

Network News

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS, 2017

At the Annual Meeting in Plymouth in July, Jacqui Nielsen, Richard Irwin and Paul Kieniewicz were re-elected. Dr Edi Bilimoria gave notice of his resignation. Dr Joan Walton was co-opted.



Joan is Senior Lecturer in the School of Education at York St John University, teaching Research Methods on the Masters programme, and supervising doctoral students. She is particularly interested in exploring the ontological and epistemological contexts within which approaches to research are located. This has led to her taking an active interest in the phenomenon of consciousness, which, to quote Christian de Quincey, is 'our deepest mystery and our most intimate reality'.

In collaboration with colleagues from both western and eastern cultures, Joan is researching different ways of understanding consciousness. This also leads to a meaningful dialogue about various interpretations of science and spirituality, the relationship between them, and the significance of this discussion for the ontological and epistemological foundations of social and educational research. She draws on a wide range of disciplines, including quantum physics, biology, transpersonal psychology, and diverse spiritual traditions, to inform her research.

BLAKER FUND TO SUPPORT RESEARCH INVITATION TO APPLY - EXTENDED NOTICE

The Trustees of the GB Blaker Charitable Trust have requested that the grant, and the interest arising from it, shall be used to fund educational programs, in line with the charitable objects of the SMN Trust and SMN, particularly for young people aged approximately 15-30. Note especially that the intention is that the funds shall be used purely to support such educational programs in science or medicine.

All those who wish to be considered for a grant in the range of £500 to £5,000 are requested to apply by 31st October 2017 to the Chair, Dr Paul Filmore – chairman@scimednet.org for guidance on application.

MEMBERS' NEWS



Honorary Member Dr. F. David Peat (1938-2017)

F. David Peat was born in Liverpool and was awarded a PhD at Liverpool University before moving to Canada. For a number of years, he carried out research in theoretical physics but his constant desire to find "the question that lies behind the question" led to an encounter with the physicist and philosopher David Bohm, whom Einstein had described as his "spiritual son". The two remained friends and were working together on a second book at the time of Bohm's death. David is the author of *Quantum Potential*, a biography of David Bohm.

In 1979 Peat decided to focus on writing and was author of over twenty books that deal with such topics as Jungian synchronicity, creativity, chaos theory, quantum theory and the Native American universe. In 2007 Pari Publishing brought out his scientific autobiography *Pathways of Chance*. Peat also organised meetings of artists and scientists, and scientists and Native American elders.

In 1996 Peat moved from Canada to the medieval hilltop village of Pari near Siena in Tuscany. There he and his wife established the Pari Center for New Learning, which had a huge cultural and economic impact on the local community.

The Center is dedicated to education, learning and research. It fosters an interdisciplinary approach linking science, the arts, ethics and spirituality. Above all the Pari Center for New Learning is dedicated to the principle of "the spirit of place". Housed in a medieval village it becomes an ideal location in which to pause and think about the future and the values, meaning and direction of our contemporary society. The heavily wooded countryside and the traditional farming methods of Pari's inhabitants also remind us of the importance of ecological considerations in a world that has become increasingly obsessed with progress and consumerism.

The Pari Center favours a gentle approach to learning that emphasises human interaction in simple, pleasant surroundings without the intrusion of unnecessary technology. Its philosophy and approach is described in the book "Gentle Action"

■ **David Lorimer writes:**

David Peat has been an honorary member of the Network since 2007, when we held a memorable Continental Meeting in conjunction with his Pari Center. He spoke at a number of Network Events and was due to take part in the centenary conference for David Bohm and Ilya Prigogine, reported above. As mentioned in the first paragraph above, David was never satisfied with conventional thinking and was always looking for what was beyond and outside the box. Reading his autobiography, his inquisitive approach and passion for science becomes apparent at an early age. Paul Howard spoke about David at the centenary meeting, where we also held a silence in his honour to celebrate a creative and courageous life.

