see everything simultaneously, the tiles on the ceiling, the tiles on the floor) the shimmer of the nurses' stockings, the hairs on the doctors' arms. I knew each one and how many there were."

Discussion points

Eli Lasch proposed that during the Out of Body state there is no need for physical information carriers such as those in the nervous system and the retina of the normal vision system. This seems to correspond to the idea that the normal senses limit what we apprehend and save us from information overload! "Do our eyes help or hinder us?"

There was reference (by Eva Burg) to Lusseyran, blind at 8, who developed this "Sense of Awareness" (except when angry or scared) and lived a full life without the usual aids.

Evelyn reported a case of a visitor to Lourdes who had "Mindsight" during a Lourdes visit but not afterwards. She also stated there was at least one case of an OBE from a person known to be clinically dead since she was having a heart transplant and there was no brain activity whatsoever according to the conventional instruments. When she recovered somehow the experience that took place while she was "out" was reported to her memory. Evelyn finished her talk with a quote: - "When the Sun is up we can see the Sun, when the Sun is down we can see the Universe."

Cancer as a metaphor for the diseases besetting our society. We create both. What can we do? The answer is "Heal thy Enemy"

'I had cancer and cured myself with love and light' (Eli Lasch)

Eli spoke about his personal experiences as a healer. His diagnostic technique is to feel the field around his patients. All diseases except cancer feel hot or warm. Cancer is different and feels like a defect within the ' information field. In his opinion we have lost the war with cancer because our current approach is based on false premises. The information field theory of life is based on the idea that all creation, humans, organs and even cells have fields around them. These fields can be considered as blueprints for the universe, humans, organs and cells. Eli referred several times to the Kabbalah, which claims that God was holding a blueprint in his hand while creating the world, and this blueprint, which is identical to the information field, is contained in the Pentateuch. There exists also a blueprint for mankind, called Adam Kadmon. This is identical with the tree of life. If the blueprint is improperly manifested then illness) cancer and death result. Cancer is therefore a falling out of order, a manifestation of chaos. Physical death occurs when the blueprint falls apart. Each person is obliged to recreate himself and his world every day. Killing a person is equivalent to killing a world! This indicates furthermore that without humans there would be no world.

Eli observed that according to Darwin the fittest means also the most aggressive and this is the mindset underlying modern capitalism. This world governed by aggression and fear

exists only because we create and recreate it. Can we afford to continue this way? Eli is concerned that humanity now has the ability to destroy itself and the planet. Despite promises from New Age thinkers nothing has changed. Eli emphasised he was speaking about the physical body, because this is where pain and suffering as well as aggression are located. We are now trying to find ways of strengthening our immune system. Why? Against which Enemy? Have we created our own enemy?

Eli suspects that something happened to the divine blueprint. As with Cancer so with our society, in order to change something we need to have an access to this blueprint. This raises the question how do we do this and...are we allowed to? Will we not misuse it?

Some 15 years ago Eli had a profound mystical experience, a meeting in the light with the living God. This followed a lecture he gave about healing his enemies, the Palestinians. This meeting made it clear, that the key to the blueprint resides in the motto, which governed his life, "Heal thy Enemy". This is similar to "Love thy neighbour" but since healing is active and love is passive, healing is a more helpful message because we then know what to do.

In summing up Eli made the point that people are a mirror of society and society is a mirror of us. To really heal society we must heal our bodies and to heal our bodies we must heal society. Healing is active and you cannot hate someone you are healing. We must therefore heal our enemies, which are really a mirror of that part of us which we like less. This will give us the needed access to the blueprint and to our redemption.

Oct 1st a German-language meeting was held in the Villa Carlotta in **Zurich**. It was attended by 10 members and 16 friends.

PETER BINZ and BARBARA JAECKU report: The topic of the seminar was material manifestations of "immaterial fields" in quantum physics, parapsychology and alternative medicine.

KURT DRESSLER opened the meeting with a short introduction on means of communication between living beings. He summarized the fact that beyond the material exchange of measurable physical signals there is also an immaterial "extrasensory", telepathic, synchronistic communication based on an "information field".

