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Newsletter

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December and we welcome two new groups (Devon Dowsers and Wellspring) to the Wessex Research Group Network. Devon Dowsers are based in Chulmleigh, Devon and can be contacted through their web site www.devondowsers.org.uk

Wellspring is a new group meeting monthly in Rode (nr Frome), Somerset. There will be talks on diverse topics including health and well-being, earth mysteries, astrology and other alternative ideas. For further information contact Caroline Williams on 01373 831046 or email carolinewilliams205@gmail.com

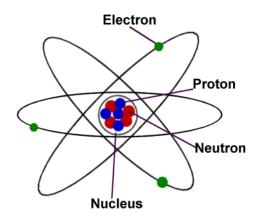
Computer or Base Reality?

By Marian Matthews

Recently Elon Musk, founder of PayPal and owner of Tesla and Space x, came out with a statement that doubted that our reality was the way we thought it was at all. Musk stated that the chance we're in 'base reality' is rather small; saying it's almost fact we're living in a computer program developed by future civilizations. His argument is that computer world simulation is currently developing so fast that soon the difference between simulation and reality will be indistinguishable and therefore there's a good chance that future civilizations have already developed this technology and put us into their simulation. Could this be possible? Could we be nothing but holograms in a computer simulation of reality?

Well, this may or may not be the ultimate truth, but before it is dismissed as pure fantasy, we have to ask; could it actually be a possibility? Surprisingly when you look at our basic physical construction, and the construction of all around us, the concept may not be so farfetched at all.

We seem to be solid beings, but science will tell you that this apparent solidity is an illusion. We, and all around us in the universe are constructed at base from nothing more that atoms of the naturally occurring elements of our galaxy. All Earthly biological systems, are made of these atoms in different combinations. The construction of atoms ranges from simple hydrogen with one proton, neutron and electron, to the very dense heavy metals with multiple protons electrons and neutrons. Atoms are themselves mostly empty space. It is the relative densities of the various atoms that make things seem solid. We can walk through air because it is less dense than we are, we cannot walk through metal because it is much denser than we are. Not only that, but the little ball things of the conventional illustration of an atom are not actually balls at all. They are constructed of nothing



Above: Structure of the Atom

more than pinches of vibrating energy, or quanta. So we are, in fact nothing more than beings made of this energy.

We also live in a grid of energies that flow through and hold our universe together. These include gravity, electro-magnetic, strong atomic and weak atomic forces. Our actual physical reality is that we are energy beings living in an energy matrix.

So, as energy beings we could be nothing more than holograms. Even our thoughts are energy. Although it is only our thoughts, part of our consciousness that make us aware that we exist as individuals. We know we exist because we are literally conscious of the fact. We can be sure of nothing else. All we know of the world is taken in by our sense organs and processed by our brain. We can be fooled by both.

This so called hologramatic view of the universe is a respectable scientific theory, although holograms do have originals somewhere. We could also be a computer simulation but may not be able to tell especially if we have been programmed not to.

I have always thought of our existence as some sort of interactive video game. Elon's assumptions though are on one level too simplistic. Why would alien beings simulate reality? What would be in it for them? What about our consciousness/soul? There is overwhelming evidence that it does leave the physical body (whatever it consists of) after physical death. There is a bigger picture here that mere science has yet to come to terms with. It will be interesting to one day find out though!

Visit www.mariansaspects.com or Facebook (Aspects of Reality) or www.marianmatthews.com FFI about Marian's research. Marian will also be speaking in Totnes during December on the subject of 'Super Clues to Reality'.

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Yeovil Psychic Society www.yeovilpsychics.org.uk

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School of Energy Healing Educational Trust www.energyhealing.co.uk

Bristol Dowsers www.bristoldowsers.co.uk

Joyous Isle workshops www.joyousisle.com

Axminster Awareness Centre www.awarenesscentre.org.uk

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Centre for Pure Sound www.centreforpuresound.org

The Martinsey Isle Trust www.martinsey.org.uk

Hawkwood College www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

Angelight www.angellight.co.uk

Taunton Association for Psychotherapy www.taplimited.org.uk

Wrekin Forum www.wrekinforum.org

Theosophical Society in Scotland

Findhorn Foundation www.findhorn.org

Dowsing Spirits www.dowsingspirits.co.uk www.theswa.org.uk

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Totnes Astrology Group David 01803 867145

