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The newsletter for January 2013 contains information on a number of initiatives for the year ahead including a South American Crystal Skull pilgrimage and NAWI the New Awe Writing Initiative.

The Bath Positive Living Group are planning to hold four theme days scheduled for March, June, September and November during 2013. March's theme is Personal and Spiritual development followed by Astrology and Earth energies (June), Breath and Sound (September) and Shamanism, Mystics and Spirituality (November). If you are interested in speaking, contributing or attending any of these events please contact Jacqui by emailing info@jacquistorm.co.uk

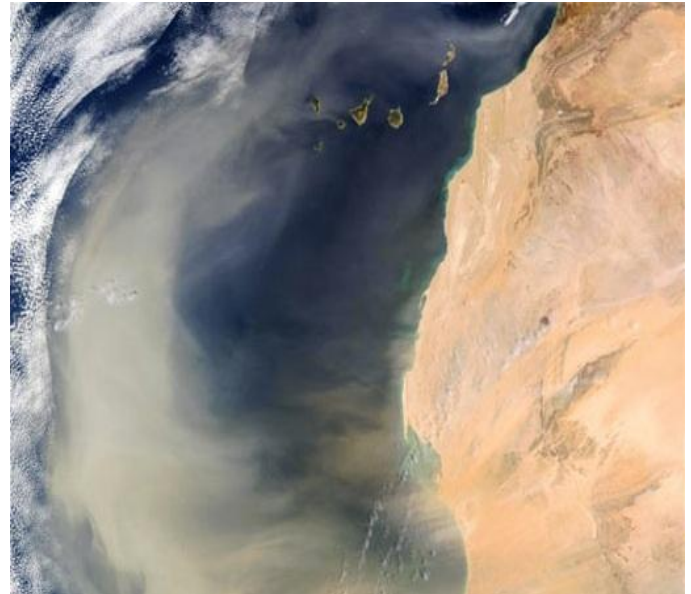
Could the Amazon Rain Forest be only a Few Thousand Years Old?

By Gary Gilligan

The Amazon Rainforest is a moist broadleaf forest that covers most of the Amazon Basin of South America. This basin encompasses seven million square kilometres (1.7 billion acres), of which five and a half million square kilometres (1.4 billion acres) are covered by lush green rainforest. Over half of the rainforest is located in Brazil but it is also located in other South American countries including Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia, Guyana, Bolivia, Suriname and French Guiana.

This rain forest represents over half of the planet's rainforests, comprising the largest and most species-rich tract. It is home to half of all life on the planet and believed to be one of the oldest living systems on the earth and about 55 million years old.

The vast Sahara desert (almost as large as the US) wasn't always a vast desolate ocean of sand. Around 5,000 years ago it was a very different terrain. It was a sub-tropical paradise where deer, hippos and elephants were hunted and giraffes and rhinoceros roamed the area. With a plentiful supply of food, thousands of hunter-gatherers flocked to live in this lush savannah. North Africa was once teeming with people. What happened to this lush green world? Where did all the sand in the Sahara come from? We certainly know that much of it (an estimated 54,000 tons of desert dust) flows from Africa to South America every day. The minerals in the dust dissolve into water droplets and fall on the Amazon as rain. In this way, a staggering 40 million tons of African desert dust is delivered to the Amazon every year. Without this remarkable arrangement in nature the Amazonian rainforest – with all its plant and animal life, and all its astounding biodiversity – could not exist as we know it.



Above: Satellite image showing a cloud of Saharan sand blown off the west coast of Africa and heading westwards. Source: NASA

Recent studies have suggested the Sahara gradually shifted from savannah 6,000 years ago to its now vast oceans of sand about 2,700 years ago. It has also been suggested that the iron rich sands were extraterrestrial in origin because it was reasoned that as sand takes tens of thousands, if not millions of years to form (Saharan sand is believed to be seven million years old), it would be absolutely impossible for such a colossal amount of sand to form in what is a blink of an eye in geological terms; an ex-terrestrial source providing a very plausible solution.

