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February 2016 is a month of anniversaries. The Wessex Research Group Network newsletter completes a decade of publication and the Weymouth and Dorchester WRG Group celebrates its 7th anniversary. February's talk will be accompanied by anniversary cake. For further information contact Roma at spiraloftranquility@btinternet.com

The latest addition to the Wessex on-line article archive www.wessexresearchgroup.org/literary_resources.html is *A Review of Robin Heath's "Proto Stonehenge"* by Peter Harris

Evolution and Time

By Joel de Rosnay

Everything is subject to perpetual change and the nature of things is only knowable through a knowledge of their origin and their evolution. This was the doctrine of Ancient Greek thinkers such as Heraclitus and Aristotle.

The idea of evolution is very old but without what we in the modern age would consider as having true scientific basis. For a long time science directed its efforts at what did not vary; that is the determination of constants; hence its tendency to consider time as reversible, on the grounds that starting from these constants one could equally well derive or integrate. Another tendency of science to take special interest in repetitions in time that is cyclic phenomena. There was nothing in all this to bring about a philosophy of becoming. It was customary to assert confidently that "the greater cannot arise from the lesser", in other words that time could not bring about anything that was not already given.

It was Charles Darwin who caused a resurrection of the notion of evolution in the biological sphere with the *Origin of Species* published in 1859. Progressively this notion filtered into the scientific world though not without difficulty, for the reasons already stated. The new theory found it practically impossible to develop right away the universal applicability which for a scientist was a test of absolute precision. This was because evolution does not reveal its full meaning until it is extended to include not only the living matter but the inanimate matter which is its basis. For this it was necessary to break the cycle of reversibility and of cyclic repetition.

This was done by Clausius when he stressed the notion of entropy in 1865 and even earlier in 1824 by Sadi Carnot. The new science of Thermodynamics was destined to dominate the whole of physics and chemistry. The second law of Carnot's principle



asserted for the first time the irreversible nature of the physical transformation of work into heat. This transformation constituted a partial disorganisation. The notion of entropy gave to this phenomenon its character of universal validity.

The 19th century gave us two complementary notions - evolution and entropy both of which have exerted a profound if not decisive influence upon our science, our philosophical view of the world and our culture.

The theory of evolution has difficulty in gaining universal acceptance when limited to the domain of biology, so ingrained is our mental image of a static universe. It becomes even more difficult to comprehend when extended to include pre life and human societies. Darwin himself foresaw the extension of his theory to the whole domain of pre-life and slowly the increase of scientific data has filled in some of the gaps. A striking confirmation of the correctness of his view has been furnished by pre-biological chemistry, which is the study of the evolution from non-living matter (abiogenetic) of the organic compounds on the primitive globe. Pre-biological chemistry has linked life with the geochemical evolution of our planet, across a gap of two thousand million years. Modern anthropology links across the gap of prehistory, primitive Australanthropus to modern social man, with his new type of evolution.

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www.energyhealing.co.uk

Bristol Dowzers
www.bristoldowzers.co.uk

Joyous Isle workshops
www.joyousisle.com

Axminster Awareness Centre
www.awarenesscentre.org.uk

Stoneseeker Tours
www.stoneseeker.net

Centre for Pure Sound
www.centreforpuresound.org

The Martinsey Isle Trust
www.martinsey.org.uk

Hawkwood College
www.hawkwoodcollege.co.uk

Angelight
www.angelight.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

www.unicorn-at-rainbows-end.org

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www.aquaac.org

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The Gift of Sound
www.thegiftofsound.co.uk

Crewkerne Awareness
anacolourastro.wordpress.com

EVENTS

Dartington 3 Feb
Open Day
Aller Park Project
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Hayling Island 5 Feb
Spirit-Quest
Psychic and
Spiritual Festival
www.keithcharles.net

London 14 Feb
the Theosophical Society
Who Do We Think We Are?
www.theosophicalsociety.org.uk

