

Network News and Notices

News from the Office

KEVIN ASHBRIDGE left us at the end of September for his new job as Joint Head of Science Programming at Global Vision Network, founded by Member Gillian Wright. Kevin will be working alongside former Council Member TEUN TIMMERS. He has done tremendous work this year, especially on our computer system and our two major conferences. He will be greatly missed. Kevin has kindly offered to continue as Web Master and can be contacted for this purpose on his new AOL account webmaster@scimednet.org. LIESL AMOS left us in September for her new full time job in the St. Andrews University Library, so JOHN LAUDER has joined us as our new book-keeper. He has many years experience in the field and is running an accountancy service for small businesses.

1998 Network Ski Trip

A further week's inexpensive skiing is being planned for mid-March by CHRIS THOMSON and HARRI WETTSTEIN. We need to firm up our arrangements in good time, so those interested should contact Chris on +44 171 720 1336 or Harri on +41 21 799 2715.

Local Groups

Kevin's departure means that responsibility for local groups devolves back on me. Immediate commitments have made it hard for me to devote extra time to groups up until the time of writing, but this will be remedied towards the end of November. We had planned to launch a group in New England, but unforeseen circumstances led to a delay until the spring, when Peter Fenwick will be over there again.

Dutch Group

Teun has recently moved to England to join Kevin at GVN, as mentioned above, so there will be a pause in Dutch activities until a new co-ordinator comes forward.

Scotland Group - PAUL CARLINE **0131 447 7207**

We had our second meeting on 27th September. Eleven members managed to attend. Distance is clearly a problem for many, although MO WILLETT from Findhorn and JILL and RONALD RUSSELL from New Galloway had each made journeys of more than two hours to be present.

HELEN CAMPBELL was a most generous host and lunch proved to be an extended affair which just went on and on *à la Française*. People moved easily between conversations. The (unplanned) informality actually contributed to the success of the afternoon. It was apparent that the function of these groups is not merely or even primarily the exchange of information - the 'meeting of minds' - but is about a meeting on a deeper level, which I would call the soul or heart level. When this can occur - and sensitivity and a genuine interest in the other person are required - something of a quite special quality is created.

Much of the conversation revolved around healing. PETER MAY and HELEN CAMPBELL are homoeopaths, GABY BLASS is a doctor with an interest in homoeopathy, ROY WILLIS is a healer and anthropologist and has studied traditional healing practices in Africa, and JILL RUSSELL is a remedial therapist and is also involved with her husband Ronald in co-ordinating the activities of the Monroe Institute in Europe and in working with Larry Dossey

on the Santa Fe Forum. One of their many interests is in Native American medicine. MO WILLETT told us of her own experience of illness and of the healing power of prayer. The personal experience of illness and the deepening of consciousness which this can bring about seems to be a common feature of most of our histories.

We touched on the difficulty of understanding the phenomenon of healing, including the non-local effects seen in remote healing and prayer. What kind of force or energy are we dealing with here? This is not just a problem for mainstream science. Though he has been a healer since 1983 and has had ample confirmation of the effectiveness of his work, Roy admits to having no idea how it works. He is currently writing a book about his own experiences and his research work in Africa and told us about two paranormal experiences he had had, one in Egypt and another in Africa, which I urged him to write up for the Review.

Forthcoming: No date has yet been set for our next meeting. This is likely to be a Spring meeting, probably in March. Roy has kindly offered to host this or a later one. It might be good to consider the viability of a meeting somewhere further north and/or west (Glasgow? Aberdeen? any offers?).

Swiss Group - JANINE MURRAY +41 61 931 4041

PETER BINZ writes: A report from the Seminar/Workshop with JOY MANNÉ, Psychologist and Breathing Therapist, at the Botanical Institute of Berne University, October 5th, 1997. We were a group of 17 participants (including a child of 10 years) with various backgrounds: psychiatry, life sciences, psychology, economy to management (oil geology), typical for SMN seminars.

JANINE MURRAY explained in short the goal of SMN for the newcomers, ending with a quote from Niels Bohr: A physicist visits a colleague and notices a horseshoe hanging on the wall above the entrance. 'Do you really believe that a horseshoe brings luck?' he asks. 'No', replies the colleague, 'but I've been told that it works even if you don't believe it'. [from SMN Review No 64, August 1997]. Afterwards we introduced ourselves to each other.