Either way the fact is the Sahara desert didn't exist 6,000 years ago. This raises the most obvious question; how can the Amazon rainforest be 55 million years old if the Sahara is only a few thousand years old? How is it possible for a desert that until recently didn't exist, to sustain a tropical rainforest thousands of kilometres away for 55 million years? Using scientists own dates it makes no sense whatsoever, it doesn't add up. The Amazon rainforest with all its diverse plant and animal life, can only be a few thousand years old.

In light of the above perhaps the 'millions of years' dates so often ascribed to many of Earth's geological features such as mountain ranges, ice caps, volcanoes, rivers and land masses should also be called into question. Maybe much of what we see today has been shaped by some very recent catastrophic events in the heavens rather than formation over a much longer time span.

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Joyous Isle workshops
www.joyousisle.com

www.awarenesscentre.org.uk

www.stoneseeker.net

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Tel. 01935 389655

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www.martinsey.org.uk

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www.angellight.co.uk

Taunton Association for
Psychodynamics (TAP)
Tel. 01823 665798

www.wccsg.com

www.innerpotential.org

www.wrekinforum.org

Theosophical Society in Scotland

www.findhorn.org

West Somerset Dowsers
Tel. 01460 281450

www.theswa.org.uk

www.unicorn-at-rainbows-end.org

Totnes WRG
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www.angelmagic.biz

Aquarian Age Community
www.aquaac.org

EVENTS

Radstock 4 Jan
Epiphany Retreat
Ammerdown Centre
www.ammerdown.org

Burrowbridge 6 Jan
New Year Lunch
West Somerset Dowsers
http://westsomersestdowsers.org

Wellington 8 Jan
Annual General Meeting
and Social Evening
Wellington Pagan Moot
Tel. 01823 665868

Stoke Trister 9 Jan
Vale Centre Gathering
www.valehealing.co.uk

TALKS

Yeovil 2 Jan
an Evening of Clairvoyance
Jenny Ann
Tel. 01963 220306

Glastonbury 2 Jan
Meeting of the Pagan Moot
Tel. Tim 07747 897 621

Staplehill 3 Jan
the Rise and Fall of Atlantis
John Gordon
Tel. Dave 07977 144147

Bath PLG 7 Jan
2013

Bob Anderson
bath.plg@gmail.com

Bournemouth PLG 7 Jan
Love Money Magic and Miracles
Kimberley Lovell
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

Stoke Trister 8 Jan
Learn to Give Great Head,
Neck and Shoulder Massage
Jan Trewartha
Tel. Jan 01753 867877

Glastonbury PLG 9 Jan
Beyond 2012.
What Happens Next?
Chris Bourne
Tel. Kath 01749 671483

Beaconsfield 13 Jan
Animal Navigation
Richard Nissen
Tel. Susan 01494 813 214

Bristol 13 Jan
the Game of Life and How
to Play it Energetically
Jackie Notman
Tel. Lea 01749 678834

Sherborne 14 Jan
Mexihka Medicine
and Philosophy
Eloxochitl
Tel. Jennie 01935 817685

Bournemouth PLG 14 Jan
the Magic of Astrology
Pam Gregory
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

London (CPS) 15 Jan
the End of 2012
What Happens Now?
Brendon Mooney
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Glastonbury PLG 16 Jan
Sick and Tired
of Being Sick and Tired?
Caroline Nettle
Tel. Kath 01749 671483

Lymington PLG 16 Jan
Conscious Aging the
Grand Adventure
Persephone Arbour
Tel. Jude 07717 650773

Yeovil 16 Jan
the Study of Electro Sensitivity
Peter Gane
Tel. 01963 220306

Taunton 18 Jan
Navigating the Landscape of
Sexual Trauma Landmarks and
Resources for an Effective
Therapeutic Encounter
Angela McCormack
Tel. 01823 663215

Bristol 20 Jan
an Afternoon of Mediumship
Peter Steedman &
Lindy Cowling
Tel. Lea 01749 678834

Bournemouth PLG 21 Jan
the Silva Method
Gabriel Ostend
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

Woodshaw 21 Jan
the Energy of Numbers
an Introduction to Numerology
Jackie Notman
www.wyverndowsing.freeserve.co.uk

Bath 21 Jan
Bath Storytelling Circle
Tel. David 01225 482170

Glastonbury WRG 22 Jan
Madame Blavatsky
Lion of Light
Gordon Strong
Tel. Mick 01458 835620