The Gift of Sound www.thegiftofsound.co.uk

Crewkerne Awareness anacolourastro.wordpress.com

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Ryde PLG Dana 07879 021521

EVENTS

Beaconsfield 4 Dec AGM and Christmas Lunch Thames Valley Dowsers www.thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk

London 9 Dec Open Evening College of Psychic Studies www.collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

Chulmleigh 13 Dec Christmas Dinner Devon Dowsers www.devondowsers.org.uk

London 15 Dec Winter Solstice and Christmas Celebration Earthstars Group Tel. Marion 0870 766 9657

Bristol 16 Dec Christmas Gathering Bristol Dowsers www.bristoldowsers.co.uk

Woodshaw 19 Dec Yule Social Wyvern Dowsers wds@wyverndowsing .freeserve.co.uk

Glastonbury 25 Dec Free Garden Admission www.chalicewell.org.uk

Stroud 30 Dec Awake and Alive New Year Retreat www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

Glastonbury 31 Dec New Year's Eve Faery Party www.faeryevents.com

TALKS

DEMG at Stapehill 1 Dec Rennes le Chateau Andrew Gough Tel. Dave 07977 144147

Frome 1 Dec Evening of Mediumship Deborah Tye Duck Tel. Marina 01373 465848

Rode 1 Dec Stolen Images. Pagan Symbolism and Christianity Peter Knight Tel. Caroline 01373 831046

Saltburn 2 Dec Heal Your Home Adrian Incledon Webber Tel. 01423 781964

Totnes 2 Dec Sagittarius and Ruling Planet Jupiter. David Matthews Tel. 01803 867145

London (CPS) 2 Dec Magikal Trance Edwin Courtenay Tel. 0207 589 3292 **Totnes** 3 Dec Super Clues to Reality Marian Matthews Tel. 01803 886349

Stroud 4 Dec the Challenge of Rudolf Steiner Film and Discussion Tel. 01453 759034

North Hill 4 Dec A Modern Alchemy the Great Work in a Consumerist Society Sean Ferris Tel. 01566 774902

London (CPS) 5 Dec Evening of Mediumship with Q & A Tony Stockwell Tel. 0207 589 3292

Moorgate 6 Dec Introduction to Meditation Foundation for International Spiritual Unfoldment Tel. 0208 5233133

London (CPS) 6 Dec Student Demonstration of Trance Elizabeth Roberts Tel. 0207 589 3292

Glastonbury 7 Dec Norse Magic Krissy Tel. Tim 07747 897 621

Glastonbury PLG 7 Dec Machines of the Ancients Stephen du Ross Tel. Samia 07930 007419

London 8 Dec the Mysteries of Samothrace Julia Cleave Tel. Marion 0870 766 9657

Moorgate 9 Dec Introduction to Meditation Foundation for International Spiritual Unfoldment Tel. 0208 5233133

Yeovil 14 Dec Evening of Clairvoyance Anne Wright Tel. 01963 220306

Glastonbury PLG 14 Dec the Awakening of Your Divinity Divyael Tel. Samia 07930 007419

Bath 19 Dec Bath Storytelling Circle Tel. David 01225 482170

Crewkerne 19 Dec Colour Mirrors Kath Drayton collingridge1@sky.com

WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Stroud 2 Dec the Voices of the Wells Faery Grail Holy Grail Winter Gathering John & Caitlin Matthews Tel. 01453 759034

Stroud 2 Dec Resonance. Unlocking the Power of the Voice James D'Angelo Tel. 01453 759034

Forres 3 Dec Reiki Training Level 1 Findhoen Foundation Tel. 01309 690311

Stroud 3 Dec Reframing Relationship Jay Ramsey Tel. 01453 759034

London (CPS) 4 Dec Magikal Trance Edwin Courtenay Tel. 0207 589 3292

Glastonbury 4 Dec Shekinashram Divine Union Soundbath Dean Carter Tel. Dean 01935 389655

London (TS) 4 Dec the Ageless Wisdom for Everyone Edward Archer Tel. 0207 563 9817

London (CPS) 4 Dec Anatomy and Physiology for Healers Part 5 Doe Warnes Tel. 0207 589 3292

London (TS) 8 Dec Sources of the Platonic Tradition Ariadne Pascalidi Tel. 0207 563 9817