TONY PRITCHETT – AN APPRECIATION

I was in touch with his wife, Maureen Doolan, who related the following apposite story surrounding David's death: "It was pointed out to me that David died on the same day as Carl Jung. I think he would have liked that. But more interesting is that David always told the story of Jung and the scarab beetle when teaching his synchronicity course. It was finding a scarab beetle in Siena that led us to Pari (a long story that he also liked to relate). Anyhow, a few moments after he died, our son-in-law, Andrea, found a scarab beetle on the stairs - the first to our knowledge that had ever entered the house. It was lying on its back desperately trying to right itself. He turned it over and it flew out of the open window." A wonderful parable for his soul taking flight for the next stage of his journey.

■ **Diana Clift writes:**

Like everyone who knew him, I was terribly shocked to hear that Tony Pritchett died suddenly last week. Tony was a stalwart of the Scientific and Medical Network and the Society for Psychical Research and many other groups exploring "weird stuff". I met him first through our mutual interest in crop circles nearly 30 years ago. Since he joined the Network in 1993 he was a regular at all our residential events and especially the continental meetings.

He was a great worrier and would fuss about everything, forever asking questions. I particularly remember how he would look at a menu in Greek or Czech and ask me which items were wheat free...as if I had the faintest idea!



He was also well known for videoing everything at these events, which was intrusive and annoying at the time but actually resulted in some great moments being captured for posterity: such as Eileen Lwin being hoisted onto a donkey to climb the steep cobbled streets of Hydra to the idyllic setting of our Network meeting in 1995, and highlights of the 1999 Frenchman's Cove Event in Jamaica with speaker Dean Radin, including precious last glimpses of Hermod Sverre, who was killed in an accident just days later

I am so pleased that Tony made it back to Frenchman's Cove this year. He loved it and had a great time. I shall treasure memories of him dancing to a reggae band on a warm tropical night in January!

I just can't imagine Network events without Tony. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer more than 20 years ago and treated it with all manner of alternative techniques. He always travelled with a range of potions and devices. Apparently they worked for him. He held the condition in check and didn't seem to age much in all that time. Although he was nearly 80, he was planning to go to all the upcoming Network events at home and abroad. I think the Network was like family to him.

It's not well known that he was a brilliant scientist and engineer, a pioneer in computer animation and biofeedback research, who never got the recognition he deserved. He was the first to admit that he was hopeless at self-promotion and diagnosed himself as having Asperger's syndrome. Most of us knew him as a great Network 'character'. Fussy and exasperating certainly, wacky and eccentric for sure, but warmhearted, loyal, and a very dear friend.

He will be dreadfully missed...



■ **Suzette van Hauen Drucker writes:**

It is hard to understand that Tony will not be there any more. He seemed like a cat with nine lives, and maybe, unbeknownst to us, during the many years we knew each other, he just started on the last of those lives.

I was his health consultant for 30 odd years, a job which, apart from health issues, involved answering questions on anything from UFOs, free energy and politics to the latest medical reviews of research and treatment of chronic

illnesses. He had a voracious appetite for information and knowledge, preferably scientific, spiritual or leading edge mind-body therapies, or the possibility of integrating all of these areas.

A consultation with him was never boring, and it took no little effort to persuade him to stick to the presenting health issues.

He might have become a brilliant, albeit somewhat absent-minded researcher or scientist. But maybe his role in life was more importantly that of keeping me and all his other friends and whomever he met on their toes - to never stop questioning information and to always be open to new ideas and new view points.

Tony will be poking my shoulder, if ever I should fall asleep in the comfort of established knowledge - quite a legacy to leave behind.

I will miss him very much.

Dr Philip Kilner - Emerson College and Goethean Science



Emerson College in East Sussex was founded by Francis Edmonds in 1962, inspired by the approaches to inquiry, creativity and education of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Ruskin and Rudolf Steiner. The college hosted the Network's 'Wider Horizons' seminars in the 1970s and 80s. It remains an enriching place of communal striving and personal discovery; a venue for a lively variety of workshops and courses. I'd qualified in medicine when I studied sculpture and flow here in 1979.

Questions of flow in relation to heart form and function led me back into mainstream cardiovascular research. Having retired now, I'm in Emerson again with on-going interest in Goethe's phenomenological approach to natural science. While analytical approaches tend to proceed through theoretical explanations and measurements, Goethe's approach begins free, as far as possible, of preconceptions, and moves through repeated, accurate, inclusive observations towards informed, enlightening discovery.

