

Welcome to the New Story Group!

We invite you to join us and offer this page to help you feel welcome.

For over 16 years we've met monthly to explore the wisdom and insights from great teachers and from within us related to a new way of seeing and experiencing our place in the living, evolving universe. We seek to support each other in deeper understanding not only our roots in the old story of human domination and control, but also of what's needed to move us to living the new story of radical interdependence with and caring for all Earth's species. This "new story" helps us make meaning of our lives together.

We offer these freely available resources as support to you both in your personal journey and in our time together as a New Story Group. Over the years we've learned that the universe to which we belong intimately is dynamic, creative, ever-evolving and whole. As active participants in its unfolding, we see ourselves as the universe reflecting on itself, expressing curiosity, puzzlement and joy about the possibilities ahead. We look forward to hearing about your experience and insights!

For those stepping into the new story for the first time, we suggest scanning

- Thomas Berry's "***The Determining Features of the Ecozoic Era***": [here](#)
 - Website: [here](#); essay "The New Story": [here](#); and [12 Understandings](#)
- Brian Swimme's & Thomas Berry's "***The Universe Story***": [here](#)
- Brian Swimme's video on ***Journey of the Universe***: [here](#)
- The New Story Film: "***Change the Story, Change the World***": [here](#)
- The New Story website hosted by Friends Meeting at Cambridge: [here](#)

If you've already explored some of the new story of the universe, you might have a look at some of the references we've covered in the last few years, such as

- ***New Story for a New Economy***, David Korten, Yes! Magazine: [here](#)
- '***An Ecological Civilization: The Path We're On***', Yes! [article](#), [panel video](#)
- ***Frame of New Story Dialogs***, 2020: [here](#)

In the coming months we'll be exploring different ways of knowing our place in the universe with emphasis on the arts and humanities to help us go beyond primarily cognitive approaches. Some of us are also exploring insights from different wisdom traditions (e.g., Celtic, indigenous, Buddhist). Being aware of global crises and the urgency of change at the species level, we also seek inspiration for catalyzing and taking action in the world to match what we know. Some of our sources include:

- Drew Dellinger's ***Hieroglyphic Stairway***: video [here](#) and "***Dr. King's Interconnected World***," [here](#)
- [Deeptime Network's 5 "perspectives"](#)
- [Spirituality for Questioning Minds](#)
- Mary Coelho's website ***New Universe Story Painting and Collages***: [here](#)

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