After discussion and exchange of ideas and examples, Kurt introduced Dr. PETER SCHUDEL (originally an ETH-trained chemist who now works in complementary medicine). Together with a dentist and a doctor they have a practice for complementary medicine and research called PantaZee (meaning "everything lives"). Their work is based on a method called PZ-simile (from the Latin word *similis* = equal, similar) and originates from classical homeopathy combined with three methods of indication (pulse measurement, the biofield-test and the kinesiological muscle-test). The test methods are based on indication, the phenomena can thus only be experienced and not objectively measured. Using these tests they can determine the stress factors (detrimental "informations") influencing our bodies causing disease. Some examples of stressors can emanate from cell-phones, "medicines", amalgam fillings, construction materials in houses, food additives, bacteria and fungi, etc. Dr. Schudel and his colleagues postulate that e.g. an electromagnetic field is but a vector for the stressor (information carrier). He and his co-workers try to detect the stressors for each individual. E.g. only a certain percentage of the clients are sensitive to amalgam fillings. This detrimental "information" (stressor) then must be compensated by the corresponding "counter- information" which can be given to the client via an information carrier such as a specifically treated pendant. Thus a state of balance can be re-achieved. Some of Dr. Schudel's examples were exciting: cancer patients experienced no more negative effects from chemotherapy such as loss of hair, of appetite and of vitality when they carried a ring

impregnated with the appropriate "counter-information".

The meeting concluded with lively discussions continuing into the potluck lunch.

CHILTERN GROUP

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Elaine writes: Our September meeting (postponed until October because of the fuel crisis) was led by Dr JEAN GALBRAITH whose work regarding spiritual emergence has recently been reported in the Network Review, 'Is spiritual emergence more common than we think? Can we smooth the path?' Many forms of spiritual emergence were discussed, firstly through life experiences:- prison sentences) loss, and many illnesses, particularly the chronic ones like ME, cancer etc. The more dramatic forms of spiritual emergence) particularly that felt up the spine was looked at in relation to Jean's research paper. Questions raised suggested that we needed a deeper understanding of spiritual laws,- of positive and negative Karma coupled with Grace, to fully comprehend the process. Past and future lives were considered relevant here. PIP scans were shown to illustrate the removal of a specific chakra block (SP), and the opening up of a chakra (T) in one member over 4 years. A short meditation concluded the evening to ask Divinity to clear our system of unnecessary stress, and thus to help smooth our paths for future spiritual emergence.

GUILDFORD GROUP

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Diana writes; We like to have at least one 'internal' meeting each year, i.e. we invite speakers from within our large and varied group and we are privileged to be able to use Bronwen's beautiful swimming pool before the meeting! In short, it's a bit of a party) but then so are most of our meetings!

Our internal meeting in September this year featured KEN SEDDINGTON, whose occupations have been as diverse as coaching Olympic athletes and acting as Benny Hill's stunt man for many years! He is one of the UK's leading UFO experts and attends the World UFO Congress in the USA each year. He presented an absolutely spellbinding evening of UFO videos. He has so much material that he had to specialise for this event and he chose UFOs which have appeared to astronauts and satellite (supported by the original soundtrack reporting the event) and also the remarkable phenomenon of the 'rods'. Rods are UFO which appear in camcorder footage when it slowed right down. They appear to be long thin straight black bodies (hence the name) but are propelled by an undulating fin down both sides. They first appeared filmed in a deep Mexican cave, a popular practice ground for free-fall parachutists, but they have now been seen in many other videos when they are slowed right down. They appear to occupy 3d space in that they avoid solid objects and cast a shadow and they raise the fascinating possibility that we are surrounded by other intelligent life which simply operates at a different scale from ourselves: too small, too large too fast, too slow for us to be aware of. It was mind boggling. Most of us, like myself) came away thinking for the first time 'And why not'.

Ken is going to share more of his data on UFOs after the next World UFO Congress next Spring.