JOY MANNÉ gave a workshop of five exercises with us in order to give us an idea what breath work is all about. She distributed a handout with the most important points. With this and the practical exercises we shared a good introduction into her work. The most amazing thing may be that breath is a language and 'forms a bridge between the conscious and the unconscious' (according to Proskaner, 1994: 254) [see also the quote from Niels Bohr]. Although this was not new for most of the participants we certainly are not very aware of this specific property of breath. Joy Manné brought some copies of her book *Soul Therapy* (Berkeley, CA, North Atlantic, 1997) along. My first impression is that there are many exercises which can easily be done by the reader. The book is interesting and easily readable.

Forthcoming: The next local group meeting will be held jointly with the 'Cortona people' in Zürich, on Sunday, November 30th, at Villa Carlotta, Toblerstraße 69. Kurt Dressler from the ETH and Evelyn Elsaesser Valarino from the University of Geneva will be giving very enlightening presentations around the theme 'Bridges between Science and Spirituality'. Jean-Jacques Dünki will be opening our meeting with a musical rendition.

And in England...

Bristol Group - RICHARD HELLEN 01453 548724 or SALLY LAWSON 0117 924 9684

The Group continues to meet at Sally Lawson's home on the second Wednesday of each month. Our usual approach is not to have a formal presentation, but rather to examine the themes and issues that we either bring to the meeting or that emerge during the dialogue that we enjoy. We are experimenting somewhat with ways of making the latter more efficient and effective in the relatively short time that we have by consciously making the meeting 'special'. This avoids it becoming a purely social event, although of course there is always that essential element. We find that this saves time in focussing on matters of significance, allowing us quickly to continue where we left off last month.

Having said that we don't normally focus on a specific issue, it will come as no surprise to learn that we broke with this in our meeting shortly following Princess Diana's funeral. The issue that we all felt was remarkable was the depth of collective emotion, both spontaneous and stimulated, that millions of individuals experienced and the importance of expressing our thoughts and feelings whilst they were still fresh. In other words, this was an opportunity to realise the value of jointly exploring both intellectually and emotionally a collective subjective experience. This, we felt, was one example the emerging paradigm, championed by folk such as the late Willis Harman at the Institute for Noetic Science, in which we seek to recognize and work with examples of collective subjective experiences. It is in this way that we bring them into balance with the reality, coherence and power of objective experiences that form the basis of the dominant physical sciences. Hopefully by working with these emerging subjective sciences, we realize their benefits and avoid the pitfalls.

Cambridge Group - JOHN ROBERTS 01954 782032 or HAZEL GUEST 01223 369148

JOHN ROBERTS writes: On 6 October, the group met to welcome HENRI BORTOFT to discuss *Goethe's Organic Vision*. Goethe himself, we were told, had considered his contribution to thinking about science to be at least as important as his work as a poet or dramatist. The most important thing to recognize was that when scientists look at nature they do so in the context of some 'organizing idea' and do not, as we may have been led to assume, record observations purely objectively and then formulate theories. Scientists, in reality, are and always have been neo-Platonists as many examples from the history of science illustrate. We were treated to much exposition, and later to opportunity for discussion, of neo-Platonist ideas especially that of the Archetype (cf. the duck/rabbit on p. 266 of Henri's recent book *The Wholeness of Nature*) and of the ultimate vision of Oneness in some unifying principle underlying nature.

Forthcoming: Meetings are scheduled for 8.00 p.m. on Monday 8th December when there will be an opportunity for all attending to discuss directions in which we would like (or not like) to see Network activities develop, and for 8.00 p.m. on Monday 12th January 1988, when Michael Langford (former Professor of Medical Ethics at the Memorial University, Newfoundland) will discuss 'Autonomy and Informed Consent in Medical Ethics'. Both events will take place in the home of Hazel Guest, whom those wishing to attend are asked to notify.

Chichester Group - LEON WYMAN 01243 530833 or TONY PEPPER 01243 572034

Forthcoming: The next meeting will be held at the Friends Meeting House in Chichester on Tuesday 20 January 1998 at 8p.m. Rev. Simon House will be speaking on *The earliest Influences in Child Development*. There will be another meeting at the same venue on

Tuesday 24 March, speaker to be confirmed. Local members will be sent further details in due course.

