

New Story News for May 2022

New Story Meeting May 2022

Welcome to the New Story meeting Monday, May 23! Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. Program starts at 7:00pm. Newcomers are especially welcome.

Dave Damm-Luhr will continue the discussion of “An Intimate Discourse with Visionaries of The Great Turning” [video](#) starting at the third segment at 44” 50” minutes with Mattie Porte. The visionaries include Duane Elgin, Joanna Macy, Pat McCabe, Craig Schindler, David Korten, and Chris Johnstone. We will build on and extend the insights and observations that surfaced in the March meeting and consider the queries:

- What are the skills and practices that we, as ordinary citizens, need to cultivate in the face of increasing adversity due to the catastrophic effects of climate change and the threat of mass species extinction, including our own? What can support us to honor our experience of loss and pain for our world in crisis?
- What is your vision of humanity’s future? Are we going to make it as a species?

To participate in the meeting **click this link** or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

I hope you can come!

Do you have a favorite poem, piece of music, picture, or meditation that you would like to share with the group during our opening worship? Please let me know.

Are you new to the New Story? Read our one-page introduction “**Welcome to the New Story.**” Come at 6:30pm for fellowship and to get acquainted.

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Report on New Story Meeting April 25, 2022

We opened the meeting with a period of guided meditation facilitated by Justin Michael on “You are Enough” https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Inmyn_W01SI. We considered the queries Why Wars? Why Climate Destruction? Why Ukraine? We watched an interview of William Ury by Thomas Hübl in an episode of the [Collective Trauma Online Summit](#). [William Ury](#), co-founder of Harvard’s Program on Negotiation, has over the decades helped war-ravaged societies overcome their collective trauma to reach common goals of peace and prosperity. [Thomas Hübl](#) is a spiritual teacher, founder of The Academy of Inner Science, and author of *Healing Collective Trauma: A Process for Integrating Our Intergenerational and Cultural Wounds*

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

- [Watch the video](#) or [read the text](#) of Mary Coelho's forum presentation on "The Depth of Our Belonging: The New Story" given Sunday, April 24

As individuals, as Quakers seeking the Light, and as citizens of a world threatened by the ecological crisis, we are invited to explore some of the transformative discoveries and insights that are changing western consciousness. Joanna Macy calls it the Great Turning. Others call it the new story.

Science and Non-Duality

- [Non-Duality and the Mystery of Consciousness](#) video with Peter Russell

Peter Russell is on the faculty of the Institute of Noetic Sciences, a fellow of The World Business Academy and The Findhorn Foundation, and an Honorary Member of The Club of Budapest, and President of Science and Non-Duality.

From his book *FROM SCIENCE TO GOD: The Mystery of Consciousness and the Meaning of Light*
[Chapter 7. Consciousness as God:](#)

"The contemporary scholar and mystic Thomas Merton put it very clearly:
'If I penetrate to the depths of my own existence and my own present reality, the indefinable am that is myself in its deepest roots, then through this deep center I pass into the infinite I am which is the very Name of the Almighty.'

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This concept of God is not of a separate superior being, existing in some other realm, overlooking human affairs and loving or judging us according to our deeds. God is in each and every one of us, the most intimate and undeniable aspect of ourselves. God is the light of consciousness that shines in every mind.

The Metta Center for Nonviolence

- As part of the [Third Harmony](#) project, we are sharing a new 'special feature' from our film each month. Each clip is 2-5 minutes long and highlights a key idea or concept from the film. Watch the first clip "Old Story vs New Story" with Tiffany Tool [here](#).

"If you trace down all of our problems, including war, you find they are rooted in what is called the 'old story.'"

Portland Friends Meeting's Right Relations with Indigenous Peoples Working Group

- "Truth Tellers" Thursday, June 2. 7:00 to 9:00pm
Film screening and conversation with artist and activist Robert Shetterly. Register in advance!
"Truth Tellers" is a new documentary film chronicling the lives of courageous Americans fighting for Indigenous rights, racial equity, and climate justice through the eyes of Robert Shetterly, a long time Maine activist and artist. The film explores the intersection of these issues stressing the urgency of coming together to confront them and galvanizing our resolve to uphold our country's founding ideals.

- For more about the film and to view a 2-min trailer: go to <https://www.truthtellersfilm.com/>
- To register go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMode2oqDgvHtT55KXBkbkZRCrJetGvSVbG>

A Leadings Grant from Portland Friends Meeting has made this film available for viewing free of charge. The Right Relations with Indigenous Peoples Working Group of Portland Friends Meeting is presenting this film as a fundraiser for the Wabanaki Alliance. When you register, you should receive a link to the Wabanaki Alliance to make a donation directly. If you do not see the link, or do not intend to register to view the film but would like to donate, please go to <https://wabanakialliance.org>

Creation Spiritualities Communities

- [“THE NEW COSMOLOGY: Our Common Story as a Way of Knowing”](#)
June 16 – July 28 4:00 - 5:45 pm Pacific Time

Join Penny Andrews, Matthew Fox, and Stephan Martin for an enlivening 7-week exploration of our inspired origins, a survey of contemporary cosmic consciousness, and envisioning a flourishing future. Grounded in the expansive Deep Time perspective, each week will cover a different aspect of the Universe Story as told by Thomas Berry and Brian Swimme and connect with the community.

DeepTime Network

- [EMERGENT DIALOGUE](#) (Online Practice Group) with Marianne Rowe, MS, LMFT
June – August (2nd & 4th Saturdays)

Dialog for creating a deep future. Imagine having a conversation in which everyone feels heard, all perspectives are welcomed and respected, and somehow something emerges from the collective that is greater than any of the individuals could have predicted, or even imagined. Emergent Dialogue Practice Sessions offer the opportunity to co-create and practice this relational meditation as we learn to access the power of being together in a shared experience of Deeptime awareness.

- [QUANTUM WISDOM](#): Essential Insights from a Revolutionary Science
with physicist Sarbmeet Kanwal, PhD
4-wk Course; 2 Sections for Different Time Zones
I. Aug. 10 – 31, Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM ET
II. Aug. 12 – Sept. 2, Fridays, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM ET

Explore the Science Without Math. Underlying all matter is the Quantum Vacuum. Alive with restless energy, it is the source from which matter arose 13.8 billion years ago and which still underpins its existence every single moment of time. These quantum fluctuations of primordial energy spit out and suck back in matter and antimatter particles every instant in time. The foundation of our universe is kind of a “space-time foam” that seethes with creative potential.