

New Story News September 2024

The next meeting of the New Story Group is Monday, September 23, from 7:00 to 9:00pm on Zoom.

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 September: “Science and Mysticism”

Quote to ponder:

“Jung’s teaching is more than psychology: it is a form of spirituality. By ‘spirituality’ we mean a view of the world that accepts the numinous at the foundation of the cosmic order. In the same way Quantum Physics is more than physics: it is a new form of mysticism, which suggests the interconnectedness of all things and beings and the connection of our minds with a cosmic mind.” [*The Not-Yet God: Carl Jung, Teilhard de Chardin and the Relational Whole* by Ilia Delio, OSF, Orbis Books, 2023, p. 91]

Also on the agenda:

- A presentation by the New Story Art Pod breakout group with Skip Schiel, Dave Damm-Luhr, Mary Coelho, and Marion Foster.
- The New Story Google Group with Dave Damm-Luhr
- The future of breakout groups--discussion
- Ideas for October’s meeting—Sophie Quest and others

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 Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org.

The greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world is to see something and tell what it saw in a plain way.... To see clearly is poetry, prophecy, and religion—all in one.
—John Ruskin, *Works*, vol. 5

Other New Story News

The Not-Yet God: Carl Jung, Teilhard de Chardin and the Relational Whole

Ilia Delio, OSF, Orbis Books, 2023,

“We are...in a major ‘God’ shift. The old God of the starry heavens, the sky God, has been falling since the early twentieth century; at the same time, a new God has been rising up from the strange world of matter. This book tells the story of the new God emerging in a new paradigm.”

[Introduction]

More accessible (for some of us) than the book is a series of videos with Ilia Delio.

Born to Love by Ilia Delio, OSF, Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFmaaulmtoo>

Born to Love by Ilia Delio, OSF, Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yufb-OQpvbk>

Ilia Delio on Evolution, Quantum Physics, and Neuroscience in Theology

<https://clostototruth.com/video/ilia-delio-on-evolution-quantum-physics-and-neuroscience-in-theology/>



Non-Dual Responsibility

[3-minute video](#) with Jonathan Gruden

Exploring the metacrisis through a non-dual lens

By Jonathan Gruden

“The global polycrisis is the totality of the overlapping, synergistic, existential threats we face...

Non-duality (literally meaning “not two”) refers to the fundamental non-separation of phenomena.

...This essay inquires into how non-dual thinking and experiencing can serve our world in the face of the expanding metacrisis.”

[Link to paper](#)

[Link to video presentation of paper](#)



Synergy: The Most Powerful Force in the Universe

Are the relationships in your life activating your potential?

Cosmologist Brian Thomas Swimme says this happens when we experience synergy with others — one of the most powerful forces in the universe. He illustrates how this mysterious force works at a subatomic level between neutrons and protons in this 5-minute video below.

[*Synergy: The Most Powerful Force in the Universe*](#)

At the heart of every ancient spiritual tradition lies a profound yet often overlooked remedy for what ails us individually and collectively.

Mary Magdalene and the Sufis called this little-recognized balm “*friend*.” Yet, as **sacred dancer and embodiment teacher Banafsheh Sayyad** shared in her recent online event, *friend*, in this ancient context, was akin to being in communion with the Beloved...

... and the Oneness that lives through that connection — as the purity of love made manifest.

Johnalee Johnston
Shift Community Transformation Team

A reminder for Quakers that we are members of the Religious Society of **Friends**.



Growing universalism — decolonizing/decentering our humanity

With tom kunesh, a Quaker and Standing Rock Lakota member and descendent.
September 16, at 7:00pm ET

As nations around the world expand their definition of personhood to include whales, bees, turtles, rivers, & nature as a whole, – what effect do these legalistic inclusions of other ‘things’ as beings have on our a/theology of ‘soul’? Are governments developing the *metaphysics* of salvation faster than *kristianity* can keep pace? A conversation about the edges of expanding life-saving universalism.

[Register Here](#)



We study cosmogenesis so we can align ourselves with the creative dynamics throughout society that are building a vibrant Earth community. — Brian Thomas Swimme

How the Future Shapes the Present and Our Cosmic Task

[Click here to watch the video](#) (2:07)

Brian Swimme and Jennifer Morgan discuss the connection between how the future is shaping the present and our Cosmic Task in the unfolding universe. This discussion is at the heart of the upcoming **COSMOGENESIS COURSE**. Registration deadline is Oct. 11th

Last Stand: Saving the Elwha River’s Legacy Forests

Missy Lahren, Deeptime Leader and Chair of the Earth Law Center.

If you are looking for an inspiring way to engage with Climate Week this year, [click here](#) to watch

the 22 minute film “Last Stand.” Watch the inspiring story of how a community stopped a timber sale along the Elwha River - against all odds! Learn about the global importance of Pacific NW temperate rainforests to mitigate climate change and witness the interconnected web of life upon which salmon, orcas, rivers, forests, and humans all depend.

The Omnicentric Universe and its Stunning Implications for Each of Us!

Video Lecture with Sarbmeet Kanwal

[Click here](#) (1.05)

Did the universe explode out of a single point far, far away? In actuality, it emerged from where each of us happens to stand right now, because each of these points in space was inside the tiny fireball when it flared forth. And the universe continues to unfold from every point in space even today. When we realize we are each a center from which the cosmos evolves forward in time, we feel energized and empowered to actively participate in its continual unfolding. This lecture was given during our Horn Antenna event in April of this year.



FIVE WAYS TO GET TO TOMORROW

1. Sleep
 2. Scream
 3. Stumble
 4. Run
 5. Walk
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Cornelia Parkes