St Leonards 9 Dec Mediumship Weekend Lorraine Edwards Tel. 01424 729518

Stroud 10 Dec Men in Transition Jay Ramsey & Nick Clements Tel. 01453 759034

Forres 10 Dec At Play in the Dimension of Change An Intuitive Approach to Hatha Yoga Louise Simmons Tel. 01309 690311

Milford on Sea 11 Dec Vocal Toning and Sound Experience Lorna Heath Tel. 01590 642994 Ryde 13 Dec Sound Bowl Demonstration and Soundbath Lorna Heath Tel. 01590 642994

Alweston 17 Dec Yule Workshop Pauline Elsworth Tel. 01963 23705

Glastonbury PLG 17 Dec the Integration of the New Higher Energies on Mother Earth Divyael Tel. Samia 07930 007419

Milford on Sea 19 Dec L'il Wisdom Workshop Lorna Heath Tel. 01590 642994

Iona 21 Dec Solstice and Christmas Retreat Eveline Rodenberg & Hugo Klip Tel. 01309 690311

Milford on Sea 21 Dec Drum Circle and Sound Bath Lorna Heath Tel. 01590 642994

Iona 28 Dec New Year Retreat Eveline Rodenberg & Hugo Klip Tel. 01309 690311

Wimborne 30 Dec New Year Yoga and Meditation Retreat Tel. 01202 841522 Forres 28 Dec Turning Within and Moving Forward A New Year Retreat Astrid Gude Tel. 01309 690311

LIGHTWORKER GROUPS

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

New York 13 Dec Transforming Planetary Consciousness Webinar UN Meditation as Planetary Service UN@aquaac.org

Wanstrow (alt Tues) Lightworker Group Tel. Marina 01373 465848

Aller Park (Weds) Heart Meditation and Heart Consciousness Tel. 07765 631877

Aller Park (Thurs) Astrology Group Tel. 01803 867145

Bournemouth (Alt thurs) The Spiritual Exchange <u>www.meetup.com</u>

AxminsterMindfulness Meditation
Tel. 01297 32331

AlwestonWeekly Meditation Group
Tel. Pauline 01963 23705

Ashburton
Astrology Group
Kate Hubert
kate@spiral17.co.uk

Poole (1st Sunday) Dialogues of the Heart Tara Divina Brown Tel. 01202 604340

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

TRIPS, TOURS & VISITS

Knutsford 3 Dec Tatton Park Roald Dahl's Adventures at Christmas Megalithic Tours Tel. Neil 01772 728181

Midlothian 10 Dec Rosslyn Chapel and Edinburgh at Christmas Megalithic Tours Tel. Neil 01772 728181

Alweston 16 Dec Yule Ceremony Pauline Elsworth Tel. 01963 23705

Glastonbury 21 Dec Winter Solstice Celebration Chalice Well Tel. 01458 831154

Wiltshire 21 Dec Midwinter Solstice Gathering at West Kennet Stoneseeker Tours Tel. 01249 823287

France 27 Dec New Year Brittany's Cotes d Armor Megalithic Tours Tel. Neil 01772 728181

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www. Mindspirit network. com

Bath Storytelling Circle. Tel. 01225 482170

Earthstars Sacred Space www.earthenergynetwork.co.uk

www.body-spirit.co.uk

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

www.unicorncentre.co.uk

www.thamesvalleydowsers.org.uk

www.libraryofavalon.org.uk

Glastonbury PLG www.glastonburyplg.co.uk

www.positivelivinggroups.org.uk

www.theosophical-society. org.uk

www.fisu.org/en

www.faeryevents.com

www.openhandweb.org

www.stargaia.com

www.RILKO.net

www.Psychic-Sanctum.co.uk

www.Enneagram-uk.com

www.sacredconnections.co.uk

fifthdimensionalnetwork.net

www.networkoflight.org

www.megalithictours.com

www.gauntshouse.com

www.educationaid.net

Sea Spirit Centre

http://spiritual-courses.co.uk www.collegeofpsychic studies

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Wyvern dowsers www.wyverndowsing@freeserve.co.uk

www.energeticsolutions.co.uk www.kabbalahcentres.com

www.caduceus.info

www.ihs.ac

newhumanitymovement.com

www.waverleydowsers.co.uk

www.tamar-dowsers.co.uk

www.midsummersearthhealing .co.uk

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A Christmas Message

By Enliron

Tune into the new love vibration,

Within and without from you,

You are made from love,

You are love,

Spread your love,

Be the love,

Become the beloved always,

Thought and action become one combined,

So open your heart and soul to different dimensions and realities: from the Earth's core to the outer edges of space,

Knowing that you are at one with everything,

That love is all and love is everyone.

