

News and Notices

Consciousness Studies

Consciousness Bulletin and Tucson 2000

A cutting edge publication from Consciousness Studies at the University of Arizona, which sponsors the main Tucson conference (April 10-15, 2000), runs a number of web based courses and gives small research grants in association with the Fetzer Institute. The conference is the largest jamboree of consciousness studies and has contributions from philosophy, neuroscience, cognitive science and psychology, physical and biological sciences, phenomenology and culture. The date for pre-proposals for the 2000 grant cycle has just passed, but those interested for another year can enquire on email center@u.arizona.edu The current web course is on quantum approaches to understanding the mind, while Alwyn Scott will be running another course on Modern Science and the Mind from January to May. Each week there are featured lecturers and commentators. Finally there is the Quantum-mind listserv, which is an ongoing moderated email discussion of quantum approaches to consciousness with 650 subscribers.

Information:

www.consciousness.arizona.edu/quantum-mind.html while subscriptions (free) can be applied for by emailing listserv@listserv.arizona.edu with the message subscribe quantum-mind yourfirstname yourlastname. Postal address: Consciousness Studies, Dept. of Psychology, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721, USA.

Call for Manuscripts for Journal of Transpersonal Psychology

KAISA PUHAKKA writes: As the new editor of the Journal of Transpersonal Psychology (JTP) I am inviting authors to send manuscripts for consideration for publication in the journal. JTP is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal that functions as the main forum for fresh thinking and research in the field. Established during the late 60's, its mission was to "explore a wide range of ideas, values, and practices associated with a richly diverse and open-ended vision of the 'farther reaches of human nature'" (Miles Vich, Cyberconference 1999). The journal is now expanding the focus of this vision from the individual to nature, culture, organisations and global processes. The transpersonal perspective is relevant in all these areas of study, and we welcome contributions from both psychology as well as other disciplines. The transformations taking place within human consciousness individually and collectively naturally feed back to the development of the field itself, and perhaps the time has come for transpersonal psychology to expand into the broader domain of transpersonal studies and become a transpsychological discipline. Manuscripts that are suitable for publication in JTP may advance theory or thinking in transpersonal studies, explore specific topics such as gender, art, community, or spiritual practice from a transpersonal perspective, present research findings or innovations in methods or applications, or they may more directly evoke transpersonal awareness. Rigour, clarity, and a scholarly style of writing are preferred when theory or research is presented, but I also encourage exploration of evocative writing in the service of advancing thinking and awareness in the field. I want to extend a special invitation to young and previously unpublished authors to submit their cutting-edge ideas and research. Manuscripts should be 10,000 words or less, in APA style where appropriate, and submitted in triplicate hard copies as well as diskette (Microsoft Word is preferred). Shorter articles have a higher probability of being published. Please mail your manuscript to: Kaisa Puhakka, Editor, Journal of Transpersonal Psychology, 80 N Cabrillo Hwy PMB Q-111 Half Moon Bay CA 94019. Email: kaisa@mindspring.com

Voices of Conscious Evolution

The newsletter of the Foundation for Conscious Evolution set up by Barbara Marx Hubbard, whose purpose is to understand the evolutionary potential of humanity and bring forth the new world view of Conscious Evolution, a view that implies participation and co-creation. The newsletter runs to 12 pages with articles, short book reviews and news items. Electronic subscriptions are available in Adobe Acrobat format. Address: PO Box 4698, Santa Barbara, CA 93140-4698 Email: fce@peaceroom.org Web: www.cocreation.org

Science and Religion

Meta-

is an international moderated listserver on science and religion with over 1,200 subscribers and weekly posting of news, views, events and dialogue on the constructive interface of science and religion. To subscribe, obtain further information or view online archives, go to: www.meta-list.org

Human Nature Journal

Human Nature is a new journal for the Study of Spirituality, Psychical Research and Survival of Death edited by Andreas Sommer in Germany. The advisory editors are Profs Charley Tart and Bruce Greyson, and there are other advisers in each of the sections. The first issue is impressive and contains many articles of interest to readers of *Network*, notably articles by Michael Grosso on 'Afterlife Research: Evidence, Problems, Paradigms', Paola Giovetti on 'Death-Bed Visions and NDEs in Italy' and articles on pain and suffering and disease as the language of the soul. Enquiries to Verlag Martin Weber, Fabrikstr. 1, D-77746 Schutterwald, Germany. Email: Verlag.Weber.WB@t-online-de

Noumenon - A Newsletter for the Nondual Perspective

A biennial newsletter edited by Kriben Pillay, D.Phil. who attended this year's Cambridge conference. The current issue contains a review article on aspects of transpersonal psychology, plus a feature on the work of Byron Katie along with book reviews. The next issue will feature an article by Kriben on *Krishnamurti: Translation versus Transformation*. Details from Kriben at the Noumenon Press, PO Box 1280, Wandsbeck 3631, South Africa. Email: kriben@pixie.udw.ac.za