Emerson College homepage: <http://www.emerson.org.uk> Goethean Science page: <http://www.emerson.org.uk/goethean> An 11-week programme next early summer: <http://www.emerson.org.uk/designing-for-life>

LOCAL GROUP REPORTS

LONDON GROUP



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To read reports from other meetings, go to the REPORTS page of the London Group page of the Network's website. If you don't live in London but wish to be advised of London events, please drop me an email and I shall add your e-address to the circulation list.

■ May 2017

This month we welcomed Keith Ward who spoke at many SMN conferences but not yet to the London Group. **PROF KEITH WARD** is a philosopher and a priest in the Church of England. He is the author of over 25 books and numerous articles and has in the past taught philosophy, religious studies and theology. Amongst many other posts, he was Regius Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford. His talk this evening had the intriguing title, *Stephen Hawking nearly talks about God* and it addressed the content of Hawking's book *The Grand Design* (Bantam, 2011) in which Hawking asks questions such as when and how did the universe begin? Why are we here? Is the apparent 'grand design' of our universe evidence for a benevolent creator who set things in motion?



Two aspects of Hawking's explanation caught Keith's attention: 1) space-time, the reality of our universe, does not come from nothing, but comes from a quantum vacuum. In other words, it depends on something beyond it. 2) Quantum vacuum is not empty, but is full of 'stuff', understood as energy. This means that the reality beyond space-time has qualities, it has non-material laws. Laws of nature require wisdom, intelligence. So, what he is saying, is that the universe depends on something eternal, beyond time, with laws that are necessary. In other words, the material world is dependent on non-material reality.

Later in his book, describing the two slit experiment, Hawking points out that the observation by consciousness of the experiment, will determine a particular outcome, i.e. particle behaviour, which is different from the wave behaviour when the experiment is not observed. This shows that consciousness has an effect on the outcome of this experiment. This conclusion leads him to state that *we* create history by our observations, rather than history creating us. The philosophical approach that is best aligned to this conclusion is Idealism. Until the collapse of the wave, which is the term used to describe the outcome of the experiment, the status is one of probabilities. Bringing into his argument the concept of Mind, Keith pointed out that Mind is intentional. Consequently, asks Keith, in the quantum world of probabilities, might the universe be a creation of God's observation? Might God have created the universe by actualising probabilities through intentional observation? He started the talk by saying that he would talk not about what Hawking thinks but about what he writes. He knows Hawking is an atheist, but in his writing, there are clear indications that God, or Mind terminology could find a place in it!

■ June 2017



This month we welcomed back Bernard Carr who spoke to the group a few times in the past. **PROF BERNARD CARR** is Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy at Queen Mary University of London and is a former chair of the SMN. In his talk, entitled *Facing up to Mind and Spirit: Do we need a Post-Materialist Science?* Bernard started by telling us how he found out about his personal life's passion. When sent to his room for being a naughty boy in boarding school, he read books and out of those, three fundamentally determined his future: Bertrand Russell's *ABC of Relativity*, Dunne's *An Experiment with Time* and Rampa's *The Third Eye*. These books underlie his three passions: science, psi and Buddhism, and his talk this evening brought all three together.

With the use of the Uroboros, Bernard showed us the history of the advance in scientific knowledge towards the very large and the very small scale. He explained in detail the various milestones in the progression towards what we know today. On the small scale end, we find the search for a theory that unifies all the forces, the M-theory and at a macro-scale we speculate the existence of a multiverse. This narrative demonstrates the triumph of physics. However, in this quest, one element is missing: consciousness. And this is what his lecture explored. Without consciousness, the physical reality is only a mental model. Scientists are looking for a theory of everything but how can that be achieved without the consideration of consciousness, our subjective experience?

