

News and Notices

Sustainable Development Initiatives

Both British and US Governments are now turning their attention to questions of sustainable development. In the UK, there is a British Government Panel chaired by Sir Crispin Tickell and whose other members are Lord Alexander, Sir John Houghton FRS, Dame Anne McLaren FRS, and the Earl of Selborne FRS. Their first Report appeared in January 1995. The Panel's remit is to keep in view general sustainability issues, identify major problems or opportunities, monitor progress, and consider questions of priority. Topics covered in the first report include environmental education and training, depletion of fish stocks, climate change, and transport - all of this in eight succinct pages which highlight recommendations and indicate that Panel members will be talking directly with Government ministers. Copies of the Report can be obtained from Dept of the Environment, PO Box 151, London, E15 2HF.

The President's Council on Sustainable Development consists of 25 leaders from industry, government, and environmental, labour, and civil rights organisations. As Al Gore puts it: "A choice to do nothing in response to the mounting evidence that we are currently travelling down an unsustainable path is actually a choice to continue, and even accelerate, the problems at hand". The Council has been deliberating at intervals since June 1993, and seeks to combine ecological integrity with social equity and economic prosperity. It has formulated a vision statement and principles of sustainable development. Details from 730 Jackson Place, NW Washington, DC 20503, USA. Fax: (202) 408-6839. Internet: pcsd@igc.apc.org

Dr. John Ott - Exploring the Spectrum Video

A fascinating exploration of time-lapse photography showing the effects of natural and artificial light on fundamental biological processes and health. John Ott is one of the pioneers in the field of photobiology. His time lapse pictures show that variations in the periodicity, intensity and wavelength distribution of light energy control certain plant growth processes, such as the setting of buds, opening of flowers, determination of sex and maturing of fruits. He points out similar responses in animals and suggests how these may be brought about by light entering the eyes and stimulating the retinal-hypothalamic-endocrine system. Available from Natural Energy Works, PO Box 864, El Cerrito, CA 94530, USA. Tel/fax: (510) 525-5978.

Holistic Science and Human Values

Published by the Theosophy Science Centre in Madras and edited by Member Dr. A Kannan, this volume of transactions sets out to be 'an instrument for a non-dogmatic, holistic, scientific approach to human wisdom'. It is particularly valuable in its wide cross-disciplinary coverage and includes contributions from Members Willis Harman, Ervin Laszlo, Allan Combs, Robert Powell, Abelardo Brenes and Rupert Sheldrake. Themes include evolution, complexity, transpersonal ecology, consciousness, responsibility, NDEs and creativity. Enquiries to Theosophy Science Centre, Adyar, Madras 600020, India.

The Chalice of Repose Palliative Care Project

This music-thanatology project has been developed over 21 years by harpist and scholar Therese Schroeder-Sheker and employs prescriptive music to assist the physical and spiritual needs of the dying. Teams of two or more Chalice workers attend the dying with voice and harp. Vigils last about an hour and are rooted in monastic medicine and the contemplative

tradition of Cluny. The Project is based at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula, Montana. It trains music-thanatologists, recovers and expands the tradition of sacred music in assisting conscious dying, and promotes historical, clinical and contemplative research into dying as part of the life cycle. It publishes studies in Music-Thanatology as well as 'Songs of the Threshold', which are actually used in the practice. Therese has published a number of articles in journals such as *Advances* and *The Journal of Holistic Nursing*. She will be speaking at the conference 'The Hospital as Temple in the Netherlands in October, about which Members will already have received information. Further details from The Chalice of Repose, St. Patrick's Hospital, 554 West Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802, USA.

Health Education Quarterly

This is the journal of the Society for Public Health Education, which publishes 'authoritative and practical information on critical health issues for a broad range of professionals involved in the implementation and administration of health information programmes'. The journal has recently changed its name from Monographs to Quarterly and is now being published by Sage. The articles address such issues as cardiovascular risk factor interventions, possible correlations between religiosity and positive birth outcomes, and the relative benefits of perceived personal control and responsibility on health. Details from SAGE Publications, 6 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PU or from PO Box 5096, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359, USA.