Lymington PLG 23 Jan
Alexander Technique
Doris Prugel Bennett
Tel. Jude 07717 650773

Glastonbury PLG 23 Jan
Tools of Transformation
Lesley Cabral
Tel. Kath 01749 671483

London (RILKO) 25 Jan
Manly P Hall
the Murdered Magician
Geraldine Beskin
Tel. Rob 0845 2260531

Torquay 27 Jan
2013
David Matthews
Tel. 01803 867145

Bournemouth PLG 28 Jan
the Healing and Empowering
Energy of Sound
Sara Barford
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

London (CPS) 29 Jan
Do You Feel Lost Trying to
Lead Your Life Spiritually
Nigel Peace
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Glastonbury PLG 30 Jan
Codes of the Universal Self
Clare Russell
Tel. Kath 01749 671483

Yeovil 30 Jan
Food Allergy or
Food Intolerance?
Dr Tim Robinson
Tel. 01963 220306

WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Wimborne 1 Jan
Shiatsu
Bill Palmer
Tel. 01202 841522

Totnes 4 Jan
Cosmology
David Matthews
Tel. 01803 867145

London (CPS) 5 Jan
the Alchemy of Voice
Stage 1: Awakening
Stewart Pearce
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Oborne 6 Jan
Healing Voice Circle
Dean Carter
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

London (CPS) 6 Jan
the Alchemy of Voice
Stage 2: Initiation
Stewart Pearce
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Lymington PLG 6 Jan
A Whole Lotta Loving
Kathryn Vere
Tel. Jude 07717 650773

London (CPS) 12 Jan
the Fundamentals of Psychic
Development Part 1
Sharry Clarke
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Forres 12 Jan
Living in Community
Guest Programme
Astrid Gude &
Elisabeth Tonsberg
Tel. 01309 690311

Longburton 12 Jan
Heal Your Life
Louise Salmon
Tel. 01963 210665

Glastonbury 12 Jan
Five Gateways
Activation (level 1)
Chris Bourne
Tel. 01458 830443

London (CPS) 13 Jan
Voices of the Ancestors
Mark Wentworth &
Fiilpe De Moura
Tel. 0207 589 3292

West Yelland 13 Jan
Getting to the Heart of the Matter
Experience Day
Valerie Coburn
Tel. 01271 860317

Milford on Sea 13 Jan
the Gift of Sound
Vocal and Tibetan Bowls
Tel. Lorna 01590 642994

London (CPS) 13 Jan
Alchemy Evolution
Stewart Pearce
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Ilton 19 Jan
First Degree Reiki
Margaret Merrison
Tel. 01460 53699

London (CPS) 19 Jan
Financial Empowerment
Using Your Intuition
Debby Kay Edwards
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Glastonbury 19 Jan
the Template
Sacred Geometry
Claudie Planche
Tel. 01458 835506

Longburton 19 Jan
Past Life Regression
Louise Salmon
Tel. 01963 210665

Glastonbury 20 Jan
Shekinashram
Divine Union Soundbath
Dean Carter
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

Ilton 20 Jan
Second Degree Reiki
Margaret Merrison
Tel. 01460 53699

London (CPS) 20 Jan
Vital Energy Management
for Avoiding Burn Out
Davina MacKail
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Halesworth 22 Jan
Head, Neck and Shoulders
Learn to Give Lovely
Massage
Jan Trewartha
Tel. 07724 027 748

Wimborne 25 Jan
Bones for Life
Adam Ward
Tel. 01202 841522

Cullompton 26 Jan
Successful Communication
Chris & Veronica Croft
Tel. 01884 855759

Plymouth 26 Jan
Dowsing Basic and Advanced
Aaron Bray
Tel. 07973120244

Radstock 26 Jan
Meditation and Mindfulness
an Introductory Workshop
John Preston &
Mark Scholefield
Tel. 01761 433709

Forres 26 Jan
A Gift to Cluny
Spring Clean Celebration
Findhorn Foundation
Tel. 01309 690311

Stroud 26 Jan
Loving What Is
the Work of Byron Katie
Joginder and Marketa Bola
Tel. 01453 759034