Swaffham 14 Feb
Mind Body Spirit Exhibition
www.spirituallflowevents.com

Downham 20 Feb
Mind Body Spirit Exhibition
www.spirituallflowevents.com

TALKS

Poole PLG 2 Feb
Earth Energies and Ley Lines
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Bransford 3 Feb
the Feminine Within
Miguel Dean
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Glastonbury 3 Feb
Meeting of the Pagan Moot
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London 4 Feb
Giants on Record
Americas Hidden History,
Secrets in the Mounds and
the Smithsonian Files
Hugh Newman
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DEMG at Stapehill 4 Feb
the Hidden Hive of History
Andrew Gough
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London (CPS) 5 Feb
Spiritual Crisis Shamanic
Awakening
Jez Hughes
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London (CPS) 9 Feb
Best of Both Worlds
An Evening of Spirit
Communication
Gordon Smith
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Godalming 9 Feb
Health Healing and
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Waverley Dowzers
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Weymouth 10 Feb
the Wheel of the Year
Roma Harding
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Yeovil 10 Feb
Evening of Mediumship
Sue Bowden
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the Earth is a
Womb of Angels
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London (CPS) 12 Feb
Enchantment An Evening of
Chant and Mantra
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Bath Storytelling Circle
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the Avebury Waterscape
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London (CPS) 16 Feb
the Channel to the Other Side
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Ryde PLG 16 Feb
the Story of Musician,
Teacher, Poet and Writer
Joe Caudwell
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Poole PLG 16 Feb
Alchemy of the Heart: Alaskan
Essences for Opening and
Healing the Heart
Sharon Keenan
Tel. Sarah 07919343613

London (TS) 18 Feb
Inventions of Science and
Faculties of Our Own
Peter Barton
Tel. 0207 563 9817

Glastonbury 19 Feb
Introducing Sacred Geometry
Claudie Planche
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Bristol 19 Feb
Node Patterns and their
changing Energy Shapes
Rory Duff
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London (CPS) 19 Feb
Introduction to Metaphysics
Petra Knickenberg
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Taunton 20 Feb
the Life Long Consequences of
Obstetric Interventions at Birth
Matthew Appleton
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Beaconsfield 21 Feb
Members Afternoon
Short talks given
by TVD members
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Bristol PLG 21 Feb
Mediumship and Music
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London (CPS) 23 Feb
Embracing the Shadow
Charlie Morley
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Glastonbury WRG 23 Feb
Psychic Protection
William Bloom
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London 25 Feb
Angel Healing and Alchemy
Joanna Gill
Tel. 0870 766 9657

London (CPS) 26 Feb
Divination in Ancient Egypt
Judy Hall
Tel. 0207 589 3292

London (RILKO) 26 Feb
Ley Lines Templars and Destiny
Amid our England Landscape
Mark Herbert
Tel. 0845 2260 531

Glastonbury 27 Feb
the Power Animals
of the Mayan Calendar
Claudie Planche
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WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Glastonbury 1 Feb
Wheel of the Year
First Stirring
Chalice Well
Tel. 01458 831154

London (TS) 1 Feb
the Dharma of Theosophy
Ed Abdill
Tel. 0207 563 9817

Poundbury 5 Feb
Be Still – Introduction
to Meditation
Carol Lewis
Tel. 01305 773199

Glastonbury 5 Feb
Conscious Kitchen Retreat
Trinity Bourne
Tel. 01458 830443

London (CPS) 6 Feb
the Shamanic Path
Finding Your Medicine
Jez Hughes
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Glastonbury 6 Feb
Painting the Green Man & the
Green Goddess. Release Your
Creative Powers
Tiana Marie
Tel. 01458 833043

London (CPS) 6 Feb
Meaningful Messages
Gerrie March
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Bridport 7 Feb
Divine Union Soundbath
Dean Carter
Tel. Dean 01935 389655