Ecology

Gaia Circular

The newsletter of the Society for Research and Education in Earth System Science, whose joint presidents are Jim Lovelock and Lynn Margulis. This is an attractively produced and informative publication with news, reviews and topical articles. In the Summer issue there is a speech by Jim Lovelock, who says that 'the deepest error of modern biology is the entrenched view that organisms interact only with other organisms and merely adapt to their material environment'. Details: Gaia, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, University of East London, Romford Road, London E15 4LZ. Email: Gaia:uel.ac.uk Web: www.gaiasociety.org

GreenSpirit Journal

The new Journal from the Association for Creation Spirituality and which replaces Interchange. It is edited by Member Jean Hardy and the Chair of the Association is Chris Clarke. Creation Centred Spirituality is a movement that celebrates all existence as deeply connected and sacred. Besides articles there are poems, pictures and a section of news and events. The Summer issue contains a good article on 'Paradigms Lost and the Myths we

Teach our Children exposing four common anti-environmental myths based on notions of dominion, civilisation, growth and omnipotence. Details from Jean at 1 Sea Trout Mansions, Staverton, Totnes, Devon TQ9 6PA.

GreenSpirit Books and Schumacher Book Service

An excellent annotated catalogue of books in the green area and also incorporating the Schumacher Book Service. Alan Shephard also has a bibliographic search facility. You can contact him at 14 Beckford Close, Warminster, Wilts BA12 9LW or on alan@csbooks.karoo.co.uk

GM-Free

Subtitled 'keeping your life and environment free of genetically modified food', this new bi-monthly magazine brings you 24 pages of up to the minute news and reports. The tone is informative but openly polemical, covering scientific, economic and political issues. Mae-Wan Ho is well represented, as are other campaigning scientists and politicians. There is an information update included in each issue, giving details of how to avoid GM foods and addresses of campaign groups. Details: KHI Publications, Beacon House, Skelmersdale, Lancs WN8 6UR. Single sample copy is £2.90. Email: gmfree@cableinet.co.uk

Gurukula Sanctuary in India

Edward Robinson, formerly with the Alister Hardy Centre in Oxford and now living in Wales, sent me details of an inspiring project that he is supporting in South India. Gurukula is a wildlife sanctuary where previously degraded woodland is being regenerated and can offer shelter to plant species in danger of extinction. It is also home to a small group of people who are promoting a way of living sensitive to the natural world. It now runs an organic farm and educational programme and says that 'bringing trees, plants, animals and people together in a creative and responsible way is one of our central concerns'. As part of his own fundraising effort, Edward is selling his own wood carvings. Details of these and the project from him at The Forge, Hope Mansel, Ross on Wye HR9 5TL

Wilderness Discovery

Wilderness Discovery aims to increase respect and understanding of the environment through its adventurous outdoor programme. All their events revolve around a framework which uses Bushcraft to demonstrate the value of natural resources in providing for our immediate needs. Bushcraft is the application of skills that have sustained native peoples throughout their history. Exercises are focussed on provision of shelter and cooking using an open fire - they are designed to develop team potential by presenting the group with a series of real problems to solve, plus the equipment to do it with. Details from Alan Cree, Rock Dene, Pen Moel Estate, Woodcroft, Nr. Chepstow NP16 7QX. Tel@ 01291 628801. Email: alan@cree.freeserve.co.uk

Medicine-Health

ThinkNatural Internet Resource

ROY RIDGWAY writes: ThinkNatural is a new Internet natural medicine resource and information service, in which I am involved as a public affairs consultant, mainly with the aim of arranging website links with other organisations with similar aims or with a broad spectrum of interests in preventative, curative and palliative medicine. This could include the Royal College of General Practitioners as well as the Faculty of Homeopathy. I regard this as a wonderful opportunity for promoting an integrative approach to healthcare.

ThinkNatural was launched at the end of November and will be a major Internet retailer of

natural medicine products. This will provide the funds for a professionally run site, employing physicians and leading specialist journalists to disseminate reliable information about natural medicine and its practitioners. My main role is to organise link ups with the web sites of the main professional organisations and qualified practitioners of natural medicine. ThinkNatural is spending a substantial sum on promotion and expecting to reach millions of potential customers of health products. . It will help in changing people's ways of thinking about health and in encouraging healthy lifestyles. I would welcome enquiries from members who would like to include their names in a register of qualified practitioners of natural medicine My address is 26 St Thomas Street, Winchester SO23 9HJ. Tel/Fax 01962 849342.