We were lucky enough to have an additional meeting in October, when BERNHARD HARRER was visiting from Berlin, on his extraordinary experience with 'Breatharianism'. Bernhard first discussed his interest in Wilhelm Reich's theory of 'Orgone energy'. Bernhard tested many of Reich's claims and also the organometer, but was disappointed to conclude that all the data could be explained. in terms of temperature and humidity changes within the

equipment. He approached his own experiences on attempting to live without food and drink with the same objectivity. He followed the formula recommended by Jasmuheen in her book 'Living on Light' and remarkably he survived an initial 7 days with no food or drink, another 14 days on only orange juice and then a further 10 days with no food or liquid. By this time he was in a state of collapse and suffering from symptoms of kwashiorkor. However, the whole experience was a valuable one. He felt he gained remarkable spiritual insights, but was nevertheless concerned about the claim made by Jasmuheen which he believes are not entirely honest.

For our November meeting we were delighted to welcome back DAVID LORIMER to talk on his current researches into 'Feeling at Distance'. He presented fascinating evidence that people can feel the experiences of others to whom they are emotionally linked, simultaneously, however far separated they are geographically. Most of the evidence is necessarily anecdotal, but no serious research is being carried out using unconscious physiological or EEG data suggesting that people who are emotionally linked register each other's experiences at an unconscious level. He also referred to Rupert Sheldrake's work suggesting that animals can have psychic links to humans and to other animals. The implications of this research are profound and we had a particularly good discussion in which many people share experiences of perception at a distance, but the sceptical point of view was also represented: Do we only record these experiences when there is a correlation and ignore the many occasions when there isn't?

We are continuing with this interesting theme next year. Our next meeting is on Wednesday January 17th when we are delighted to welcome Professor PETER STEWART (whose background is in Physics and Engineering) to talk on Remote Perception in relation to Dowsing, Psychometry and Remote Viewing. This will be an experimental/experiential session and promises to be fascinating

NORTH LONDON GROUP

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Rupert writes: PHILLIP BEACH gave a compelling talk at our July meeting about how he has synthesized the Eastern discipline of Acupuncture within his own work in Western Osteopathy. For two thousand years the Chinese have utilised fourteen meridian lines in ancient acupuncture based on touch and the 'terrain' of the body, whereas these meridian lines have never been accepted in Western Science. Philip divulged that the underlying pattern that brings acupuncture and osteopathy together can be found in the double helix of muscle that operates across the whole body, and he illustrated this theory with evidence from ancient Chinese mappings of recoil patterns with Emergence phenomena and recent Western breakthroughs in understanding about vertebrates and Human biology.

In October, the group viewed LEONARD SHLAIN'S video presentation of the thesis of his book: 'The Alphabet vs. the Goddess: The Conflict between Word and Image', where he argues that the replacement of the old earth Mother Goddesses by patriarchal militaristic Gods reflects the change in consciousness brought about by the displacement of the image, previously the primary mode of communication, by writing and the written word. His lecture, although extremely entertaining, beautifully crafted and often convincing, aroused criticisms as some of the cultural and psychological links that he makes are occasionally both debateable and tenuous.

In November, CLIVE HICKS gave a fascinating illustrated lecture with slides about the Green Man) which unfortunately was not well attended. The Green Man's origins are older than our Christian era, but he is typically to be found as carving adorning the pillars of eleventh

and twelfth century cathedrals. He signifies irrepressible life, renewal and rebirth, and as a visual image he has three main forms. In the first and oldest form, he is a male head formed out of a leaf mask. In the second, he is a male head disgorging vegetation from his mouth, and often from his ears and eyes. And in the third form, the head is the fruit or flower of vegetation. Although examples of Green Women are rare, the Green Man is perceived to be the offspring of Mother Nature and so the feminine principle is implicit within his own being. Clive described the many pseudonyms of this powerful archetype as The Wild Man, Jack in the Green, Robin Hood, and the King of May, and showed us with many a tale and vivid image that the Green Man is as alive and important today as a symbol of Nature and Ecology as he was in the dawn of prehistory.

SCOTTISH GROUP

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David Lorimer writes: The Edinburgh Group met twice over the autumn. JON RALLS, with his background in the New Economics, gave a talk on *Money, Information and Power*. He analysed the relationship between these three factors and criticised our current system. He put forward an alternative scenario, which he thought was in the process of coming about. In November, RON and JILL RUSSELL came up from Galloway to speak about their new book *The Vast Enquiring Soul*, which will be reviewed in the next issue. He has pulled together a vast amount of research and data on consciousness studies including healing, NDEs, OBEs and communication with the 'unbodied'. He makes an excellent case that consciousness is central to everything, seeing humanity as one vast enquiring soul unceasingly seeking answers to the mystery of life. We had a very good discussion and will be holding our Christmas Party in December.

