

## NEW STORY NEWS FOR APRIL

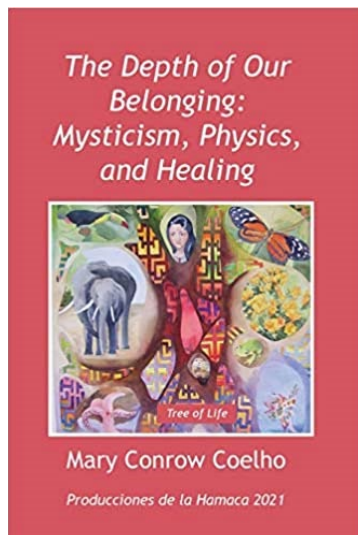
The next meeting of the New Story group is **Monday, April 26, 2021, at 7:00pm**. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. Newcomers are welcome! Join us for this special evening. Contact: Cornelia Parkes at [new-story@fmcquaker.org](mailto:new-story@fmcquaker.org).

The program this month is an interview with Mary Coelho on her new book *The Depth of Our Belonging: Mysticism, Physics, and Healing* (Producciones de Hamaca, 2021). You do not have to read the book in advance, but we hope you will want to read it afterwards!

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### ***“The Depth of Our Belonging: Mysticism, Physics, and Healing”***

**Brian Swimme**, Professor of Cosmology, California Institute of Integral Studies, writes:



“Mary Conrow Coelho has written a remarkable new book, *The Depth of our Belonging: Mysticism, Physics, and Healing*. As Mary came to understand the meaning of the evolutionary story and the depths of numinous matter, she realized to her great joy that mystical experiences are not strange or unusual. Rather, they are integral to the natural world and to our very being. This transformed world view enabled her to find healing from the consequences of a family tragedy when she was just an infant and a young child. In her courageous book, we are invited to move from self-doubt and alienation to deep belonging in a universe that unfolds with endless creativity. Highly recommended.”

[Click here](#) to buy the book on Amazon.

If you have wondered why many people are interested in the New Story this book will help you to understand. The insights of the New Story are of potential great value to Quakerism.

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**Jane Jackson** writes, “Congratulations to Mary Coelho on the publication of her new book, *The Depth of our Belonging: Mysticism, Physics, and Healing*. I have started reading it, with great interest and pleasure. If you would like to buy the book and prefer not to patronize Amazon -- good news! You can order copies from Porter Square Books (and probably other bookstores) for the same price as Amazon charges for a new paperback -- \$25. And I will lend my copy when I have finished. Contact me separately if you would like to borrow my book.”

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## Other New Story News

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**Cornelia Parkes** watched the [video](#) "The Domsday Machine with Daniel Ellsberg" sponsored by Mass Peace Action. She is also trying to read the book by the same name, but the video is easier.

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**Gwen Noyes** writes,

"Dear Friends,

[Jem Bendell](#) and his colleagues always put me in a conflicted place.....do I share their rigorously analyzed wisdom (scientific, academically presented and Buddhist tinged) - loving, though downbeat that it is??? Is there a British, dependent Island situation that makes his conclusions regarding the future so definitely discouraging when compared to [Philip Clayton's](#) more optimistic ( still rigorous) assessment of our future possibilities?

Your thoughts?

Much love,

Gwen

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**Dave Damm-Luhr** is taking Eco Training from [One Earth Sangha](#). You can start any time and move at your own pace. Form or join a group, online or in-person.



*The Dharma is a terrific lens through which to view ecoactivism. This has helped me think about ways to help others who are either overwhelmed or think no action can be sufficiently effective and have given up."*

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**Diana Lopez** subscribes to the [Pace e Bene](#) newsletter. She sends two quotes.

**Monday, April 5, 2021**, from David Bohm:

"A change of meaning is necessary to change this world politically, economically, and socially. But that change must begin with the individual; it must change for him. . . . If meaning is a key part of reality, then once society, the individual, and relationships are seen to mean something different, a fundamental change has taken place."

**Tuesday, April 6, 2021**, from Cynthia Bourgeault:

"The Kingdom of Heaven is really a metaphor for a state of consciousness."

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From the [New Story Hub](#).  
“An Epic Opportunity – If We Get Our Story Right” by David Korten | Living the New Story at the Turning of the Year, January 5, 2021.

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Also from the [New Story Hub](#).



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From the [Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries](#) Newsletter Friday, March 12, 2021

### **Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup: Monday, April 19 - Saturday, April 24, 2021**

We hope you will join us: [RSVP here](#)

The Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup builds on a national effort as part of American Rivers' National River Cleanup®, which to date, has removed over 25 million pounds of trash from America's waterways. From 2016 to 2019, the Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup was recognized by American Rivers for the [Most Pounds of Trash Collected](#) and [Most Volunteers Mobilized](#). Our cleanup brings together over 3,000 volunteers each year to pick up litter, remove invasive species and assist with park maintenance along all 80 miles of the Charles River. Residents are drawn to the popular Charles River Cleanup from a desire to give back to their community while enjoying the beauty and wildlife along the river.

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