Berlin 26 Jan
Five Gateways
Activation (level 1)
Chris Bourne
Tel. 01458 830443

London (CPS) 26 Jan
Vital Energy Management
for Avoiding Burn Out
Vicky Sweetlove
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Oborne 27 Jan
Divine Union Soundbath
Dean Carter
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

London (CPS) 27 Jan
Angels of Atlantis
Practitioner Programme
Stewart Pearce
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Weymouth 29 Jan
Drumming Circle
Claire
Tel. 07879 625517

Ilton 29 Jan
Unicorn 6 day Teacher
Training Course
Margaret Merrison
Tel. 01460 53699

LIGHTWORKER GROUPS

Global Meditation Event
1 Jan 9pm
www.networkoflight.org

Ringwood (weds)
Yoga & Meditation
Tel. 07976547606

Totnes (fridays)
Astrology Group Meeting
Tel. David 01803 867145

Chelmsford (tuesdays)
Inspire Your Soul Evening
Tel. 01245 361274

Shepton Mallet (saturdays)
Quan Yin and El Morya
2012 Study Group
Tel. Andrew 01749 346744

Sturminster Newton
Safe Journey Resource
and Drop in Centre
Martinsey Isle Trust
Tel. Judith 01258 475125

Bournemouth (tuesdays)
Channelling & Meditation
Tel. Gary 01202 418291

Weymouth (thurs / friday)
Lightworker Development
Tel. Tricia 01305 784348

TRIPS, TOURS & VISITS

Yatesbury 27 Jan
Yatesbury Church
Wyvern Dowsers
www.wyverndowsing.freeserve.co.uk

Pilgrimage of the Crystal Skull of the Lacandons

To all the Initiates in the Mayan Wisdom: May the Great Father Sun be with you when you receive this message.

The Mayan Council is requesting help to support a pilgrimage of the crystal skull of the Lacandons called K'in Batz. This pilgrimage is going to leave from the lands of the Fundación Cultural Maya Lol Be on March 21 2013, passing through several Mayan temples, until arriving at its final destination, the temples of Palenque in the Lacandon lands.

We are requesting financial assistance to facilitate the forthcoming pilgrimage and also to support the production of a film documenting a recent pilgrimage of the sacred crystal skulls that went from New York to Sedona, AZ. If you can help us in any way please contact Brother Gabriel Romero by emailing mayan20@prodigy.net.mx

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www.Mindspiritnetwork.com

Bath Storytelling Circle.
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the London Forum.

www.londoncircles.net

Bournemouth PLG

www.powerofpositiveliving.com

www.body-spirit.co.uk

www.fire-in-the-head.co.uk

www.chalicewell.org.uk

www.unicorncentre.co.uk

www.mysticklight.com

www.thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk

www.libraryofavalon.org.uk

Bath PLG

Glastonbury PLG

Lymington PLG

Shaftesbury PLG

www.positivelivinggroups.org.uk

www.theosophical-society.org.uk

www.fisu.org/en

www.Loveandlight.co.uk

www.hospiceoftheheart.org

www.openhandweb.org

www.stargaia.com

www.white-elk-woman.com

www.RILKO.net

www.Psychic-Sanctum.co.uk

www.Enneagram-uk.com

www.sacredconnections.co.uk

www.revolutionof2012.net

www.networkoflight.org

www.megalithictours.com

www.westsomersetdowsers.org

www.gauntshouse.com

www.educationaid.net

Sea Spirit Centre

<http://spiritual-courses.co.uk>

www.collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

[www.wyverndowsing@freeserve.co.uk](mailto:wyverndowsing@freeserve.co.uk)

www.brslsi.org

www.valehealing.co.uk

www.fifthdimensionalnetwork.com

www.energeticsolutions.co.uk

www.kabbalahcentres.com

Totnes Astrology Group

Aspects of Reality

By Marian Matthews

Probably most people reading this newsletter, whatever their interests and disciplines, would agree on one thing; that the mainstream version of the nature of the reality in which we live is not the whole story. As spiritual beings grounded in physicality we can understand the idea of a true bigger picture, something that can be deduced from the glimpses and clues that the universe makes available to us. It is as if we are looking at the reflections from one of those old fashioned glitter balls that used to hang from ballroom ceilings. They are as they are, but as the light shines on them and they turn, all we can see are the, seemingly random, reflections bouncing back from their multiple facets. Not only that, but the reflections may look different to everyone watching, depending where they are standing and what light is shining on them at the time.

