

## News and Notices

### A Brief Introduction to the ONLINE NOETIC NETWORK

For wholeness and health ...For balance, fulfilment, and growth ...For a celebration of nature and the planet ...For inspiration and exposure to new thoughts ...For connection to the growing circle of people working toward a new paradigm .... look into the Online Noetic Network (ONN). ONN is dedicated to promoting meaningful interaction in the online world. ONN infuses this new medium with a thoughtful look at life. We email messages about: Business and Spirituality, Mind/Body Medicine, Personal Growth, Mind & Consciousness, Environment & Ecology, Creativity. ONN is a publisher of email and a member group in dialogue. All you need to become a member is access to email. We ask members to pay \$25 a year (\$40 for two years) to receive our email and correspond with well-known speakers and writers. You will receive three emails each week from ONN (about 150 a year). Your email will include: articles, interviews, Q&A exchange, members' thoughts, directory of email addresses, announcements of events of interest to you, and more. Would you like to read complete information about the Online Noetic Network? Please send email to [info@wisdomtalk.org](mailto:info@wisdomtalk.org) or visit the ONN website, >[www.wisdomtalk.org](http://www.wisdomtalk.org) - Frequently Asked Questions about ONN: [faq@wisdomtalk.org](mailto:faq@wisdomtalk.org) - Library list of all published articles: [library@wisdomtalk.org](mailto:library@wisdomtalk.org) - Sample articles: [sample1@wisdomtalk.org](mailto:sample1@wisdomtalk.org), [sample2@wisdomtalk.org](mailto:sample2@wisdomtalk.org), or [sample3@wisdomtalk.org](mailto:sample3@wisdomtalk.org) - If you have questions, please email to me at the address below. Joel Metzger [ONNJoel@wisdomtalk.org](mailto:ONNJoel@wisdomtalk.org)

### Gaia Society

Readers will know that Gaia theory has been principally developed by James Lovelock and Lynn Margulis over the last three decades. It has received world-wide recognition as both a valuable scientific framework and the basis of a powerful environmental world-view. The understanding provided by Gaia theory enables us to see ourselves as an integral part of a larger whole. The Gaia Society has been established to promote a dialogue between those concerned with natural science, environmental issues and society. The Society publishes a newsletter, Gaia Circular, and has arranged an initial series of lectures featuring Lynn Margulis, David Suzuki, Mary Midgley and others. The chair of the board is Sir Crispin Tickell. Details from Philip George, Department of Environmental Science, University of East London, Romford Road, London E15 4LZ. Email: [Gaia@uel.ac.uk](mailto:Gaia@uel.ac.uk)

### Bede Griffiths Sangha

This is an informal network of people who have been touched and inspired by the life and teachings of Fr. Bede. It shares and continues his vision of seeking truth at the heart of all religions through meditation, prayer and contemplative sharing. It arranges retreats and publishes a newsletter. A review of Shirley du Boulay's new biography of Fr. Bede will appear in the next issue. Address: 15 St. Martin's Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1QW. Email: [arance@msn.com](mailto:arance@msn.com)

### MA in Science and Religion

Twenty-two members of the University of Leeds form the Centre for the Study of Science and Religion was founded in 1997 to provide a forum for interdisciplinary research and discussion. The aim of the programme is to provide a firm academic grounding in both historical and contemporary discussions about the interrelations of science and religion.

There are some core modules such as Science, Technology and Theology and Science and Religion either historically considered or in contemporary culture. Options include issues in philosophy of science, modern science historical emergence and philosophical interpretation, contemporary issues in religion and gender, Islam in the Modern World.

