# New Story notes 8/15/2020

I am sorry to share the sad news of the death of Ted Klein, husband of Mary Kay Klein. [Here is his obituary](https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=j-theodore-klein&pid=196635138&fhid=4541). Many of us are holding Mary Kay in the Light during this difficult time.

The New story is all around us and in us. Here are some of the sharings and announcements that I have received since our last meeting.

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**Rebecca Hecht sends a link to a** Recovery Dharma METTA Meditation Video by Serrasa  <https://youtu.be/dsd3XGP7Qxw>

This course is not free, but group rates are available. Mary Coelho is one of the presenters! Is this something we want to do as part of the New Story group focus?

**Cosmology, Consciousness & *Birthing the Ecozoic***

Lead Teacher: Stephan Martin

Twelve Week Course

**Starts Sept. 23rd**

A description of [Cosmology, Consciousness and Birthing the Ecozoic](https://dtnetwork.org/product/cosmology-consciousness-the-birth-of-the-ecozoic/) is up on the Deep Time Journey website.

**Guest presenters and Facilitators:** Jennifer Morgan, Orla Hazra, Sarbmeet Kanwal, **Mary Coelho**, John Leydon, Bing Carranza, Gail Worcelo, Shirley Pevarnik, Di Shearer

Free event from SAND recommended by several of us:

**Krishnamurti, Bohm and the Edges of Transcendence.**

**August 29, 2020, 3:00 pm ET, 12:00 pm PT**

This special event from SAND features Paul Howard’s new film, [**Infinite Potential: The Life and Ideas of David Bohm**](https://scienceandnonduality.acemlnb.com/lt.php?s=444e28b149077a36c9a30c858b564fff&i=359A482A7A5973), panel discussion and live Q&A.

**Steve Stodola** writes, “Here is an upcoming course by our old friend Cynthia Bourgeault that folks might be interested in taking, and it is not too, too expensive.

**Monday, August 31, through Friday, September 25**

[Thomas Keating's The Secret Embrace](https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/ecourses/course/view/10274/thomas-keatings-the-secret-embrace) with Cynthia Bourgeault

Father [Thomas Keating](https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/explorations/teachers/view/66/thomas-keating) is widely known as the co-founder of the Centering Prayer movement and a master teacher of contemplative prayer and devotion.

**Joan Deppe** is reading the Daily Good <https://shar.es/abuPX7>. Recently they featured a good look at the Earth Treasures Vase Healing Project that she has been talking about. She comments, “So many many resources...I am happily again feeling that the channels to Spirit are open and nourishing me... am very grateful for this.

**Jane Cutting** recommends the Half Earth Project <https://www.half-earthproject.org/>

***Born from E.O. Wilson's book, Half-Earth, and built on a solid scientific foundation, the Half-Earth Project offers a solution commensurate with the problem: conserve half the Earth's land and seas to protect the bulk of biodiversity from extinction. Scientists agree that this is both necessary and possible.***

**Jane writes, “**Thoughts/queries in response to the old story ‘the need to control society and prevent chaos requires some to dominate others.”

Queries that might be posed re personal control. *(Where it starts)*

* What is my real intent? (to denigrate the other or to effect change)
* What am I doing for self-care? (How do I transform the energy coming from the anger that I feel about people and the system desecrating the environment and racism and how do I reach the light in others?)

*The above came after listening to Amanda Kemp.*

* Am I willing to give up control (counter cultural and embedded as it is) in situations where I am ‘in charge’? How does that work?

Thoughts - Control run amuck.

* “What did science, the world, lose because the political system (McCarthyism) essentially silenced and controlled the contributions of a David Bohm? Other losses?

**Dave Damm-Luhr** writes, “In short, I feel what’s emerging is a conversation about what it’s like at these edges when trying to live the new story of interbeing.  Whether we’re in a “movement” (e.g., BLM), co-housing, an ecovillage, non-hierarchical organizations (e.g. FMC), grassroots political action groups (e.g., Elders Climate Action), we all seem to be exploring these edges.  How do we deal with power dynamics?  How do we manage our pensions or retirement investments on which we’re financially dependent?  How do we live our values without a lot of support in the culture?

I’ve shifted from thinking we need to focus only on the old story in us, to a focus on the edges, on the tangible, daily opportunities we all have for moving ourselves, individually and in our groups, closer to our new story aspirations for the world.  Paraphrasing Walter Wink, through awareness of these edges - where we’re struggling on a personal level - we collectively create the preconditions for effecting systemic change.

**Mary Coelho** writes, “I heard that the bible study talks at NEYM had a lot of New Story material in them.  I was interested to hear that and wondered if the talks are something the New Story Group could use.

[Here is the link](https://neym.org/2020-sessions) to the Bible Half-Hour with Cherice Bock, Day 1 (Scroll part way down the window to see it.) The title of her series is “A Quaker Ecology: A meditation on the future of Friends.” She said that we need an eco-reformation to follow the Protestant Reformation. “We need to radically reorient our collective life away from individual control toward collaboration and participation in the community of all life….To address the eco crises we face, we also need to conceive anew what it means to be human. We have imagined ourselves living *on* Earth rather than embedded in it and thoroughly dependent on it. We have focused on the well-being of humans to the neglect of the well-being of all living things.”

**Cornelia Parkes** responds. Our next meeting on control is a step toward radical reformation! Bock’s first talk brings up a lot of New Story issues and I recommend watching it, but she does not develop them in a New Story context in her subsequent talks. She stays within the eco-reformation context. The New Story reformation and the New Story vision of the future of Friends is up to us.

**Cornelia Parkes** posted a document for your review on New Story Google docs entitled [Notes on Pennington Quote](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1iCGwH9AIincf0xiGAWVkmx6wxEkCEVLae3iz3PCMPlc/edit?usp=sharing) “Give over thine own willing…”. Please add your comments!

**Philip Favero** wrote a poem for us to enjoy. [Read it here](https://fmcquaker.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/In-the-Beginning.pdf).

**Let me hear from you!**