

FMC New Story Newsletter, July 2024

Join us in the New Story group this Monday, July 22, 7:00-9:00pm! –CORRECTED DATE

Come at 6:30 for fellowship. First timers are always welcome.

To participate in this event [click this link](#) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

Topic for July is “Teaching the New Story” with Isabel Gulden and a contribution from Sarah Thomas Gulden. We will continue our experiment with “get to know you” breakout groups. Dave Damm-Luhr will introduce his work on setting up a Google Group for us.

For more information and list of resources, please visit the New Story [web page here](#). To be placed on the email list for New Story News and program announcements contact your New Story Newsletter Editor, Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org.

Other New Story News

Google Group for the New Story in the Works!

With growing interest in deepening connections within our New Story community, we're launching a Google Group. For anyone who'd like to take part, you'll have a single email address to reach out to others in the community who participate. You could, for example,

- find out who shares a specific New Story interest,
- trade info on resources or events of possible community-wide interest,
- ...whatever supports connections within the New Story community.

Interested in joining? Have questions?

Please let Dave Damm-Luhr know - dldluhr@hotmail.com

Editorial

By Cornelia Parkes

Thomas Berry set before us a great work that he calls “reinventing the human at the species level.” Isn’t it a bit presumptuous to think that a group of imperfect individuals can change the human species? What was he thinking? This could only work if we believe that the human species is being shaped by the forces of evolution and that our reinvention of the human is aligned with the direction of this evolution. Evolution by itself is probably not fast enough to save us and other species who are undergoing extinction. Humans, however, can speed up evolution by means of cultural transmission. Each new generation builds on the evolutionary successes of the previous

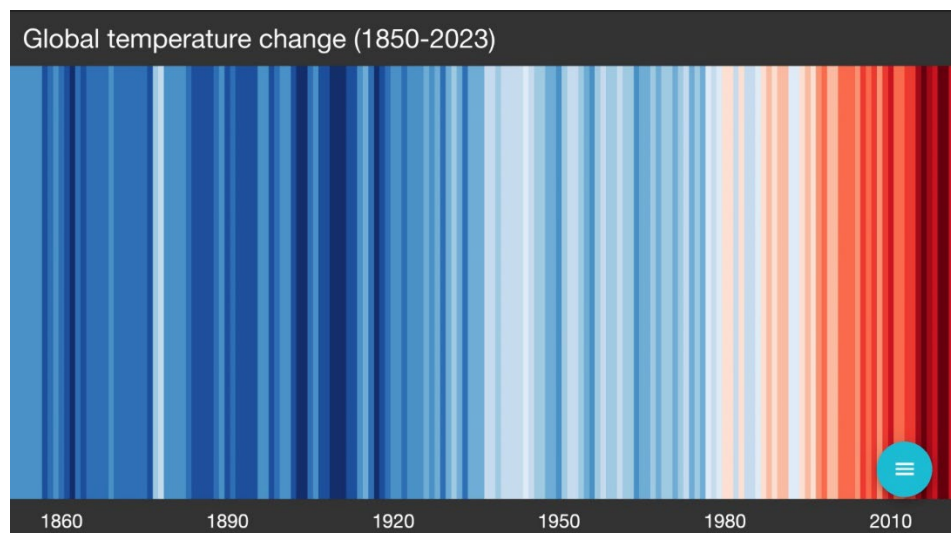
one. The fact that we see everywhere spontaneous awakenings and transformations is evidence of evolution at work now as it has been over the centuries. We can't make an awakening happen—that comes from within an individual—but by coming together in a group like ours we can support each other in living the transformation we have experienced and can encourage others.

What follows below is a selection of this month's diverse fellow travelers.

University of Reading

[Partnering for the planet.](#)

Global temperature change (1859-2023)



"The task, then, is to build a new cultural consensus that is democratic but also morally coherent. My guess, and it is only a guess, is that this work of cultural repair will be done by religious progressives, by a new generation of leaders who will build a modern social gospel around love of neighbor and hospitality for the marginalized."

David Brooks, *Opinion: "The Deep Source of Trump's Appeal"*, New York Times, July 11, 2024.

How to Know a Person:

The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen
By David Brooks

This fall, Friends United Meeting will host conversations based on the book *How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen*, by David Brooks. This book study offers an opportunity for deepening relationships and communities. Brooks's list of social actions recalls the familiar verse from Galatians 5:22-23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law."