Chilterns Group - DOUG FLOWER 01494 783993

At our meeting on 26th September in Chesham, RODNEY HALE told us about his results in measuring the effects of meditations and healing upon various electronic recording instruments. The instruments he used were a Geiger counter, smoke detector, a dual opposing coil arrangement, and a neon oscillator.

Rodney set his instruments going before the meeting, and continued measurements during a guided meditation led by ANN FLOWER, and a healing session conducted by MADELEINE FLETCHER. On analysing the results subsequent to the meeting Rodney found that, as previously, both the meditation and the healing were 'detected' by the instruments. Rodney also reported on some unexpected very low frequencies in the region of 0.1 to 0.2Hz that were picked up at our meeting and on previous occasions. A four-page paper describing and discussing all these results is available from me.

Forthcoming: The next meeting of the Group will be held in Berkhamsted on November 28th when Mike Rogers will be talking about the life of Michael Bentine, whom Mike met several times in his role as a journalist. Further meetings are planned for January and March next year.

Guildford Group - DIANA CLIFT 01483 417922

Ours is one of the largest and keenest of the local Network groups and we have got to the stage when we are generating special interest 'offshoots' and experimenting with different types of meeting which balance talk with experience.

Our September meeting was very different from our usual format: an evening of circle dancing, meditation and discussion on the theme 'Preparing for the New Millennium', conducted by LYNN FRANCES and RICHARD BRYANT-JEFFRIES. Although a smaller group than usual, it was a new and exciting experience for most and was followed by a lively discussion at a local pub!

The offshoots include a Bohm Dialogue group, run by MICHAEL HOPWOOD which has been meeting every fortnight for a year and a half. A more recent but equally enthusiastic group started by KEITH WAKELAM and others, at present unnamed, meets every other week to examine unorthodox gadgets and gizmos: everything from devices for detecting auras to curing cancer. Another offshoot is a Psychic Skills Development Group which meets at Diana Clift's house about once a fortnight and Adrianna King Hall plans a local group to consider spirituality for the modern age.

The topic of our November meeting was 'A new face in the media' and was led by KEVIN ASHBRIDGE, former deputy director of the Network, initiator of the continental conferences and developer of Network computer communications, now working for Global Vision Network. Also contributing were TEUN TIMMERS, a former Council member from the Netherlands, also working for Global Vision Network, and TONY EDWARDS, a TV producer well known for the BBC series 'Heretics'. About thirty people attended and an animated discussion took place on science representation in the media.

Forthcoming: Our next meeting is on January 21st at Tuesley Manor and Dr Julian Candy will be our visiting speaker.

North London Group - RUPERT KINGLAKE TOWER 0171 435 9730

RUPERT KINGLAKE TOWER writes: The North London Group held a meeting at the house of Baroness Edmee di Pauli on 24 September. Owing to an administrative mix-up we were bereft of our planned speaker that evening, which allowed for spontaneity and discussion of various interest topics ranging across the power of mind, the influence of thought on bodily function, the measurement of psychic phenomena, and the effects of prayer. Several themes emerged in the process of discussion, particularly the nature of scientific enquiry, and whether current measures had sufficient sensitivity in identifying psychic events, and to what extent the conscious and unconscious agenda of the experimenter ultimately will affect the outcome of psychical research. For many of the 22 attendees present, it was agreed that there was a fundamental need to understand the underlying aetiology of psychic phenomena over and above that of 'proving' its existence to the scientific establishment. The meeting was also used as a forum to exchange thoughts on future group developments, in terms of varying content and format to include social/discussion sessions, workshops/debates focused on member interest themes, and the fostering of deeper interactions between group members.

Forthcoming: The next North London Group meeting will be held once again at Baroness Edmee di Pauli's home. Prof. Dr David Schweitzer will give his talk entitled 'Thought Form Photography and the Language of the Blood - could this give us a scientific evidence on the influence of thoughts on matter?'

West London - ANUSHKA JORDAN 0181 578 4431, YVONNEKE ROE 0171 733 8887, CLIVE HICKS 0181 997 7974

CLIVE HICKS writes: The group has decided that in future there will be six regular meetings a year, on the second Wednesday in February, March, May, June, October and November, and possibly occasional other meetings, some perhaps in conjunction with other groups. We shall maintain the structure previously used, meeting from 7.30 for coffee, fruit juice and biscuits, with a subject being introduced at 8.30, followed by informal discussion. Naturally, new members and visitors continue to be welcome.

