



# Wessex Research Group Network *Newsletter*

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**N**ovember 2020 promises to be an interesting month not least because of a full moon on October 31st in Scorpio/Taurus when the Moon is exactly conjunct to Uranus, the Sun in opposition to Uranus. Big shake ups in prospect?

In Totnes author and researcher Roy Snelling is forming a new group called "Torbay Geomancers". The focus of the group is on the subjects of geomancy, leys, sacred sites and Earth mysteries. Contact Roy at [roysnelling88@gmail.com](mailto:roysnelling88@gmail.com) for further information.

During November the Totnes Astrology Group will be hosting a special on-line meeting about the forthcoming Jupiter/Saturn Conjunction in Aquarius on 21 December. The "Great Mutation", or the Great Chronocrator, is the first of a 200 year series of conjunctions featuring Air Signs – of which we had a foretaste in 1980/81 with the conjunction in Libra. These conjunctions are important and refer to and accompany major societal trends and developments. For further information about the event contact David Matthews at [dave@starlynx.plus.com](mailto:dave@starlynx.plus.com)

## **Gaia. Scientific Theory or Template for World Consciousness**

**By Trevor Day**

*"In the beginning there was darkness and in the darkness hovered a black bird Nyx. Nyx laid an egg the egg hatched and from it emerged Eros who flew away on golden wings. The two halves of the egg shell fell apart. One half became Uranus the sky, the other became Gaia the Earth"*

The idea of a female archetype central to describing the Earth precedes written accounts. Fertility symbols found in caves, on pottery, carvings and drawings several thousand years old, tell us that the idea of a life giving, nurturing Goddess energy was inherent within ancient civilisations worldwide.

The first written accounts of Gaia are associated with Orphic culture. These records show how the idea of Gaia was Indo-European, extending through Egypt, India, Greece and Northern Europe cultures. Aspects of Gaia became enshrined in Roman and Greek gods, with words like 'Geography' and 'Geology' still part of our modern language and derived from "Ge" the Greek word for Earth.



During the 1960's the idea of Gaia re-emerged as a scientific hypothesis notably through the work of James Lovelock. A Professor of Cybernetics, Lovelock had been approached by NASA to devise a method for determining whether there was life on Mars. This led him back to the question of 'what is life?' and 'how do you know if it is present?'

Lovelock concluded that life is detectable when the biotic begins to modify the abiotic, changing the environment from purely physical and chemical considerations. Living things are highly ordered, require an energy source, process raw materials and produce waste.

On Earth the impact of life has changed the atmosphere, reducing Carbon Dioxide levels from 95% to 0.4% and increasing Nitrogen and Oxygen levels to 79% and 21% respectively. This process has taken more than 3.7 billion years and it has had the effect of regulating the Earth's temperature, despite the Sun warming up as part of its own life cycle.

Lovelock gave us the idea that the Earth is self organising, behaving like a super organism with life centre stage. Life evolves into more life and the Earth evolves into a living organism; the living systems of Earth creating conditions favourable to the continuation of their existence. Everything is interrelated, with the biotic and abiotic parts also working together in this process.

The spiritual notion of Gaia is rooted in ancient culture with modern Gaia grounded in science. Gaia the idea, offers humanity a way forward; one where we place the concept of life and interconnectedness central to our thinking, rather than separation, materialism and dominion. We then have a common human purpose that allows us, to blend the best of science with a spirituality to support the evolution of life and consciousness.

## ON-LINE EVENTS

5 Nov  
Tell Me A Story: Re-Imagining  
Education through Storytelling.  
Creativity and the Art of  
Imagination  
[rsh.anth.org.uk](http://rsh.anth.org.uk)

28 Nov  
Loving the Land  
Gatekeeper Trust  
Annual Conference  
[gatekeeper.org.uk](http://gatekeeper.org.uk)

28 Nov  
Beyond Flatland  
A Day of Transformative  
Ways of Knowing  
[mysticsandscientists.org](http://mysticsandscientists.org)

## ON-LINE TALKS

1 Nov  
Shamanic Sundays Group  
Mandy Pullen  
[ecoshamanism.org.uk](http://ecoshamanism.org.uk)

4 Nov  
Meeting of the Glastonbury  
Pagan Moot  
[glastonburymoot.catnip.uk](http://glastonburymoot.catnip.uk)

5 Nov  
COVID the Post Viral  
Energy Footprint  
Alla Svirinskaya  
Tel. 0207 589 3292  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