Bernard argues that we must move away from the matter-centric perspective and include mind in our models. And, he says, the bridge between mind and matter is psi. Psi includes phenomena such as telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis etc. Psi has the potential to explain Quantum Mechanics and vice-versa. We heard about entanglement and evidence for the non-locality of mind from psi experiences, giving us a glimpse into the holistic fabric of reality. As well as what we call the paranormal, psi includes also spiritual experiences and creativity. It is recognised and expressed by many artists that their creativity comes "through" them, rather than being the creation of ego. The evidence seems to point to mind having access to other levels of reality, explained by the principles of non-locality. Bernard's "cri de coeur" is that we need an extended physics which will connect matter and mind, and an extended transpersonal psychology to connect mind and spirit. And connecting the extended physics and the transpersonal psychology is the new paradigm proposed.

■ July 2017



We welcomed Ornella Corazza this month to hear her presentation on the research she has done into *Near Death Experiences (NDEs) in Japan*. **DR. ORNELLA CORAZZA** is a medical anthropologist, author of *Near-Death Experiences: exploring the mind-body connection* (Routledge 2008). She held fellowships at the 21st Century Centre of Excellence (COE) on Death and Life Studies at the University of Tokyo and this evening Ornella explained the different perspectives the Japanese have on what it means to be a

human being, through the lens of Near Death Experiences. We were told about the ubiquitous phenomenology of an NDE from the reports of people who have experienced it. The sense of peace, being out of their bodies, entering the darkness, or tunnel, seeing the light and entering that light, in the presence of friends and family who had died, entities and sometimes people from sacred traditions. Reports of life review is often present. People who have had those experiences invariably mention the realisation of a sense of mission they have to accomplish in this lifetime. She also mentioned ketamine and its effect which are similar to NDEs which help explain the attraction young people have however, as she explained, not knowing how to integrate these experiences in their lives can have serious consequences to users.

Whereas in the West the experience of an NDE involves leaving the body behind, in Japan the interpretation is very different. The unity of the mind-body connection is an aim to be cultivated during a lifetime. This is the teaching of Ornella's master Yasuo Yuasa. The contemplation of the cherry blossoms in the Spring, which involves people looking at them for hours, is an example of the meditation on the meaning of being embodied, as well as the impermanence of life. The mind-body connectivity is externalised to include others and the environment. A human being is a being within a context and the whole context participates including the ground of being, which is called Bashi. The visible Bashi is the connection with the lived reality and the invisible Bashi is the ground of being, or cosmic consciousness. Whereas in the West the experience on an NDE is of disconnection from the physical body, in Japan the experience is of an embodied connection with the invisible Bashi, expressed in imagery for instance of rivers which typically is associated with death, the Tori gate, the symbol of the perennial connection with the transcendental, or the Shimenawa, the belt around a tree indicating that the tree is itself a divinity.

■ August 2017



August brought Olly Robinson who presented a fascinating *Introduction to Sacred Geometry and Mystical Mathematics*. Dr. OLIVER ROBINSON is an ex member of the SMN Board of directors, now a consultant, as well as a senior lecturer in psychology at the University of Greenwich. His book *Paths Between Head and Heart: Harmonies of Science and Spirituality* is due to be published in 2018. This evening he showed us hidden patterns in both geometry and mathematics, which bring to light

inbuilt harmony and beauty. Although a meaningful explanation of those patterns goes beyond our understanding, their uncovering is awe inspiring.

Sacred geometry, we were shown, point to forms as a source of intuition into spiritual truth. When present in works of art and architecture it gives them a sense of sacredness. Olly recommended the book *A Beginner's Guide to Constructing the Universe* by Michael Schneider as a comprehensive guide for an exploration of the topic. We had an insight into the nature of the humble point: it is the start of everything and yet, in itself has no physical form. It manifests the unmanifest. It is the arrival of the second point which allows a line to come into being expressing certainty and directness, or a curve, the source of infinite possibilities. One point can be the centre of a circle and two points can create the overlapping of two circles. The multiplicity of circles creates harmonious forms and Olly showed us the importance of the number 6 and its multiples in geometric forms originating in circles in nature as well as in the symbols of sacred traditions.

