

# New Story Happenings

## April 14, 2018

In an effort to reduce your e-mail traffic, I compiled a list of interesting news that has come to me in the past month. It is kind of a New Story Newsletter. Let me know how you like it!

Cornelia Parkes

### FORUM ON RELIGION AND ECOLOGY AT YALE

Keep this site <http://fore.yale.edu/> bookmarked for all manner of New Story news.

**Music:** *Hear the Emergent Universe Oratorio, Recitative #1—The Great Flaring Forth* by Sam Guarnaccia

**Book:** *Ecology and Religion* by John Grimm and Mary Evelyn Tucker (2014)

**Multimedia:** <http://fore.yale.edu/multimedia>

*Emergent Universe Oratorio* (the whole piece)  
Cleveland, OH, USA (June 30, 2017)

"Religion and Ecology: Moving Forward"  
Plenary address by Mary-Evelyn Tucker  
"Sustainable Societies: Interreligious, Interdisciplinary Responses"  
Graduate Theological Union (April 28-29, 2017)

### BRIAN GREENE

From **Rodney Peterson**:

**YouTube video:** "An interview of Brian Greene at Union Theological Seminary"  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caLOBRo448g&feature=em-lbrm>

Brian Greene is the author of **The Elegant Universe (1999)**: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory; **The Hidden Reality (2011)**: Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos; **The Fabric of the Cosmos (2003)**: Space, Time, and the Texture of Reality. He discusses the cosmic philosophical implications of modern physics. Greene is joined in this discussion by Robert Wright, Union's Visiting Professor of Science & Spirituality

**Mary Coelho** and **Gwen Noyes** watched, **Sev Bruyn** commented:

I saw it last night. He was good.

But....

1. He said the laws of physics are deterministic. Meaning: Science cannot deal with the issue of free will; in other words, it (free will) does not exist for the scientist. Too bad.

- (I write about how free will **evolves** (increases) from the beginning with particles, atoms, and cells, on through snakes, lions and to human beings. He missed it.)
2. He did not know what causes a particle to move.
  3. He spoke about how consciousness can shape reality but he should have said more. (Everything we understand to be **real** comes through consciousness.)
  4. He spoke about how time slows down at the edge of a black hole but he should have said more about the nature of time. (Theoretically, if we move out in space at the speed of light and come back to earth we remain at the same age but our friends are older.)
  5. He assumed the conscious is located simply in the brain but he is wrong on a number of points.
    - (a. The fact of out-of-body experiences (OOBEs) has been documented. Even Louise had that experience.)
    - (b. I have visited mediums who have proven that people who have died are still conscious on the other side.)
    - (c. He is a materialist. He said that the foundation of the universe is composed of matter.

What do you think?

## LIVING WITH THE POWER OF UNITY

From **Steve Stodola**:

**Free Webinar:** *Emergence* conversation with Dr Jude Currivan, facilitated by Vera de Chalambert. Sunday April 22, 2018 @ 11:30 am - 01:00 pm PDT

<https://mailchi.mp/scienceandnonduality/emergence-jude-c?e=1bc8564f62>

“We are beginning to see the entire universe as a holographically interlinked network of energy and information, organically whole and self-referential at all scales of its existence. We, and all things in the universe, are non-locally connected with each other and with all other things in ways that are unfettered by the hitherto known limitations of space and time.”

## CHARLES EISENSTEIN

From **Grady McGonagill**

Look for a new book from Eisenstein coming out in September.

**Podcast:** “Serving the More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know is Possible.” Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

<https://www.soundstrue.com/store/weeklywisdom?page=single&category=IA TE&episode=13019>

**Retreat:** “The Space Between Stories Gathering.” June 22-25 at the Garrison Institute, NY. <https://charleseisenstein.net/events/the-space-between-stories-gathering/>

## YO YO MA

From **David Damm Luhr**

I'd like to share an article about Yo-Yo Ma's recent talk at MIT:

<https://thetech.com/2018/03/22/yo-yo-ma-interview>

...in which he reinterpreted Bach's famous first cello suite prelude “from the view of disruption and reconstruction, forming a metaphor for how we must learn to work together to rebuild from cycles of turmoil”. This seems a lot like Brian Swimme's talking about transmutation, that is, what has needed for us/the universe to make the transition to the eozoic era.

## WHAT WE'RE READING

- **Peter Durigon.** *Truth and Historicity* by Richard Campbell (1992). A magisterial reflection on truth and history it seems to me
- **Peter Stringham.** Marilynnne Robinson's (*Gilead*) book of essays and her attempt to describe religion and theology for modern society. Here is a quote --"Thought, language, emotion culture, as surely as matter and energy must derive from the initial moment that is to have understood to have eventuated in the universe as we know it."
- **Mary Coelho.** *CORRECTION* Mary is reading John Philip Newell's *The New Harmony: The spirit, the earth, and the human Soul* (2011). “In his previous book, *Christ of the Celts*, J. Philip Newell emphasized the Celtic view of the oneness of creation and humanity as expressed through Christ. In that poetic treatment of the wisdom of Celtic spirituality, Newell pointed the way to a more peaceful, harmonious, integrated Christianity. A New Harmony takes the next step forward in emphasizing the need to overcome divisions and find common ground and to reclaim the best of ancient Christian spirituality and a more holistic, natural way of thinking about faith.”
- **Jane Cutting.** *The Great Indian Poet and Philosopher Tagore on Truth, Human Nature, and the Interdependence of Existence – Brain Pickings.*  
<https://www.brainpickings.org/2017/03/07/tagore-mans-universe/>
- **Cornelia Parkes.** *Donut Economics: Seven ways to think like a 21<sup>st</sup> economist* by Kate Raworth (2017). A book on economics that reads like a novel. There is a YouTube video of her talk at the Jamaica Plain Forum last spring, “Economics as if People and the Earth Matter.” Since she's such a dynamic speaker, it's a tremendous resource coupled with her book: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=ld4TswRDTME>