Body and Society

This new journal is designed to respond to the growing interest in the body as an academic topic of teaching and research. This is concentrated in a number of specific areas: the symbolic significance of the body, the active role of the body in social life, the differentiation between gender and sex, the relationship between the body and technology, the body in health and illness, and the sociology of sport. An introductory essay by the editors explains the scope of the journal and the contributions range from *Warring Bodies and Bodies Politic: Tribal versus State Societies* to *Why Men Desire Muscles*. Details: see above.

New Journal - PsychoScience

This new journal is devoted to the study of the physical basis of mind. It will bring together authors and topics in areas such as quantum physics and chaos theory, social and transpersonal psychology, and the interface of philosophy with the science of mind as applied to global ethics. Articles in the first two issues cover the work of David Bohm, time, psychoanalysis, dreams, and a chaos model of the brain. Enquiries to Mark Germine, PO 7176, Loma Linda, CA 92354, USA. Internet: mgermine@delphi.com

LightNet - a new database

LightNet is a new resource of over 9,000 data files on "alternative" interests, such as free energy, anti-gravity, complementary medicine, UFO's, astrology, ecology, and new technology. It gives access to online international publications, news and events. Data and research papers can be downloaded and the service provides an extensive index as well as conferencing, e-mail, and forum areas related to file topics. Annual subscription [sterling]24 (inc. software). Details from LightNet, 101 Tintagel House, Salisbury Road, London N9 9TF. Tel: 0181-292-7647.

New Energy Publications

Following the controversy surrounding the cold fusion experiments, a number of publications have sprung up to take a serious look at the field. One such new magazine is *Infinite Energy - Cold Fusion and New Energy Technology*. This is an international technical magazine, written and edited by scientists, engineers and expert journalists; it is published six times a year. A great deal of research and development is going on in this field, especially in Japan. The first issue runs to 52 pages of informative articles, news and correspondence. Details from: Cold Fusion Technology, PO Box 2816, Concord, NH 03302 - 2816, USA. Fax: (603)- 224-5975. Internet:76570.2270@compuserve.com. *New Energy News* is the monthly newsletter of The Institute for New Energy which gives briefings on fusion, space energy, and has sections for news, correspondence and book reviews. The June number contains a leading article by Member Dr. Harold Aspden about his technical collaboration with New Zealander Robert Adams on his over unity motor. Subscription information from New Energy News at PO Box 58639, Salt Lake City, UT 84159-9639, USA. Fax: (801) 583-2963.

Fulcrum - The Work of Walter Russell

The Walter Russell Foundation has now metamorphosed into the University of Science and Philosophy and is producing an interesting journal called *Fulcrum*. Russell was a polymath who worked in physics, philosophy and towards a psychology of self-transcendence. His 'Russell Cosmonogony' was worked out as the result of a 39 day illumination in 1921 which showed our three dimensional world of light and matter to be an extension of the One Substance of God. In this view, matter is light (patterned thoughts) spirally wound into vortices of motion, a recording of God's one idea of creation, and is motion sustained by God's rhythmic Thinking. The current researchers claim to have replicated Russell's 1927 experiments when he transmuted a sample of water into 15% hydrogen, 16% oxygen and 69% nitrogen; in addition, they have created 'lithium-5', an element hitherto missing in the nucleonic chart. This is all written up in the December 1994 issue of *Fulcrum*. Further articles consider developments in free energy research. Details: University of Science and Philosophy, Swannanoa, Waynesboro, Virginia 22980, USA. Fax: (703) 942-8705.

Resource List on Homoeopathy

Dr. Emile van Galen from the Netherlands has compiled the first Internet resource list on homoeopathy. The list contains information on the Internet connections, files, lists, servers, and on-line access on homoeopathy. The Homoeopathic Internet Resources List contains networks (Homeonet@gn.apc.org), libraries, private collections, databases for reference searches, and leading research institutes, homoeopathic medical journals and organisations. Dr. van Galen can be contacted on internet:evgalen@gn.apc.org. FTP and Web sites as follows: ftp://antenna.apc.org/pub/homeo/resource.lst; Web is <http://www.dungeon.com/home/cam/interlst.html>

Miracles Magazine

Member Larry Dossey arranged for us to receive a sample copy of this magazine, which features miracle stories. A recent editorial claims that it is not the outer events of our lives which are miraculous, but rather the inner event of the opening of the heart. Features in the Fall 1994 issue include a recovery from cancer, extraordinary experiences following the recent LA earthquake, and a parent's connection with his son after death, as well as interviews with James Redfield (Celestine Prophecy and Larry). Sample copies can be obtained from PO Box 418, Santa Fe, NM 87504, USA.

