



Wessex Research Group Network *Newsletter*

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December 2020. This festive newsletter contains a listing of in-person and on-line events, an article, book review and a question posed by Mike Haxeltine of Waverley Dowrs about John Constables painting, the Hay Wain.

Universal Rhythms

By Michael Eastbrook

The great rhythms governing everything on earth are the basic link we have with the realms beyond our planet. The yearly cycle and the manner of our orbit around the sun, bringing summer and winter, day and night, not only order the rhythm of life on earth, but mark our place in a “whole” existing around us, yet far beyond our spheres of comprehension. These rhythms indicate that we occupy a place in an evident yet unknown plan, that we fulfil a part in some Grand Design, as does a small wheel in a gigantic clock, unaware of the purpose or extent of the pattern it belongs in, yet faithfully and steadily continuing its essential role.

Such rhythms, patterns of motion which are as precise and ordered on their cosmic scale as that known in atomic structure; tell us also of a Power within the Universe, a life force holding us within its “form”. This subjective yet essentially magnetic Power works to some immense design of unimaginable dimensions and exerts upon us influences and control even beyond those even of our Sun which governs us so tangibly.

Both Sun and Moon have repeatedly been given godly status in different cultures and civilisations of the past, and the passage of the stars, the formation of the constellations and the phenomena of the skies, such as comets, meteors and eclipses, have all told slowly awakening man tales of worlds beyond the physical Earth and powers beyond those of the human being. Perhaps more than anything else it is the stars that have made man lift his eyes to unfamiliar dimensions and stretch his mind to imagine what can lie beyond our world and what the Power of God can mean. Nothing can have so expanded human awareness, so awakened wonder in men’s hearts or so convinced him of logic power and direction, as the vista of the night sky filled with glittering light bodies processing steadily and pre-determinedly across the void.

Observation of the stars appears to have been a basic function of the “wise men”, magi and priests of earlier civilisations. Astronomy is the oldest of all the sciences and in ancient days went hand in hand like brother and sister with astrology. The qualitative as well as



physical aspects of the bodies in the spheres surrounding Earth were recognised and considered.

Evidence of the widespread observation of the stars is to be found not only in the well known structures such as the Great Pyramid, Stonehenge and those of ancient Greece and the Andes but on barren hills all over Britain and Europe and countless long forgotten high points all over the world over, megaliths, stone circles and temple remains bear witness to the study of the motions of the stars, sun and moon-the rhythms of the Universe.

The Carnac alignments in Southern Brittany are now considered part of a gigantic complex of megalithic structures extending for thousands of miles from Sweden to the Mediterranean. Carbon dating suggests that Carnac was in position long before the Pyramids.

From the surveys of scores of these sites they appear to have been lunar and stellar observatories. Many are of beautiful and complex design with precision of pattern and size. Prehistoric man was deeply aware of the connection between life on Earth and the movements of the heavenly bodies. These rhythms were obviously important to man’s survival; changing the climate, controlling the tides, directed the movement of animals, birds and fish and indicated the cycles of sowing and harvesting.

For practical reasons they had to be forecast and understood. But perhaps there were also spiritual reasons and we may presume that recognition of these great rhythms and fostering respect for them played an important part in the growth of man’s religious and spiritual sense. He was compelled to realise that he was part of something greater than his immediate environment and that his personal life needed to be conducted recognising the existence of an all- encompassing higher power.

IN PERSON EVENTS

2 Dec **London**

the Karma of Materialism

Trevor Dance

rsh.anth.org.uk

2 Dec **Bexley**

Introduction to Meditation

FISU.org

6 Dec **Glastonbury**

Divine Union Soundbath

Dean Carter

centreforpuresound.org

6 Dec **Bracknell**

Introduction to Meditation

FISU.org

7 Dec **Chingford North**

Introduction to Meditation

FISU.org

8 Dec **London**

the Apocalypse for the Clergy

Brendan McQuillan

rsh.anth.org.uk

11 Dec **London**

Spiritual Science as a Foundation
for Social Forms

Brendan McQuillan

rsh.anth.org.uk

11 Dec **Glastonbury & Avebury**

Christmas in Glastonbury

and Avebury

Megalithic Tours

megalithictours.com

11 Dec **London**

Awakening to the Holy Spirit

Marys Conception of the

Jesus Child

Louise Sofair

rsh.anth.org.uk

12 Dec **London**

Sagittarius 2020

River Thames London

Wheel of Life Pilgrimage

gatekeeper.org.uk

12 Dec **Wiltshire**

Avebury by Torchlight

Peter Knight

stoneseeker.net

12 Dec **Bridport**

Divine Union Soundbath

Dean Carter

centreforpuresound.org

18 Dec **Stroud**

Winter Solstice Yoga Retreat

Mel Skinner

hawthorncollege.co.uk

19 Dec **Cumbria**

Solstice & Lake District at

Christmas

Megalithic Tours

megalithictours.com

20 Dec **Blakeney**

Venus Winter Solstice Workshop

Mandy Pullen

ecoshamanism.org.uk

20 Dec **West Kennet**

Winter Solstice Shamanic

Gathering

Peter Knight

stoneseeker.net

27 Dec **France**

Megaliths of Brittany's Côtes-

d'Armor & St. Malo

Megalithic Tours

megalithictours.com

27 Dec **Sherborne**

Divine Union Soundbath

Dean Carter

centreforpuresound.org

28 Dec **Erraid**

New Year Retreat

findhorn.org

ON-LINE EVENTS

4 Dec

The Primacy of Consciousness:

The Next Great Scientific

Revolution

mysticsandscientists.org

13 Dec

Jesus is Calling You

Swami Aliananda Paramahansa

worldpeacemission.com

ON-LINE TALKS

1 Dec

Conversations that Matter

Catherine Lucas

hawthorncollege.co.uk

1 Dec

Yoga Nidra

Experience Psychic Sleep

Grainne McAnallan

collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

2 Dec

All in the Same Canoe –

Indigenous Approaches to

Consciousness and Culture

What if we listened deeply to the

Voice of the Earth?

Apela Colorado, Leroy Little Bear

& David Lorimer

mysticsandscientists.org

3 Dec

Dowsing Magic for the

21st Century

Grahame Gardner

tamar-dowsers.org

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21st Century

Grahame Gardner

devondowsers.org.uk

4 Dec

What Happens When We Die?

Dr Sue Peat & Philip Martyn

rsh.anth.org.uk

5 Dec

Bird Spirit Healing Part 1

Karen Stead-Baxter

thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk

6 Dec

Shamanic Sundays Group

Mandy Pullen

ecoshamanism.org.uk

6 Dec

Greta Garbo

the Hidden Theosophist

Moon Laramie

theosophicalsociety.org.uk

6 Dec

the Old Stones

the Megalithic Portal

Andy Burnham

tamar-dowsers.org

8 Dec

Nature and Travel Writing

Stephen Moss & Gail Simmons

hawthorncollege.co.uk

9 Dec

Secularity and Science: A Cross

Cultural Perspective

Prof Elaine Howard Ecklund

mysticsandscientists.org

11 Dec

Awakening to Paradise

Geoffrey Norris

rsh.anth.org.uk

13 Dec

Consciousness Cosmic

and Human

Petra Meyer

theosophicalsociety.org.uk

16 Dec

Religion and Spirituality in the

Modern World

Prof Keith Ward

mysticsandscientists.org

16 Dec

Astrology Talk

Sessions on the Stars

Mark Graham

hawthorncollege.co.uk

18 Dec

Review of 2021

David Matthews

Tel. 01803 867145

29 Dec

Capricorn

Meditation Transforming

Planetary Consciousness

Webinar

UN@aquaac.org

ON-LINE WORKSHOPS

3 Dec
Sustainable Living; Eco-winter
Natalie Fee
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

3 Dec
the Guide Workout
Maria Antoniou
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

3 Dec
Writing Our Way to
Winter Solstice
Mary Reynolds Thompson
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

4 Dec
the Gifts of the Celts
Celebrating Celtic Wisdom
John and Caitlin Matthews
& Ian Rees
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

5 Dec
Arcturus. Star Energies
and Ascension
Carol Nayach
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

6 Dec
Breathwork and Meditation
Sven Carlson
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

10 Dec
Sustainable Living At Home
Mary Portas
hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

13 Dec
Seasonal Spellcraft
the Seed Sistas
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

13 Dec
the Psychic Language of Colour
Daniel Pitt
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

20 Dec
Ignite the Light Within
Archangels Metatron, Dokieli
and Goddess Isis
Liesel Duffy
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

21 Dec
Riding Light Waves to our
Vibrational Evolution
Dr Christine Page
collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

26 Dec
Time Out of Time
Omens and Dreaming on the 12
Days of Christmas
Mandy Pullen
ecoshamanism.org.uk

Evidence of Geopathic Stress in Constable's Picture the Hay Wain?

Finished in 1821 John Constable's picture the Hay Wain depicts a rural scene on the River Stour. Mike Haxeltine of Waverley Dowzers mike.haxeltine@talktalk.net is interested to know people's thoughts on whether the oak trees (around 120 years old at the time of painting) are displaying evidence of geopathic stress (some branches bent)



Book Review: Sensing the Earth - Messages from the Wisdom Teachers

Edited by Peter Knight & Sue Wallace

This inspiring and eclectic anthology brings together 50 'wisdom keepers', who share their expertise, passion and timely messages about our planet, landscapes and sacred sites and how we can live more profound and sustainable lives. Many of the essays were written during the first COVID-19 lockdown, and suggest ways we can move forward to a more hopeful future.

Subjects include earth mysteries, connecting with nature, mythical landscapes, the Goddess, shamanism, druidism, sacred sites, earth energies and dowsing, ancient and indigenous wisdom, ley lines, sacred waters, pilgrimage, sacred sound, crop circles, rewilding, environmentalism and geopolitics. This is a collaborative endeavour between some of Britain's top authors and leading lights in their field. As well as essays and poetry this book includes hundreds of full colour images .. all ways of sensing the Earth. Contact Peter at stoneseecker@waitrose.com

To promote an event or submit a contribution to the newsletter email Robert at robertmulliss900@uwclub.net or log on to www.wessexresearchgroup.org