London (CPS) 7 Feb
Anatomy and Physiology for
Healers (Part 2)
Doe Warnes
Tel. 0207 589 3292

London (CPS) 7 Feb
Spring Cleaning the Chakras
with the Gongs
Ofaf Nixon
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Glastonbury 13 Feb
Painting the Green Man & the
Green Goddess. Release Your
Creative Powers
Tiana Marie
Tel. 01458 833043

London (CPS) 13 Feb
Mediumship Foundation Module
Gordon Smith
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Forres 13 Feb
Applied Ecovillage Living
Craig Gisgorne & Vera Franco
Tel. 01309 690311

London (CPS) 13 Feb
Guide Higher Self or Ego
Sarah Tyler Walters
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Milford on Sea 14 Feb
The Loving Vocal and
Crystal Bowl Sound
Experience
Lorna Heath
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London (CPS) 14 Feb
Anatomy and Physiology for
Healers (Part 3)
Doe Warnes
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Stroud 14 Feb
Winter Restival
Well Being Retreat
Margot Henderson &
Katie Lloyd Nunn
Tel. 01453 759034

London (CPS) 14 Feb
Body of Wisdom
David Manning
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Milford on Sea 17 Feb
Drum Circle and Crystal Bowl
Sound Experience
Lorna Heath
Tel. 01590 642994

Glastonbury 20 Feb
the Template Sacred
Geometry Workshop
Claudie Planche
Tel. 01458 835506

Elgin 20 Feb
Healing Your Home Part 1
(Geopathic Stress)
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London (CPS) 20 Feb
Contacting the Spirit World
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Forres 20 Feb
Life Purpose
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Karen Luedkte
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Introduction to Metaphysics
Petra Knickenberg
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Wimborne 21 Feb
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Dean Carter
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London (CPS) 21 Feb
the Fundamentals of
Energy (Part 1)
Sharry Clarke
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Glastonbury 21 Feb
the Geometry of Nature
and the Cosmos
Tom Bree
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London (CPS) 21 Feb
Learn How to Lucid Dream
Charlie Morley
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Cullompton 26 Feb
Enneagram
Foundation Course Part 1
Chris & Veronica Croft
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London (CPS) 27 Feb
Crystals for Ancestral
and Karmic Healing
Judy Hall
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Dublin 27 Feb
Seven Steps
with the Angels
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Embracing the Shadow
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Tarot and the Goddess
Avril Price
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LIGHTWORKER GROUPS

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

Totnes (Fridays)
Astrology Group
Meeting
Tel. 01803 867145

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

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

London
Earthstars Group
Meeting
Chris Street
Tel. 0870 766 9657

Bournemouth (Alt thursdays)
The Spiritual Exchange
www.meetup.com

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

Lancashire 13 Feb
Historical
Vale of Eden Tour
Megalithic Tours
Tel. 01772 728181

Wiltshire 21 Feb
West Kennet Shamanic
Drumming Evening
Stoneseecker Tours
Tel. 01249 823287

Lake District 27 Feb
Lake District North
Mystical Sites Tour
Megalithic Tours
Tel. 01772 728181

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www.Mindspiritnetwork.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

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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.collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

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www.kabbalahcentres.com
www.caduceus.info

www.ihs.ac
newhumanitymovement.com
www.waverleydowsers.co.uk

www.tamar-dowsers.co.uk
www.midsummersearthealing.co.uk

Evolution and Time (continued)

One epoch after another has been reconstituted and dated and now the outline of generalised evolution spans five thousand million years if not in complete continuity.

Despite these advances we still have the challenge of why matter follows a cosmic drift – that is the relationship between matter and the universe. Matter has organised and ordered itself in time along an axis of increasing complexity: from the atom to human societies.