Integrative Explorations - Journal of Culture and Consciousness

Integrative Explorations is the official journal of the Jean Gebser Society, and follows on from the Gebser Network Newsletter. Gebser was latterly Professor of the Study of Comparative Civilisations in the University of Salzburg. His monumental work of 500 pages on the phenomenology of civilisation was published in English as *Origin and Presence* in 1985. In it he describes the modalities of consciousness of historic cultures as well as the extent and openness of human consciousness in general. The July 1994 issue contains articles on Gebser's integral methodology, Krishnamurti's perspective on integral consciousness, and an article on the relationship between consciousness and technology. Sample copies are \$6 printed, and \$3-50 on disk (please specify computer type) from Dr. Michael Purdy, Division of Communication, Governors State University, University Park, IL 60430, USA.

Centre for Creation Spirituality Newsletter

This brief newsletter on the work of Matthew Fox and his co-workers is published four times a year. The Centre also organises events, and has created a network of contacts, as well as a book service. The Autumn national workshop will be entitled "Soul, Chaos and Creativity - Trusting the New Story", with Member Danah Zohar and Father Diarmid O'Murchu. Further details: CCS, St. James's Church, 197 Piccadilly, London W1V 0LL. Tel: 0171-734-4511.

The Zed Foundation

"Unconditional Love is not the prerogative of the mind to give. It emerges of its own free will as a consequence of Spiritual Awareness."

This quotation comes from page 3 of the new Zed magazine, edited by David Ferguson and healer Jane Tinworth. They say that it is the awareness of the truth that lies at the heart of their work, so that emphasis is placed on the nature of the mind and its relationship to the higher self within us. In this sense, the mind is doorkeeper to our higher self, and not an aspect of it. They also regard love as the motivating force of the universe. The material is offered as a source of reflection rather than an authoritative pronouncement. They are also running a series of retreats and workshops. Further details from: The Zed Foundation, 19 Kingsdown Road, Teignmouth, Devon, TQ14 9AU.

Science and Christian Belief

This informative journal is published twice a year, featuring articles, essay reviews, correspondence and extensive book reviews. The latest issue contains articles on prayer by Sir John Houghton, FRS, and one on creation and the environment by Professor Sam Berry. One specially interesting feature is a reply to a critical article by Dr. Mike Poole by Dr. Richard Dawkins, along with a response from Poole. Book reviews cover many of the same areas as in *Network*, but with a different slant. Members of the Science and Religion Forum receive a discount. Details: Paternoster Periodicals, PO Box 300, Carlisle, Cumbria CA3 0QS, UK.

Journal of Contemporary Religion

This is the new version of *Religion Today*, which has been running since 1984. The focus will continue to be on new religions and new manifestations of religiosity and spirituality, but there will also be coverage of trends and contemporary developments within mainstream churches and the world's major religions. Volume 10, No. 1 contains articles on the Brahma

Kumaris, Sexuality, Gender and the Abuse of Power on Rajneesh and on Contemporary Developments of Buddhism in Europe. Details from Carfax Publishing Company, PO Box 25, Abingdon, Oxon or PO Box 2025, Dunnellon, Florida 34430-2025, USA.

Academy of Religion and Psychical Research Essay Competitions

The Academy announces two essay competitions for the coming months: The Robert H. Ashby Memorial Award for the best paper on the subject 'What Light do Exceptional Human Experiences Shed on the Nature of Who You Are? Deadline March 1, 1996, Prize \$500. The Ninth Alexander Imich Essay Contest for \$1,000 will close on December 31, 1995 and the topic will be 'Miracles: Divine Intervention, Natural Events, or Illusory Experiences?' Papers will need to be of academic quality and double-spaced. Further information from Boyce Batey, Executive Secretary, Academy of Religion and Psychical Research, PO Box 614, Bloomfield, CT 06002-0614, USA. Tel: (203) 242-4593.