If a broadened and deepened sense of community and connectedness is your desire, please complete the online form [at this link](#) to let us know of your interest and availability.



Religion and Public Policy:

Human Rights, Conflict, and Ethics
edited by Sumner B. Twiss, Marian Gh. Simion, **Rodney L. Petersen**
(Cambridge University Press, 2015)

Religion and Security

[#2 in series](#)

Rev. **Rodney L. Petersen**, PhD
CMM Executive Director Emeritus

In this second essay in the series on Religion and Public Policy we address the correlation between public policy and public theology around the question of religion and security.



Celebrate the Lammas 2024

With CSC on August 2, 7:00pm Eastern

Join Mary Ann Wamhoff and CSC for a [virtual labyrinth walk](#) celebrating Lammas, the first harvest. Just bring a hand-held labyrinth. If you don't have one, you can print your choice from this resource: <https://labyrinthsociety.org/download-a-labyrinth> . No need to register in advance.

Zoom Link

The Ultimate Rebellion against Darkness and Despair:

What the mystics can teach us about radical joy, healing, and restoration

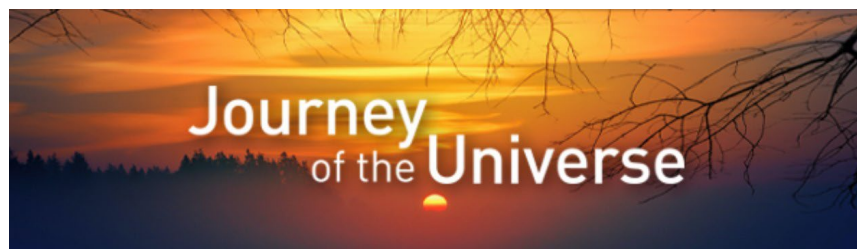
[New 7-Week Live Video Course Starts](#)

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

With Mystical Scholar, Teacher & Founder of the Institute for Sacred Activism

Andrew Harvey of the Shift Network.

...joy is the most important resource you could possibly have, “because joy is the mother of resilience, the mother of courage, the mother of fortitude, the mother of sacred energy, the mother of passion for life.”



Journey of the Universe Newsletter

June 2024

- “Remember” poem by Joy Harjo
- “Journey of the Universe in China” with Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim
- “The Collected Thoughts of Thomas Berry” from Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology
- “The Earth Charter and the Future” with Dr. Rick Clugston
- “Teilhard: Visionary Scientist” film by Frank and Mary Frost
- And MUCH MORE!



Global Ecovillage Network Monthly Newsletter

July 2024

- Free resources
- Stories of resilience
- Participate on-line.



Cultivating Islands of Coherence in a Sea of Chaos

September 4 to December 11, 2024

Two live sessions per month

Together, we are those islands of coherence. Whilst chaos reigns supreme and failing systems wreak havoc in what Joanna Macy calls the Great Unravelling, we can gather and, through our energy and intention, cultivate a coherent, regenerative, life-affirming future that lifts us to a higher order in what Joanna calls the Great Turning. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Nothing Grows Forever: The lessons to learn from nature

Episode 7 of Dying Earth, an eight-part documentary series exposing the reality of the climate crisis, exploring what it will take to tackle the emergency. This episode features Christiana Figueres discussing Costa Rica being blessed with having no fossil fuels, no metals, and no minerals to exploit, and why the country's high levels of wellbeing have very little to do with money or economic growth.



Beyond Bohm 2024

The Infinite Potential Team

Curated and hosted by Lee Nichol, longtime colleague of David Bohm, this series aims to complement and amplify Bohm's work. Beyond Bohm 2024 will feature new faces and presenters who will share their unique perspectives on the range and scope of Bohm's interests and influence, which extend far beyond physics.

The series will begin on July 13th, and run for three consecutive weekends, concluding on Sunday, July 28th. All sessions are "live" online, with recordings sent to all ticket holders after each session.

For more information and to participate in these Bohm-inspired discussions [click here](#).

AND NOW, JUST FOR FUN!
No analysis. No solutions.
No self-improvement.

Enlightenment: A

Novel

By Sarah Parry
Mariner Books, 2024, Boston

This is a delightful story about science (astronomy), religion (Baptists), time (Carlo Rovelli's world), ghosts (friendly), love (unrequited), and mystery with a cast of characters drawn from the margins. Cornelia's recommendation for some light reading!