The essential transformation in the evolution of life happened over tens of millions of years. A single million years sufficed for the emergence of man and his biological evolution. Social transformations took place over hundreds of years and in recent times we witness transformations occurring over decades. Matter whilst organising its evolution doubles its pace and at each new level of complexity the speed is greater and greater.

There is a close connection between selection and the acceleration of evolution which is like a multi staged rocket. It happens through a constant dialectic between the environment and the individual; each of them readjusting to the other reciprocally and this even more rapidly through complex feedback loops that first life, and then reflective thought 'took off' as it were.

Every past cause irreversibly modifies the environment which in turn by feedback upon the cause, brings about its replacement by new cause; some property, hitherto hidden or germinal finds in the environment the conditions needed for its development, leading to a higher scale in the organisation of matter. At every stage of adaptation life and consciousness advances in bounds.

The acceleration of evolution, the process of selection and the end of evolution cannot be thought of apart from time seems to be organically tied up with evolution. Consequently evolution appears not to take place within a space time frame independent of itself, like a moving body proceeding along a fixed and graduated ruler of infinite length; on the contrary, evolution would seem to contract the space time frame when contracting itself, just as space time contracts about a moving body having a velocity approaching that of light.

We are used to measuring the progress of evolution in function of a linear time, which is thought of as 'passing' at a rhythm corresponding to the repetitions of a phenomena of cyclic character. Perhaps we ought to ask ourselves whether it (in accordance with our knowledge of the successive stages of organisation of matter), may not rather be the global duration of generalised evolution which is itself contracted.

Given that the speed of evolution is no longer temporally linear I can't help but wonder as to what happens when the organisation matter has reached a point when it is at its most refined? And how is the evolution of our consciousness reflected in the way in which we organise matter?

The Origins and Traditions of the Leap Year

By Guy Mao

Because seasons and astronomical events do not repeat in a whole number of days, calendars that have the same number of days in each year drift over time. Calendars are adjusted to compensate for this they keep the calendar year synchronized with the astronomical or seasonal year.

In the Gregorian calendar an extra day is added every four years. Prior to Julius Caesar coming to power, people observed a 355-day calendar - with an extra 22-day month every two years. This proved to be a convoluted solution to the problem and feast days began sliding into different seasons. Caesar ordered his astronomer, Sosigenes, to simplify things and he opted for the 365-day year with an extra day every four years to scoop up the extra hours. This extra day is also known as St Oswald's day named after an archbishop of York who died on February 29, 992.

The name "leap year" arises because of the fact that while a fixed date in the Gregorian calendar normally advances one day of the week from one year to the next, the day of the week in a leap year will advance two days (from March onwards) due to the extra day added at the end of February (thus "leaping over" one of the days in the week). For example, Christmas fell on Tuesday in 2001, Wednesday in 2002, and Thursday in 2003 but then "leapt" over Friday to fall on a Saturday in 2004.

In some places, Leap Day has been known as "Bachelors' Day" A man was expected to pay a penalty, such as a gown or money, if he refused a marriage proposal from a woman on Leap Day. In many European countries, especially in the upper classes of society, tradition dictates that any man who refuses a woman's proposal on February 29 has to buy her 12 pairs of gloves. The intention is that the woman can wear the gloves to hide the embarrassment of not having an engagement ring. During the middle ages there were laws governing this tradition.

The tradition of women proposing marriage to men on St Oswald's day is said to have started in 5th century Ireland when St. Bridget bitterly complained to St. Patrick that women had to wait far too long for men to propose. The legend says that St. Patrick decreed the women could propose on this one day in February during the leap year.

In the USA some people refer to February 29th as Sadie Hawkins Day with women allegedly having the right the right to run after unmarried men to propose. In Finland, the tradition is that if a man refuses a woman's proposal on leap day, he should buy her the fabrics for a skirt.

In Scotland, it used to be considered unlucky for someone to be born on Leap Day. Greeks consider it unlucky for couples to marry during a Leap Year, and especially on Leap Day.

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