What we can see are just reflections, or aspects, of the many factors making up our reality. In this article I have identified what I consider to be the main ones.

Our atomic structure means that we are made of nothing more than vibrating parcels of energy. Energies flood through our universe, atomic, electromagnetic and gravitational. We are energy beings living in an energy matrix. Even our thoughts and emotions are energy, not necessarily constrained by our physical bodies. Our consciousness is the only way we know we exist.

This consciousness can be proved to be separate from, but working in harmony with, our physical bodies. It can be seen as our essence or soul. Near death and out of body experiences, communication with dead, past life memories and the existence of ghosts prove continuation of our soul / essence in some form after physical death.

Science states that we are just products of random evolutionary forces. It cannot yet explain why life exists, and how it first came into being and even where the energy of the big bang, which is supposed to have triggered creation, came from. There is no evolutionary need for the level of consciousness that we have. Concepts like karma and good and evil also hint at a more complex a bigger picture.

Science says that we live in a multidimensional universe, perhaps even a multi-verse. Quantum mechanics gives possible mechanisms for telepathy and interconnectedness. It also hints that reality may be more individual than we think. Matter at quantum level only settles into its final form when someone observes it. We are multi layered beings. Spirit or subtle bodies seem to work along side our physical bodies. There is theory that we all grow, not randomly, but to an energy blue print.

Many people have extraordinary psychic abilities. Also, disciplines such as numerology, astrology and I Ching seem to act as sort of guidance systems to help us through life. The very existence of these skills and disciplines, hints at a complex big picture of reality, even deliberate design. We do not seem to be alone. There are beings seemingly helping us. Angels, spirit guides, ET's and nature spirits, among others.

Why should all this be so in a random world?

What is at the heart of our glitter ball we cannot know but maybe 2013 will be the year in which we begin to understand our role within an interconnected universe. May the year ahead be an enlightening one for us all.

Marian's latest book called the **Seven Aspects of Reality: A User's Guide to the Universe** fully presents her research, combining scientific theory and spirituality with alternative thinking about the nature of the universe.

It is written in such a way to be accessible to all, encouraging the reader to look at the clues, or reflections that the universe gives us, so that they might get a sense of the possible true nature of our universe and use this knowledge to live better lives. ISBN 978-1-906289-21-8 the book is available from Archive Publishers, Amazon and all good bookshops.

Marian is also available to give talks about her research to groups formal or informal, large or small. For further information log on to www.marianmatthews.com or email her at marian.matthews3@gmail.com

New Awe Writing Initiative (NAWI)

The New Awe Writing Project (NAWI) is a project designed to provide a platform for original new voices, writing in English anywhere in the world. We are keen to promote writing that dazzles and inspires – writing that moves and motivates, be it poetry, prose fiction, life-writing or essay ... virtually any written form you can think of – as long as it makes us go 'Wow!' We want work which makes the reader look at the familiar in an unfamiliar way; that makes us appreciate the world we live in, who we are, and what we can be.

Poems can be a sequence; and the prose certainly needs to be complete (not a fragment). Both need to be unpublished and original. Entries have to be in UK English, either 3 poems (up to 100 lines); or between 1000-3000 words and previously unpublished. NAWI opens on 21 December 2012 and closes June 21 2013. We are hoping that the initiative will become an annual event.

Entries will be collected into an Anthology of the New Sublime that will be published late October 2013, to celebrate Awen's tenth anniversary (a special showcase will be arranged). Contributors will be invited to perform at a launch celebration in Stroud, England (and possibly other launch events). Authors who really impress us might be asked to develop a proposal for a single-author project at a later date.

For a full description of the submission rules and an entry form write to NAWI at, 78 Daisybank, Bisley Rd, Stroud, Glos, GL5 1HG or visit the web site of Awen Publications. www.awenpublications.co.uk/new_awe.html

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