Book Review: Dartmoor Mindscapes. Re-Visioning a Sacred Landscape

By Peter Knight

A ground breaking book that covers the author's research and profound personal experiences, based on 'cognitive archaeology'. He uncovers the intricate relationships between tor outcrops and other natural features, with stone circles, stone rows, cairns and megaliths. This book insightfully proposes how our prehistoric ancestors interacted with notable outcrops, simulacra, rock basins and propped stones; the author gets inside the minds of prehistoric people and their shamans, to walk their Dreamtime. We are invited to perceive landscapes as interfaces, saturated with cultural and mythic memory. Peter suggests ways to walk and interact with the landscape in a more meaningful and mindful way today, to develop deeper connections with the sacred and ancient mindscapes of Dartmoor.

The book also covers earth energies and dowsing, shamanism, acoustics, astronomical and landscape alignments, and much more! FFI log on to www.stoneseeker.net or email the author at stoneseeker@waitrose.com

Book Review: The Chymical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz. A Commentary on a Christian Path of Initiation

By Johan Valentin Andreae. Commentary by Bastiaan Baan Translated by Philip Mees

The Chymical Wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz is one of the most important writings of esoteric Christianity, first published anonymously in German in 1616.It is an allegorical story divided into seven journeys about how Christian Rosenkreutz was invited to a castle to assist the chymical wedding of the king and queen. Chymical is an old form of the word chemical and refers to alchemy, whose aim is the uniting of opposites – hence the sacred wedding.

It is a book concerned with the inner transformation of the soul. Bastian Baan's interpretation and commentary makes the work accessible to readers of today and shows the special language Andreae used to express the meditative content of his text. He delves deep to uncover the original significance, combining images and concepts from alchemy with insights from Rudolf Steiner's teachings. He concludes that the content is as valuable today as it was hundreds of years ago. FFI visit www.florisbooks.co.uk

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Book Review: Portals Gates, Stiles, Windows, Bridges & Other Crossings

By Philippa Lewis

When is an entrance a portal? In this beautiful little book, packed with rare antique illustrations and original artwork by Miles Thistlethwaite, architectural historian Philippa Lewis explores the fascinating world of liminal boundaries and the inexhaustible variety of ways in which we cross them. This book is available as an E-book or as a softback from http://woodenbooks.com

Celebrating the Winter Solstice -A time for Ritual, Tradition and Re-Connection

By Nadia Dawe

Cultures worldwide have winter festivals many of which are celebrations of light; the re-birth of the sun and the beginning of winter. In the northern hemisphere the winter solstice is the longest night and shortest day of the year. The Earth's axis tilts the furthest away from the sun at 23-and-a-half degrees, giving all locations north of the equator less than 12 hours of daylight.

The festival of Yule begins at the winter solstice – a 12 day celebration originating in northern Europe and predating Christianity. Eventually the festival period became known as Christmastide. The cultures of northern Europe saw the sun as the wheel that changed the seasons, the word Yule originating from the word for wheel (houl).

In Celtic culture Druids would cut the mistletoe that grew on the oak tree and give it as a blessing. Oaks were seen as sacred and the winter fruit of the mistletoe was a symbol of life in the dark winter months. It was also the Druids who began the tradition of the yule log. The Celts believed that the sun stood still for twelve days in the middle of winter and during this time a log was lit to conquer the darkness, banish evil spirits and bring luck for the coming year.

From the warmer climates of ancient Egypt, Iran (where fires are lit to protect against the dark) and Arizona to the northerly latitudes of Scandinavia, Iceland and Europe, cultures have celebrated midwinter as a time of ritual, reflection and renewal; a time to re-connect with the cycles of the Earth - a time for real wisdom to reenter our lives.

Attuning our senses to the subtle changes and cycles of the seasons might help us to attune more lovingly to the subtle changes and cycles in ourselves. In Chinese medicine adjusting to the cycles of heaven and Earth are seen as something important for health and well-being. By performing simple rituals with personal meaning to celebrate the solstice, these rituals serve as touchstones to help us cultivate an attitude of receptiveness and appreciation that will carry us through the holiday season and into a new year.