On mystical mathematics Olly showed us the mystery of the digital root, which involves adding up the digits of numbers until a single digit (between 1 and 9) is achieved. For example, we found out that by dividing the number 360 on a continuous basis for as long as we'd like allowing for the expression of the fractions in full, the digital root of all the digits of the resulting numbers will be always the number 9. Other interesting patterns emerge in such an operation. We heard that the digital root in the Vedic Square are an indication that the mysteries hidden in mathematics were already being explored by the ancient people of Vedic times in India. And time was devoted also to the exploration and examples of the Golden Ratio, the proportions which universally denote beauty and which are frequent in nature. It was a fascinating evening and I for one, will be looking forward to learning more when reading his book next year.

SYDNEY GROUP JEAN AND DAVID INGMAN

■ **Beyond Duality - Towards Transformation Part 2.**
Lindsay Mell, 20th May 2017

There were six people present and five apologies.

Lindsay's presentation was about Vasubandhu, a Buddhist monk who lived in the 4th century BCE and a philosopher who was considered one of the most influential thinkers in Indian Buddhist philosophy.

Lindsay talked about how all things, being subject to causes and conditions, could therefore be impermanent, from this perspective, because change would be logically impossible. All things persist for only a moment. Vasubandhu shared such a view and established Momentariness, things must self-destruct because of cause and effect. Each moment is different but giving the appearance of continuity as illustrated by the apparent motion on a movie screen.

Vasubandhu, had philosophical problems and like his forbears had to account for continuity, memory and karma, across many lifetimes, which was difficult to reconcile with the doctrine of impermanence.

Lindsay then went on to talk about Vasubandhu's disproof of a creator god. The 8 Eightfold path, right speech, right action, right livelihood etc. The world is inconsistent with a single creator from Vasubandhu's perspective. Vasubandhu postulated that things are not caused by a unity god but by one of god's many desires. Everything depends on mind or many minds. Vasubandhu was an idealist, everything dependent on mind, everything is mind. Lindsay continued with a discussion of the 8 consciousnesses, starting with the mental storehouse consciousness and the seeds of experience, universal ontological idealism.

Vasubandhu was only an idealist in the realm of conventions. Appearance being all there is and all that appears being a false construction of self.

A very interesting discussion followed regarding these concepts and included David Bohm's Implicate/Explicate, and the question "Are we living in a hologram"? The gestalt consciousness concept of how realities and personalities are created as outlined in realityandyou.com seemed to have much in common with Vasubandhu's theories.

Vasubandhu agreed with the Mahayan tradition, each moment is new, the previous has gone, it has moved to a different dimension but reality is still connecting through continuity, the process of linking. The afternoon was extremely interesting with plenty of interaction and discussion taking place for which we thank Lindsay.

■ **Scientific and Medical Network Sydney Group**
August 26th 2017.

David Ingman presented a paper: **The Interconnectedness of Universal Consciousness. The Self as a projection of multiple individual Consciousnesses.**

Those of you who read Erwin Laszlo's review of "You are the Universe" by Deepak Chopra and Menas Kapatos in the last Network Review will find the complementary aspects of this presentation fascinating. Ervin states "If the cosmic consciousness is a hologram (meaning that the universe itself is a hologram) your consciousness and mine is a fractal of the universe." This resembles the concept outlined in the paper that we are participants in conglomerations of consciousness, within universal consciousness, each immersed in and experiencing the manifestation of their desired intention.

Below is a link to the full presentation.
<http://realityandyou.com/2017/08/30/talk-the-interconnectedness-of-universal-consciousness-the-self-as-a-projection-of-multiple-individual-consciousnesses-31st-august-2017>

SMN IN NORTH WALES

KEITH BEASLEY

The local group for North Wales, as part of our reaching out to a wider community of kindred spirits, has evolved into *Bangor . . . Beyond*. The group now has a *Meetup* presence (a global online place to inform anyone about public meetings) which has proved highly beneficial in finding new members.

We have also been holding weekly 'Unity' gatherings in the 2 Dragons Garden (as featured a few years ago) in Bangor University's Botanic Gardens. This combines a shared experience of reflection with open discussion on a topical theme (e.g. How to respond to extremists). The approach seems popular, having attracted quite a few new faces, and offers those attending opportunities to share insights, concerns or inspirations. By encouraging and enabling intellectual, experiential and a deeper sharing, our intent is to 'practice what we preach' and demonstrate the sort of group/community that the world so needs today.