The group held good meetings in June and October, both arising from Alan Smithson's new book *The Kairos Point*. The discussion led by PETER HEWITT in October, approaching the question 'Why do I choose wrongly?' has led on to the next subject, for November. Under the title 'Dreams, Imagination and the Self', Margaret Arden will present a wholistic view of psychoanalysis, explaining the distortion produced by Freud's framing his theory as 19th Century science, and showing that Goethe was central to Freud's inspiration.

Forthcoming: The next meetings of the group will be on the second Wednesdays of February and March: subjects and venues have not yet been decided.

South-West Group - ALAN JEWSBURY 01803 782521 or JOHN COSH 01803 863939

ALAN JEWSBURY writes: There were 20 people present for the meeting of the Devon and Cornwall group, starting around Noon on Saturday 4th October at Bogan House, Totnes. The first speaker at 2.15 p.m. was LEWIS SUTTON, a local Network member talking about 'Voices from the Grave'. Lew is an active member of the Noah's Ark Society that was set up in 1990

to promote and develop physical mediumship which had flourished from 1848 to the 1930s but then had almost disappeared. He described the way seances were carried out and we were able to listen to sound recordings he had made of these. The seances are usually in complete darkness but they are hoping to develop these in red light to counter claims of trickery. We heard a number of voices alleged to be those of famous persons including Lord Dowding and Kenneth Williams. Throughout the 75 minute talk we were able to question Lew.

After a tea break ANNE BANCROFT, who also lives locally, told us the delightful Zen story called 'To catch the Ox' which she illustrated with slides. The story concerns a boy who is looking for the Ox which eventually turns out to be his true self. As he starts out on his search it takes him a long time before he glimpses the Ox, and longer still before he can put a rope on it. The rope over much time becomes a loose rein and eventually the boy and Ox are riding in harmony. The boy finally has discarded all the dogma and teaching of his past and is 'just being'. The Ox has apparently gone but in reality the boy and the Ox are one. We had an enjoyable discussion about this story until the meeting closed about 5 p.m.

Forthcoming: Future meetings were discussed and in particular a suggestion that an Exeter meeting be arranged using videos of Mystics and Scientists or other Network events as a basis for discussion. In response to a request that John and Alan be helped in the choice and arrangements for meetings Anne Bancroft volunteered to do this. The next meeting is planned to take place on Saturday 18th April 1998

Taunton Group - KEVIN TINGAY 01823 461423

Forthcoming: The Taunton Group will meet on the following dates in the first half of next year. February 24, April 27, June 30. All 7.30 p.m. at The Rectory, Bradford on Tone, nr. Taunton.

Yorkshire Group - MAX PAYNE 0114 230 4194 or MIKE BROWN 01423 879038

MICHAEL BROWN writes: 21st meeting of the Yorkshire Group, hosted by Max Payne, at Sheffield on 13th September 97. RICHARD ATKINSON, Clinical and research Physiotherapist, who established the Worth Healing Centre, gave an account of his research study drawn from experiences with 25 of his patients. The broad aim of the research was the provision of better links between orthodox and complementary medicines. Richard described a series of detailed observations of the effects of various treatments on patients with frozen shoulders. These included exposure to pulsed e/m radiation and various complementary therapies. The programme included a particular study of the placebo effect, which was yielded complex results. Whilst they were fascinating, they were proving difficult to interpret. The talk generated much interest and lengthy discussions followed.

CHRIS LYONS and MIKE BROWN gave brief summaries of a total of six recent meetings that they had respectively attended. The speakers at all these meetings were established experts in their respective fields and in some cases they held controversial views. There were many issues raised which were pertinent to the interests of the SMN. It was not possible to debate these issues fully at this meeting in the time available. It was suggested and unanimously agreed that an agenda item would be included in all future Branch meetings for the reporting of key points from such external events. Points arising from papers in recent issues of *Network* could also be included in these discussions.

Forthcoming: Due to clashes of dates, some of the regular attendees missed this meeting and requests were made for more notice of branch meetings to be given in future. In response to these requests the following dates for branch meetings have been fixed: 29th Nov 1997, 7th Feb 1998, 6th June 1998, 19th September 1998. Please contact Max Payne nearer to these dates for further details. Tel. 0114 230 4194.