Details: Dr. Jacqui Stewart and Prof. Geoffrey Cantor, Centre for Science and Religion, Hopewell House, 173 Woodhouse Lane, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT. Email: J.A.STEWART@leeds.ac.uk

#### MA in the Study of Religions

Another new course with an emphasis on Religious Experience directed by Dr. Gavin Flood at the University of Wales in Lampeter. The course is designed to provide the opportunity for students to study religious experience in depth from a number of perspectives. The part on religious experience takes seriously both 'insider' and 'outsider' accounts and critically examines the categories 'spirituality', 'mysticism' and 'religious experience'. Details from Dr. Gavin Flood, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Wales, Lampeter Dyfed SA48 7ED. Email: floodg@lampeter.ac.uk

#### Education in Human Values

This is a course that has already been adopted for Personal and Social Education (PSE) in hundreds of schools in the UK. It identifies five core values: truth, love, peace, right conduct and non-violence. It seeks to tackle society's problems such as crime, racism, violence, drug abuse, lack of self-esteem and respect for others, as well as low achievement. It consists of 400 pages of lesson plans and ideas and it multi-faith and multi-cultural in its outlook. It has been well received both by teachers and pupils. Enquiries: June Auton, Human Values Foundation, Lower Wallbridge Farmhouse, Dowlish Wake, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 0NZ. Tel/fax: 01460-52499. Email: edhumanval@aol.com and web site www.ehv.org.uk

#### Soul Educator

This is the publication of Triangles in Education, an international, spiritually motivated mental networking of educators supportive of all efforts to promote the strengthening of the light, love-wisdom and power of the soul in education. It works in co-ordination with the international Triangles Network. Details: Clarence L. Harvey, 56 Falkland, Skelmersdale, Lancs WN8 6RA. Email: caduceator.clh@virgin.net

#### Wild Duck Review

An unlikely title for an eco-literary journal dedicated to promoting an ecological world-view across all the disciplines and subtitled 'Literature, Necessary Mischief and News'. Its motto is taken from Thoreau: 'as the wild duck is more swift and beautiful than the tame, so is the wild the mallard thought'. The Spring-Summer 98 issue is devoted to education. Many of the pieces are stimulating interviews, with contributions from Fritjof Capra and Joseph Chilton Pearce in this number. Details: Casey Walker, 419 Spring Street, Suite D, Nevada City, CA 95959, USA. Email: casey@wildduckreview.com

#### From Debt to Health

A new campaign for health professionals by MEDACT. It is shocking to learn that repayments of foreign debt now amount to four times Africa's current spending on health care. They argue that the situation will continue to deteriorate unless governments and financial

institutions relent and allow debt cancellation. MEDACT has produced an action pack that includes an informative fact sheet and is organising a petition calling for debt cancellation. Details: MEDACT, 601 Holloway Road, London N19 4DU. Email: medact@gn.apc.org

#### Call for a World Day of Atonement

Binah Gibson, whose father died in Auschwitz, is calling for the UN to instigate a World Day of Atonement inspired by Abraham Lincoln's proclamation of a National Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer in 1863. Nations would be united in the spiritual task of facing the truth about their history, so that it may be fully understood by future generations. Understanding will lead to mutual compassion and forgiveness. The day is envisaged to end with celebration of our own culture and respect and admiration of all others: 'by looking at the past with truth and penitence, we can look towards the new millennium with hope'. Anyone interested can contact Binah Gibson at Buckley Cottage, Batson, Salcombe, Devon TQ8 8NW.

#### British School of Osteopathy Research Review

An informative document giving details of current BSO research, completed research and published papers, conference papers, seminars and workshops, undergraduate dissertations and a listing of 1997 student dissertations. The overall impression is of a lively and wide ranging series of inquiries. Details from Kate Nash at the BSO, 275 Borough High Street, London SE1 1JE. Email: admin@bso.co.uk

#### Register of Nutritional Therapists

The Register has developed an International Forum for Practitioners over the past ten years and is currently working with RMIT University, Melbourne to produce the world's first university degree in applied nutritional medicine. In addition to the Register itself, it publishes a newsletter, has an advice line and interactive web site, and provides a home study course. Address: Hatton Green, Warwick, CV35 7LA. Email: 72046.231@compuserve.com

#### Trends in Cognitive Sciences

A journal bringing together cognitive research in psychology, artificial intelligence, linguistics, philosophy, computer science, anthropology, physiology and neuroscience. Contains review articles where authors identify a list of outstanding questions in the field, updates and comments, summaries of recently published work, opinions. Can be found on the web at [www.elsevier.com/locate/tics](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/tics) Enquiries to Elsevier Trends Division, PO Box 150, Kidlington, Oxford OX5 1AS. Email: etdsales@elsevier.co.uk

#### Web Sites or Lists of Interest

Please send me (and the web master) any details of sites that you think will interest members.