Contact via *Bangor . . . Beyond Meetup*:
www.meetup.com/Bangor-Beyond/



The 2-Dragons Garden at Bangor University's Botanic Garden, photo by Keith Beasley

MEMBERS' ARTICLES AND ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Available from the editor or through links – dl@scimednet.org

SCIENCE

- **Before The Big Bang: Towards a Scientific Revolution**
Frank Parkinson (8 pp.)
Much of our current scientific thinking about microscopic physics and cosmology is probably wrong and will have to be discarded. Maybe in the future there will be a major revolution in physics that will revise our whole idea of realityWhat we now regard as "the origin of the universe" may be the temporal threshold of worlds beyond our imagining.
– Heinz Pagels, *Perfect Symmetry: The Search for the Beginning of Time* (1992)
- **Morphogenetic Fields in Embryogenesis, Regeneration and Cancer: Non-local control of complex patterning**
Michael Levin (19 pp.)
- **"In Space" Or "As Space": Three Dimensions or Not?**
Charles Smith (4 pp.)

MEDICINE-HEALTH

- **Cancer Cell Reprogramming: Stem Cell Differentiation Stage Factors and An Agent Based Model to Optimize Cancer Treatment**
P.M. Biava et al
(12 pp. from *Current Pharmaceutical Biotechnology*, 2011, 12,)

PHILOSOPHY-RELIGION

- **Awakening in the Holy Spirit**
Anne Baring (6 pp.)
(address on 850th Anniversary of Bogomil/Cathar Meeting in 1167 – highly recommended)
- **The Cosmic Context and Gnostic Foundation for All Our Lives**
Paul Hague (2 pp.)
- **Aristotle's Categories of Cause – the case for a fifth proximal cause**
L. R. B. Mann (11 pp.)

PSYCHOLOGY-CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES

- **Fear, Pain, Denial, and Spiritual Experiences in Dying Processes**
Monika Renz et al (14 pp. from *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*)
- **Inter Dimensional Time Travel: A Trans Personal Experience and A Changing Life Long Perspective - A New NDE Perspective**
Cindy Massey (7 pp.)
- **An Evaluation of the Leading with Compassion Recognition Scheme**
Yvonne Sawbridge and Alistair Hewison (34 pp.)
- **Cracking the Hard Problem of Consciousness**
A.K. Mukhopadhyay (15 pp.)
- **The Ladder of Cognition: Abstract Operations, Molecular Biology, Systems Science**
Mukhopadhyay AK (15 pp. from *Annals of Psychiatry and Mental Health*)
- **The Science of Spiritual Psychology**
A K Mukhopadhyay (2 pp. from *Psychology and Behavioral Science*)
- **Life and Consciousness – The Vedantic view**
Bhakti Niskama Shanta (12 pp.)

GENERAL

- **Ubiquity University - A digital-first social learning and innovation platform**
Peter Merry with Griffin de Luce (20 pp.)
- **Transformative Education and the Future of the Species**
Frank Parkinson PhD (7 pp.)
- **What is the Main Obstacle to Creating "Inclusive Prosperity"?**
Prabhu Gupta (5 pp.)
- **Creating Future-Fit Organizations with Super Coherence**
Giles Hutchins (12 pp.)

ONLINE ARTICLES BY ANTHONY JUDGE

- **Envisaging NATO Otherwise -- in 3D and 4D?**
Potentially hidden faces of global strategy highlighted through polyhedra
<https://www.laetusinpraesens.org/docs10s/natologo.php>
- **Refining the Value of Sustainable Development Goals**
In quest of the systemic coherence of global attractors
<https://www.laetusinpraesens.org/docs10s/refine.php>
- **64 Questions for the Environmental Conservationists of the World** *raising the question as to why they are not effectively addressed*
<https://www.laetusinpraesens.org/docs10s/enviques.php>
- **Reframing the Square Wheels of Global Governance**
Transcending vain hopes of squaring the circle in global decision-making
<https://www.laetusinpraesens.org/docs10s/squares.php>