SOUTH WEST GROUP

Wendy Stayte writes: This was a well-attended meeting. Our first speakers were Dr DOLLY KNIGHT and JONATHON STROMBERG, talking about "Water -nature's miracle". They introduced us to the work of Victor Schauberger. I was very taken by the image of him growing up in forests in Austria, observing the meandering spirally course of streams and rivers - and ultimately seeing a connection between these natural movements and the vitalisation of water. He coined the term 'implosion' to denote the energising effect on water of its spiralling flow. We were told of the researches of others who have noted the changes in water after implosion (e.g. the micro-cluster structure of water appearing more compact, with increased intensity and vibrancy of biophoton emissions from them). Dolly Knight and Jonathon Stromberg have developed a practical application of this knowledge, in the form of a Vortex Water Energiser (a copper spiral containing 'imploded' water), which appears to influence water flowing near it. They have also found a way of putting to good use other researches which have indicated that imploded water either drunk or just nearby can boost the human immune system. A smaller copper spiral containing imploded water can be worn as a pendant or carried on the body somewhere to have this influence on the subtle energetic fields of the body. Their presentation was beautifully orchestrated between them, speaking alternately and bringing their different perspectives to the work, with illuminating pictures of Kirlian photography and electro-microscopic images. What they presented was fascinating and challenging, and aroused much discussion.

Our second speaker was Dr DAVID CONNELL, likewise a local member of SMN. He moved us away from consideration of different fields of energy in the natural world, which had been the focus of the first talk, to an exploration of different levels of consciousness which shape

our changing experience of the world. He brought to our attention how differently we experience time, depending on our own state of mind. He shared experiences from his own life when he had been startled into different states of consciousness. He drew us into some personal exploration of our inner processes by means of listening to music which he played, focussing on particular questions, and looking at those pictures within which is hidden another picture. What he offered was in a different way stirring and thought-provoking. It was altogether a nourishing afternoon.

ISLE of WIGHT GROUP

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Richard writes: We are delighted to say that the Isle of Wight group has taken another step forward. We have abandoned meetings in members' houses because of space restrictions, and now meet at the Riverside Centre in Newport (IOW). We have meetings planned for: January 20th, March 3rd, April 14th, May 26th, July 7th, August 18th, September 29th, and November 10th. The actual programme is in course of preparation. We feel there is immense potential on the Island for increased membership (members and associate members) and want to take positive steps to prove this.

YORKSHIRE GROUP

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Mike Brown writes: The meeting was kindly hosted by MICHAEL and EILEEN SCOTT in York. Chairman MAX PAYNE welcomed members who were new to Yorkshire Branch meetings, some of whom were from afar, and introduced the first speaker, JIM LYONS. Jim is a member of the Yorkshire Group, and is well known both for his theoretical knowledge of, and practical expertise in dowsing, but on this occasion he talked about the wider subject of the interplay between science and subtle energies. He spoke with obvious enthusiasm for the subject and with clarity, switching with ease between scientific and esoteric vantage points when responding to questions from various members of the audience. After a general introduction and review of the subject he continued with a more detailed description of a theory currently under development, which linked the worlds of science and the esoteric, describing various practical observations to illustrate the theories as he went along. He attached particular significance to intersecting gravitational and magnetic fields. He concluded the talk with a description of where the research was currently leading him, and his colleagues in the field.

In the afternoon the lecturer was PAUL MARSHALL, author of *The Living Mirror*. His lecture followed on well from the morning session, and was again broad in outlook. He outlined various philosophies about the nature of reality, ancient and modern, before turning to a particular avenue that he was working on. His subject matter ranged from mysticism to quantum theory and relativity. The subjects are daunting enough, but Paul was able to explain points that were pertinent to his theory in an easy and articulate way, making good use of prepared diagrams. The members of the audience had a number of interesting exchanges with him as he proceeded. Mike Brown gave a vote of thanks to the speakers and thanked the hosts, The audience showed their appreciation.