

New Story News, October 2024

The next meeting of the New Story Group is Monday, October 28, 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 October: “Community” with Dave Damm-Luhr

We’ve said that “living the New Story” means *moving from systems of oppression, endless extraction, and domination to generative and reciprocal relations with each other and all forms of life*. The sessions since the first of the year have offered a rich array of possibilities for doing that, with the theme of **community** increasingly visible. The next two sessions offer a chance to solicit and hear everyone’s thoughts about community as both context of and pathway toward living the New Story. This evening we’ll collect initial ideas for actions to live the New Story, co-create a shared framework for strengthening our community. With the framework in hand, we can set an intention to build next month on those initial action ideas to experience and live the New Story more fully individually and as a community.

Ahead of our meeting, please reflect on your personal experience in other communities and come ready to name one way a community you value has met your (and others') needs.

You may also want to watch (rewatch) [Humanity’s Phase Shift](#), a 30” conversation with Daniel Schmachtenberger - which seems closely related to Thomas Berry's injunction to "reinvent the human at the species level."

You may also wish to review meeting notes on Community:

- “Design of Multi-month Program” [HERE](#)
- “Community Resources and Queries” [HERE](#)
- “Retreat Overview and Notes” [HERE](#)

With great sadness we report that Patty Huff, long time member of the New Story Group, died on October 23, 2024.

Editorial

Rereading Cosmogogenesis

I seldom reread books. *Helgoland: Making Sense of the Quantum Revolution* by Carlo Rovelli is one I have reread several times. I absorb a little more each time. *Cosmogogenesis* by Brian Swimme is another. I am rereading it because I raced through it the first time just feeling the joy and excitement of his discoveries. I am feeling even more moved by his story the second time. I am sinking deeper into the nugget of truth that he is trying to express. There is one sentence in the Prolog that I have been meditating on for several weeks: “If I wanted to tell the story of the expanding universe and how it developed through time, I needed to include the story of my long struggle out of the structures of existence I had been born into.” That speaks to my experience. I wonder if it is universal.

Mary’s most recent paper “[Trauma to Transcendence](#)” speaks directly to how she has dealt with her childhood trauma. “This essay is a deeply personal story about seeking to respond to a strong spiritual invitation and becoming conscious of the hidden reasons that prevented the author from responding fully, particularly a family tragedy that had an enormous spiritual cost. The essay describes the importance of the great breakthroughs in worldview brought by the new cosmology and the radical discoveries in physics. Coelho describes their importance for human self-understanding and as a foundation for entering the fullness of our being. Given the depth of our belonging revealed by the New Story, we dare to become aware of the consequences of trauma that may be buried in our consciousness, according to Coelho.” [Deeptime network/Blogs/Resources]

Mary’s essay is powerful. Know yourself. Trauma and fear break the links that form community.

As for what community means to me, I like the image of Indira’s net. Each of us is a node in the net and the collection of links is the community. Put this image together with Swimme’s insight into the omnicentricity of the universe, and each node becomes an image of the whole. Combine this with a new understanding of “God,” and the phrase “There is that of God in everyone” acquires a deeper significance than most Quakers realize.

Cornelia Parkes, October 14, 2024

Other New Story News

Newsletter: How to live a good life in a climate crisis

Dear Stubborn Optimist,

Even as Climate Week NYC buoyed our community with innumerable stories of collaborative climate action, and nearly all the world’s governments adopted a new Pact for the Future, the high-level politicking and multi-stakeholder activity can feel quite distant from everyday life. For those of us living in relative safety, caught up in our day-to-day routines while millions reel from disastrous climate impacts, it can be hard to navigate what we should be thinking about or doing as individuals. [Read more here.](#)

In Celebration of Rumi



Saturday, November 2, 2024, 6:30pm

First Church in Cambridge

11 Garden St, Cambridge, MA 02138

Free with Optional Donation

LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE ON [CMM'S WEBSITE](#)

Saturday, November 2nd, First Church in Cambridge, 6:30-8pm

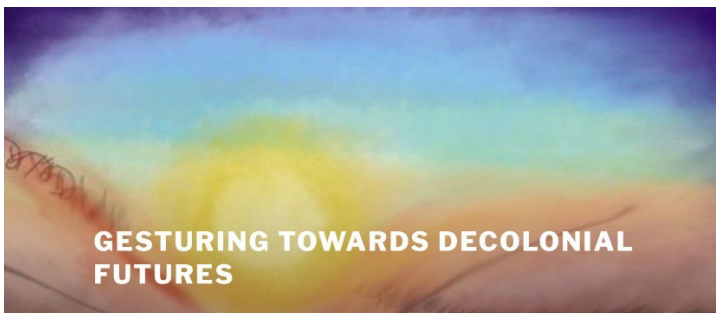
<https://rumicambridge2024.eventbrite.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1982684632159902>

Sunday, November 3rd, Temple Beth Israel, Waltham, 3-4:30pm

<https://rumiwaltham2024.eventbrite.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1106216134473348>



[Gesturing Towards Decolonial Futures \(GTDF\)](#) is an arts/research collective that uses this website as a workspace for collaborations around different kinds of artistic, pedagogical, cartographic, and relational experiments that aim to identify and de-activate colonial habits of being, and to gesture towards the possibility of decolonial futures.

I think you will enjoy browsing the resources on this website. I watched [Hospicing Modernity with Vanessa de Oliveira Andreotti](#) On Saturday, October 26, which included a GTDF presentation. [Cornelia Parkes]