British Association for Spirit Release (BASR)

BASR has been formed in Britain in response to a growing interest in Spirit Releasement Therapy, pioneered by Members Bill and Judith Baldwin in the USA. BASR members share a belief in the primacy of spirit and in the soul's development through reincarnation, but are not a religious organisation. Nor is spirit release a rite, but it is rather a therapy. The Association has a link with the College of Psychic Studies in London, where a number of its events will be held. Members Andrew Powell, Alan Sanderson and Eddie Burks are among the founding members. Details from Bob Deverell, 31 Lonsdale Avenue, Cliftonville, Kent CT9 3BY. Email: Bolinda@btinternet.com

General

Hippocratic Oath for Scientists?

Prof. Sir Joseph Rotblat FRS has used the columns of *Science and Public Affairs* to call for a Hippocratic Oath for Scientists. He points out that 'scientists today have acquired a role in relation to the whole of the human race that is in some ways analogous to that of the doctor to the patient'. He argues that the scientific community must show its awareness of its social and moral responsibility by adopting an ethical code of conduct. His main proposals are that national academies of science should make explicit reference to the ethical dimension of science and should set up ethics committees like those already established for medical research. He also cites a formulation from the Student Pugwash USA Association: 'I promise to work for a better world, when science and technology are used in socially responsible ways. I will not use my education for any purpose intended to harm human beings or the environment. Throughout my career, I will consider the ethical implications of my work before I take action. While the demands placed upon me may be great, I sign this declaration because I recognise that individual responsibility is the first step on the path to peace.'

Publishing Your MS with The Book Guild

The Book Guild is an unusual publisher that establishes a partnership with the author and offers a comprehensive and personal service. The difference between the Guild and other publishers is that you are asked to pay the costs of producing the first edition. In return you receive 30% of the sales revenue from the full retail price of your book. The company receives 20%, so they have an incentive to market your book effectively and have full time accounting, editorial, production, marketing and publicity staff. They manage to place reviews in daily newspapers and many authors come back to them to produce their second and further books. The catalogue contains a wide range of books. If you would like more information, consult their web site at www.bookguild.co.uk. To contact them you can use email on info@bookguild.co.uk If you write in to the managing director Carol Bliss, please quote E1 and refer to this notice.

Prison Phoenix Trust

This Trust has been doing invaluable work for the last ten years by introducing prisoners to meditation, based on the book *We're All Doing Time* by Bo Lozoff. It is supported by such patrons as Dr. Sheila Cassidy, Jeremy Irons and Sir Stephen Tumim, former chief inspector of HM Prisons. The most interesting part of their newsletter is the letters sent in by prisoners who have been touched by this work. For more details write to Jean Lavers at the Prison Phoenix Trust, PO Box 328, Oxford OX1 1PJ.

Natural Breaks

The British Trust of Conservation Volunteers runs short weekend and one-week working breaks where people are involved with various kinds of countryside conservation work such as dry stone walling, woodland or coastal conservation, hedge laying and footpath maintenance. Accommodation and food is often basic, but costs are consequently low. You need to be prepared to work 9-5 days but will have a day off if you are working for a week. Address and contacts: BTCV, 36 St. Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxon OX10 0EU. Email: information@btcv.org.uk. Web: www.btcv.org

Education Now

A review with articles, features, book reviews and news. In the most recent issue there is an interview with Edward de Bono and an article on how to set up your own home-school. An entertaining but worrying supplement in the Autumn issue is the 'Educational Heretic of the Year Award' where entries were invited devoting up to 800 words to 'The worst change in the UK education system in the last 20 years.' Three entries were devoted to criticisms of the National Curriculum, while another reader complained that there had been no real changes! Stimulating reading. Details: 113 Arundel Drive, Bramcote Hills, Nottingham NG9 3FQ.

Audio-Vocal Centre in France

A Centre has been opened in Fontainebleau, France by Justin Waddell and his wife Dominique Cannet-Waddell, assistant for the last ten years of Professor Tomatis, famous French doctor and ENT specialist who has cured such names as Callas and Depardieu of their vocal problems. Inspired by the techniques developed by Professor Tomatis, the Centre aims to provide not only a service in vocal training for actors, singers, musicians and professionals in general but also in dynamisation and communication skills for adults, and improved listening skills for children suffering from learning difficulties (including dyslexia). The role of the ear, and the listening function in particular, has a huge and often underestimated importance for both physical and psychological well-being. A typical treatment consists of 2 hours of audio-vocal sessions daily for 15 days (followed by a 3-6 week break) and then a further 8 days of sessions (+ audio-vocal workshop). For all further details contact : Studio Audio Vocal, 16 rue du Château, 77300 Fontainebleau, FRANCE. Tel: 00 33 1 60 72 34 35. Fax : 00 33 1 60 72 36 35. E-mail: studio.fontainebleau@wanadoo.fr