NEWS AND NOTICES

HEART OF LIGHT

David Lorimer writes: Heart of Light is a new initiative supported by the One Spirit Alliance (www.onespiritalliance.net) and building on the idea of the Silent Minute (see Review Section for more information on Wellesley Tudor Pole) by suggesting an attunement at 9 PM local time while also lighting a candle. I was recently in the Bulgarian mountains with Colum Hayward of White Eagle Lodge and other disciples of Peter Deunov, and there we used one of his formulas: "In the fulfilment of the will of God is the power of the human soul" (repeated three times), then, after a pause, a formula from White Eagle: "in the light of the Star, I am aligned with the Love and the Will of God." (also repeated three times). If you would like to be part of this movement, please see further details at www.heartoflight.org. Doing that is both a way of supporting the project and also of making a commitment in yourself to do the attunement each night – or whenever you can.

MONIKA RENZ WORKSHOP IN LONDON DYING – A TRANSITION

Readers may recall my enthusiastic reviews of Monika's books so it is exciting that Max Mackay James is arranging for her to come to London over the weekend of October 7-8.

■ Monika writes:



The dying do not simply have to let go as is often said. They also have to find a new awareness of time, space, and body, in a new connectedness with some fundamentally other mode of existence. Letting go and losing control is a spiritual path towards finding.

The perception of the dying is different, of a special intensity and sensitivity. Participants on this **Dying: a Transition** workshop will explore this 3-stage model (pre-transition / transition / post-transition) both experientially and with critical reflection, including the evidence base.

Enhancing our sensitivity to the altered perception of the dying by music-assisted active imagination. Letting go is an art of releasing and a gift of grace at the same time: it involves enduring 'empty-handedness' and the pain of 'no-longer-being-able-to'.

Because the perception of the dying is different, Monika Renz works not only through inputs and discussion, but also through using images from fairy tales, symbolic language and especially through music-assisted relaxation. Participants have the chance to access and share this different level. Active imagination and monochromatic sound vibration in particular helps us relax and allow our perception to shift, permeating all levels of our being at the limits of our everyday ego. Letting go as well as finding – touching our souls, so it may be, as well as the dying experience – including connecting with the deeper levels of our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual lives.

Details: max@consciousageing.org www.dialog.co.uk

TOLSTOY ON LOVE

The longer I live — especially now when I clearly feel the approach of death — the more I feel moved to express what I feel more strongly than anything else, and what in my opinion is of immense importance, namely, what we call the renunciation of all opposition by force, which really simply means the doctrine of the law of love unperverted by sophistries. Love, or in other words the striving of men's souls towards unity and the submissive behavior to one another that results therefrom, represents the highest and indeed the only law of life, as every man knows and feels in the depths of his heart (and as we see most clearly in children), and knows until he becomes involved in the lying net of worldly thoughts... Any employment of force is incompatible with love.



■ Greg Mallozzi writes:

Once a top name in both science and medicine, Dr. Andrija Puharich put his career and reputation on the line to research the unknown, becoming one of the most controversial figures in modern science. Considered too far out or too ahead of his time, Puharich's work delved into psychic healing, psychic phenomena, consciousness and the reaches of the human mind. This film is the never been told story of a man whose research and theories have both baffled and inspired people around the world, including his colleagues, his family and even top intelligence agencies. What did he really know? Why was his life's research suppressed by establishment science and academia? Only now, decades later, the implications of his research in these areas are beginning to be taken seriously. Incorporating never-been-seen photographs, home movies, unpublished papers and manuscripts, personal journal entries and interviews with family, friends, colleagues and everyone in-between, this film will be a unique look into one of the most controversial yet fascinating figures of the 20th Century.

More info and donations can be given through this site directly: www.puharichfilm.com

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- remember we're a network, and it often takes time for all relevant people to be contacted so when making requests give us time to respond helpfully (and always remember to tell us who you are - we sometimes get forms back with no name at all!)
- help us save money; whenever possible pay in £ sterling and remember to gift aid when you make a payment (subscription, conference fees, etc..) - it maximises funds available for more important things.

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