Remote Viewing - Lyn Buchanan's web page is a good source of information about remote viewers. It is:- <http://atc.ameritel.net/lusers/rviewer/>

Sacred Psychiatry - Member Jean-Marc Mantel's new site for the International Association for Spiritual Psychiatry is entitled Spiritual Wisdom and Mental Health <http://www.swmh.com>

Quantum Mind (Quantum Approaches to Consciousness) is a list held at the University of

Arizona and is connected with the Tucson consciousness conferences. You can enquire for details on [quantum-mind@listserv.arizona.edu](mailto:quantum-mind@listserv.arizona.edu). It is a moderated e-mail discussion of quantum approaches to consciousness. Enigmatic features of both quantum mechanics and consciousness have led to a number of proposals suggesting links between the two. Some have proposed quantum effects in the brain, while others have suggested a role for consciousness in the interpretation of quantum mechanics. The advent of quantum information technology promises inevitable further connections. This mailing list will be devoted to high-quality and rigorous discussion of these issues. Submissions will be evaluated by co-moderators. Archives are at <http://listserv.arizona.edu/lsv/www/quantum-mind.html>

Sufism and Psychology Forum an on-line dialogue.

More information by email from [spf@ias.org](mailto:spf@ias.org) Information on its newsletter can be had from 25 Mitchell Blvd, Suite #2, San Rafael, CA 94903, USA. Web: [www.ias.org/spf/Yoga](http://www.ias.org/spf/Yoga): Sivananda Yoga Vedanta on [www.sivananda.org](http://www.sivananda.org) , Vipassana Homepage on [www.dhamma.org/](http://www.dhamma.org/) , London Satyanananda Yoga Centre on [www.sangha.demon.co.uk/yoga.htm](http://www.sangha.demon.co.uk/yoga.htm)

Institute for Global Futures Research (IGFR).

The Institute publishes an electronic journal on a wide variety of futures issues around twenty times a year. Their areas of interest are as follows. 1. development issues, theory and paradigms 2. peace and conflict resolution. 3. climate change 4. energy 5. evolving world order 6. biodiversity and habitat 7. emancipation of women 8. megatrends in technology 9. comparative society 10. implications of globalisation 11. ethnic relations and multicivilisations 12. food and sustainable agriculture 13. international governance 14. Agenda 21 15. quality of life indicators 16. population issues 17. toxic waste 18. urban development 19. global finance 20. Transport 21. future generations ethics 22. water 23. global parameters, scenarios, new dimensions 24. disaster 25. futures studies methodologies 26. history of the future 27. longwaves and macrohistory 28. industry trends, industrial ecology 29. new economics 30. corporate citizenship 31. alternative communities and lifestyles 32. cyberspace revolution 33. global conventions and international law 34. world summits 35. Gaia theory 36. world health 37. world systems theory 38. equity 39. spirituality and religion

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Cybernetics Society Essay Prize

The Cybernetics Society is offering an essay prize of £1,000 in one of the following categories: Fundamental Cybernetics; Mathematics, Computing, Control Engineering and Artificial Intelligence; Linguistics, Speech Recognition, Speech Production and Automatic Language Translation; Economics, World Economy Models, Single European Currency Issues; Biology, Evolution and Genetics; Medicinal Drug Delivery and Controlled Release Models; Understanding the Mechanism of Human Consciousness. For an entrance form and notes for guidance, please send a SAE or email request to The Secretary, Cybernetics Society, 37A Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 9SS. Email: [brwarburto@aol.com](mailto:brwarburto@aol.com)