Wessex Group - JULIAN CANDY - 01703 844149 or DAVID BERRY 01425 473336

JULIAN CANDY writes: Our meeting on 3rd October 1997 was lively, constructive and enjoyable, though attended by only fifteen members, largely from the Southampton/Winchester area. It was generally felt that meetings should provide: more variety; more structure; more contributions from members; more continuity; and therefore be more frequent.

We agreed that we would try the following format. Meetings would take place on the second Friday of each month, gathering at 7.30 for a prompt start at 8.00. Tea and coffee would be available, but members and guests would have eaten beforehand. Two or three members would have been invited at the previous meeting to make short presentations round a linked theme - 10 to 15 minutes, followed by discussion after each presentation and/or after all three. Thus the formal part, as now, would be complete by about 10.00 for final departures by 10.30. The theme and presenters for the following meeting would emerge naturally, we hoped, from the discussion during the meeting. Every few months we would invite an 'outside' speaker to talk about a topic which had arisen from our recent meetings, when of course the format would be somewhat looser. Once or twice a year we might well try something different: a midday meeting, a purely social evening, etc.

We would need a regular venue, and members undertook to let me have details of suitable places. Although Anne and Robin Baring wouldn't be able to host monthly meetings, Anne very kindly offered (which was accepted!) to hold the next meeting, the first of the new series, at White Lodge. By that meeting I hope we shall have identified a potential regular venue, for the approval of members.

Forthcoming: The next meeting will be on Friday 14th November 1997. At this meeting, we will focus on some of the practical and spiritual aspects of birth and death: Simon House on birth; Shirley Firth on death; and Maureen Locke on astrological aspects of these events.

This leads on finally to an issue much in our minds at the meeting on 3rd October. What we are planning provides for members living in the Eastern part of Wessex, but not for those in the Western. I have now obtained from David Lorimer the list of Wessex Group members, whose addresses stretch from Portsmouth to Devizes. 65 members and associates live east of a line running roughly north from Lymington, and 27 west of this line. We have had some very good meetings at David Berry's home at Ringwood, but those attending have generally been a different group from those coming to meetings in Winchester and Alresford. David and I agree that on grounds both of numbers and distance we should consider two sets of meetings, perhaps in the longer term moving towards creating two groups from the one (though some members are ideally placed to attend both sets!). After all, Chichester and Guildford are running active groups from very much smaller geographical areas and populations.

Any comments, criticisms, suggestions, requests for clarification about any of these proposals and arrangements would be very welcome - my address is 11 Shamrock Way, Hythe, Southampton SO45 6DY, tel 01703 844149.

Science and Spirituality Group

The group held a small meeting at the end of September at Regent's College to consider the interface between public and private, outer and inner, career considerations and private convictions. As Mark Woodhouse observed in his *Paradigm Wars*, power questions are at the heart of the conflict between old and new. In this context it was disappointing to learn that the circulation of the *Skeptical Enquirer* currently stands at around 35,000, which must be some ten times the circulation of the SPR and ASPR journals combined. ARTHUR ORAM surveyed the use of inspiration and intuition in the science of consciousness and argued that an indirect route of persuasion might in the long run be more effective than direct attack. He put an emphasis on sincerity and precision on the part of investigators. ANDREAS KYROU echoed some of these sentiments in proposing the validity of various types and levels of knowledge, pointing out that ideas were fluid and subject to different types of classification. ALAN MAYNE saw himself as a generalist in a world of specialists. He quoted an inspiring remark by his Winchester Head Master, SPENCER LEESON, that 'a genius is a practical visionary'. This has given Alan an aspiration in this direction ever since. He argued for a combination of information, knowledge, wisdom and understanding. He also contended that sceptics should not move the statistical goalposts when considering *psi* and that they could not argue on logical grounds that the prior probability of the existence of *psi* was zero. SIDNEY CHANG felt that a dose of humility was in order and that one should not try to convince people. One needs to know when to keep one's mouth shut and when to use the experience of other people rather than one's own. Patience was, he thought, a prerequisite to a step by step process of change. Forthcoming: a meeting of the Consciousness Group on 6th December to discuss synchronicity.