8 Nov  
Esotericism and the  
Evolution of Consciousness  
Gary Lachman  
[theosophicalsociety.org.uk](http://theosophicalsociety.org.uk)

9 Nov  
How to Know Higher Worlds  
Dr Sue Peat & Philip Martyn  
[rsh.anth.org.uk](http://rsh.anth.org.uk)

10 Nov  
the Gnostic Gospel of Mary  
Magdalene  
David Lorimer  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

10 Nov  
Sacred Sites, Earth Energies  
and Landscape Fertility  
Dr Patrick MacManaway  
[devondowers.org.uk](http://devondowers.org.uk)

14 Nov  
Introduction to Kriya  
Swami Aliananda  
[kriyayoga.org.uk](http://kriyayoga.org.uk)

15 Nov  
Shamanism in the Modern World  
Is there a Place for a  
Shaman Today  
Derek Gane  
[devondowers.org.uk](http://devondowers.org.uk)

15 Nov  
the Shamanic Pathway  
Derek Gane  
[tamar-dowers.org](http://tamar-dowers.org)

18 Nov  
Demonstration of Spirit Portraits  
June Elleni Laine  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

22 Nov  
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Gary Lachman  
[theosophicalsociety.org.uk](http://theosophicalsociety.org.uk)

23 Nov  
How to Know Higher Worlds  
Dr Sue Peat & Philip Martyn  
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24 Nov  
the Great Mutation  
the forthcoming Jupiter/Saturn  
Conjunction in Aquarius  
David Matthews  
Tel. 01803 867145

29 Nov  
Sagittarius Sunday  
Meditation Transforming  
Planetary Consciousness  
Webinar  
[UN@aquaac.org](mailto:UN@aquaac.org)

## ON-LINE WORKSHOPS

9 Nov  
Ascension Activation Retreat  
Chris Bourne  
[openhandweb.org](http://openhandweb.org)

9 Nov  
Tai Chi for  
Body Mind and Spirit  
Chris Taylor  
[hawkwoodcollege.co.uk](http://hawkwoodcollege.co.uk)

9 Nov  
the Journey Intensive  
Brandon Bays  
[thejourney.com](http://thejourney.com)

12 Nov  
Mediumistic Workout  
Maria Antoniou  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

14 Nov  
the Tarot of Light and Shadow  
John Matthews & Andrea Aste  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

15 Nov  
TLC Training from the Soul  
Midwives School  
Mandy Preece  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

21 Nov  
Metaphysical Anatomy  
Evette Rose  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

21 Nov  
Secrets of the Thoth Tarot  
Hernan Cotroneo  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

21 Nov  
No Ego Retreat  
Brandon Bays  
& Kevin Billet  
[thejourney.com](http://thejourney.com) 21 Nov  
Symbols from the Spirit World  
Developing Mediumship  
Claire Broad  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

21 Nov  
Chod. An Ancient Tibetan  
Esoteric Practice  
Erik Jampa Andersson  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

22 Nov  
the Guiding Force  
Daniel Pitt  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

23 Nov  
Ascension Activation Retreat  
Chris Bourne  
[openhandweb.org](http://openhandweb.org)

25 Nov  
Awakening the Sage Within  
Felice Rhiannon  
[hawkwoodcollege.co.uk](http://hawkwoodcollege.co.uk)

25 Nov  
Radical Rest: Yoga  
Finding the Stillness Within  
Mel Skinner  
[hawkwoodcollege.co.uk](http://hawkwoodcollege.co.uk)

27 Nov  
Guidance with the Angels  
Liesl Duffy  
[collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk)

28 Nov  
Transforming Our World  
from Within  
Stephen Busby  
& Susan Miles  
[findhorn.org](http://findhorn.org)

29 Nov  
Relax and Reset  
with Kundalini Yoga  
Gemma Bliss  
[hawkwoodcollege.co.uk](http://hawkwoodcollege.co.uk)

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contribution to the newsletter  
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or log on to  
www.wessexresearchgroup.org*