Psychotherapy and Spirituality Group

EILEEN WATKINS SEYMOUR and CLIVE DIGBY-JONES write: The August meeting of the Group held at Regents College was focused on the question of 'How to bring soul and spirit into one's practice' as a psychotherapist. The meeting began with the news of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, only the night before. It was clear by the response, that some members of the group had not yet heard. The feelings in the room from the twelve or so of us were deep and further deepened by the four interesting, and thought provoking presentations, providing different views, methods and processes for bringing soul/spirit into the therapy room. Lively questions and discussions followed each presentation and there was a special air of mutual searching, respect and interest, enhanced by the skilful guidance of Peter Fenwick who was attentive to the flow of energy in the group and the dialogue which ensued.

The four sessions were: *Creative Psychology* - HERTHA LARIVE; *Serge's Work* - SERGE BEDDINGTON-BEHRENS; *Demolishing Castles in the Air* - BRUCE STEVENSON; and *Bringing Soul to Life* - EILEEN WATKINS SEYMOUR & CLIVE DIGBY-JONES.

Ideas presented, and questions asked and answers given, covered such topics as: What is spirit/soul? What is evidence of its being part of the therapeutic process and the relationship between the therapist and client? The idea of love as an important force. The ability of the

therapist to hold the space for the client to discover his/herself. The advantage of the therapist having a broad foundation of experience and ability to work with clients with different concepts or experience of spirit/spiritual awareness. The ability of the therapist to come from her/his essence.

At the next meeting, the group decided it would be enlightening to not only hear about processes for bringing spirit into the therapy room but to experience demonstrations of what was being described. This will create a balanced combination of information, question and answer and discussion time, as well as first hand experience. Two members of the group volunteered to facilitate some experience at the next meeting.

We are an eclectic group with backgrounds including psychotherapy, psychology, psychiatry, the priesthood, counselling, social work, shamanism, ayurveda, executive coaching and more. I shall complete this brief report by letting the group speak for themselves, with some thought provoking quotes:

'Spirituality is about husbanding the planet'.

'This (The earth plane) isn't home, it is the place we visit'.

'Coming home is actually being fully in our bodies, in the here and now, radiating from that space'.

'There is a gap; many spiritual teachers don't reach down and many therapists don't know how to reach up'.

'It is important to know we must become our own divine nature; we all have within us the memory of the soul, the ancient wisdom'.

'We each lack contact with our essential being'.

'We tell ourselves stories but it is seeing what is, that is important'.

'Given that Psyche means soul in Greek, Psychotherapists are actually 'Doctors of the Soul'.

The next meeting will be held at Regents College on Sunday 23rd November. Contact David Lorimer if you would like to receive information.

Science and Esoteric Traditions Group

The group held a very special meeting at the home of our President, GEORGE BLAKER, on the occasion of his 85th birthday, which also happened to be the birthday of another member of the group, Hertha Larive. George received a card signed by about fifty members from this year's AGM. Over a dozen members attended. In the morning we had a meditation and continued the group's work on the understanding and development of love. We then shared some significant spiritual experiences that had made a special impact on our lives. During the afternoon we heard from George about the original spiritual impulse behind the Network and his current view on its development. It was suggested that Members might like to tune in with George and others at 1900 UK time, as it was felt that the inner connections within the Network were as important as outer links.



George Blaker, President of the Scientific and Medical Network, and Hertha Larrivee jointly celebrate their anniversaries. Photo: DL.

Complementary Medicine Group

YVONNEKE ROE WRITES: This year the complementary medicine group held four meetings at All Hallows' House in the city. We started the series with a personal view of medicine as a spiritual discipline given by YVONNEKE ROE. She explored the implications for the doctor-patient dynamic of taking a broader spiritual perspective of health & disease; this was followed by a general discussion. The next two meetings were more experiential. NAOMI CALLIGARO armed us with paper and coloured crayons to help us access our intuitive nature. We were given time to ask ourselves pertinent questions, and by drawing/writing the answers with our non-dominant hands, access our right-brain functions. DR DENNIS SCOTT talked about his group work here and in Germany and led us in a guided meditation to feel/sense the energy in our *chakras* and what the sensations may represent. The last talk was given by BEATA BISHOP on 'The Feminine Principle in Medicine'. She outlined the fascinating dawn of medicine in Greek myth and the historical roots of why the feminine/nurturing/caring aspects of healing have lost their place in our aggressive, male-dominated health-care systems. We would welcome suggestions for further topics of discussion for next year, and any other suggested venues.