

## FMC New Story News for October, 2021

A monthly compendium of meeting announcements and other events that may be of interest to the New Story group. Compiled by Cornelia Parkes at [new-story@fmcquaker.com](mailto:new-story@fmcquaker.com)

### "What Could Possibly Go Right?"

Monday, October 25, 7:00-9:00pm online

The next meeting of the New Story Group will show an [interview with Jeremy Lent](#) (scroll down page). Learn more at Lent's [website here](#). Video and discussion will be followed by a montage of the Red Brigade of the [Extinction Rebellion](#) and the query, "What is the task of our generation in moving towards an ecological civilization?"

Join us for another transformative evening with the New Story Group. Are you new to the New Story? Read our one-page introduction "[Welcome to the New Story](#)." Come at 6:30pm for fellowship and to get acquainted.

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

To be placed on the email list for New Story News and notices of future meetings contact Cornelia Parkes at [new-story@fmcquaker.org](mailto:new-story@fmcquaker.org)

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## The Depth of our Belonging Book Group

Thursday, November 4, 7:00-9:00pm online [CORRECT DATE]

You are welcome to join the second meeting of the book group reading *The Depth of Our Belonging: Mysticism, Physics, and Healing* (Producciones de la Hamaca, 2021) by Mary Conrow Coelho. This book is both a personal and sacred story. We will explore and celebrate changes in worldview that are a gift to Quakerism. There is no need for special knowledge of science. We will seek to enter deeply into a sacred story that includes the natural world. We will learn from the text and our discussions and from Mary's beautiful watercolors that decorate the book using the practice of *visio divina*, sacred seeing, or seeing with the heart.

At our first meeting we discussed the first 15 pages of Chapter 1, "Awakening Within Tragedy," up to the section "A Transformed Worldview." For our second meeting, please finish Chapter 1. When you read, underline passages that stand out for you and bring these and your questions the meeting. This is your time to share. We will have another exercise of *visio divina* with one of Mary's watercolors. You are welcome even if you missed the first meeting.

Mary's book is available from Amazon or on order from your favorite bookstore. The group is led by Cornelia Parkes and Mary Coelho and sponsored by the Adult Spiritual Education Working Group.

To participate, [click this link](#) or provide the Meeting ID 836 1037 8563 and passcode 628182 (if requested) on [Zoom.com](https://zoom.us), the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656

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## Musings on Millennialism

Cornelia Parkes, October 15, 2021

“Millennialism” is defined as

*The belief, expressed in the book of [Revelation to John](#), that Christ will establish a 1,000-year reign of the saints on earth (the millennium) before the [Last Judgment](#). More broadly defined, it is a cross-cultural concept grounded in the expectation of a time of supernatural peace and abundance on earth.*

I am only part way into Elise Boulding’s *Cultures of Peace: The Hidden Side of History* (Syracuse Studies on Peace and Conflict Resolution, 2000) and am finding much that is new to me to think about. I don’t know why it’s taken me so long to read this resource. For example, I learned that the roots of the New Story go way back. In the Chapter “Passion for Utopia,” Boulding writes

The organic approach [to utopia] sees nature as evolving in its own way, and humans need only happily go along with nature. A transformation is taking place, and a new consciousness is needed on the part of humans to recognize the transformation and to work with it. The millennialist Jochim de Fiore wrote in the thirteenth century about the transformation. He declared that the Age of the Holy Spirit had arrived to replace the age of the bureaucratic institutional church. People only needed to follow the paths opened up by the spirit to enter into this new age. The Anabaptist tradition [which includes Quakers] that grew from Fiore’s teaching is utopian in the best sense of the word. [p.32-33]

Is the New Story simply carrying on this centuries-old tradition translated into modern times?

For modern day Quakers, utopia takes the form of experiments in communal living, many of which have failed. *Friends Journal*, [June/July, 2021](#), reviews several of these and also Beacon Hill Friends House, which is definitely not failing.

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## Building Trusting Community Relationships with Honoree Dr. Sarah Sayeed

October 21, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 pm online

Sponsored by [the Institute for Global Leadership](#) that **Virginia Swain** founded and directs after she was in New York City on September 11, 2001, and was horrified at the American leadership in the post-9/11 era. Click [here](#) to get a ticket and to learn about other upcoming events. [Listen here](#) to Quaker Singer/Songwriter Paulette Meir, who recorded a chant with the words written on a plaque outside the United Nations Visitor’s lobby

Click [here](#) to learn about Virginia’s latest book *My Soul’s Journey to Redefine Leadership: A New Phoenix Rises from the Ashes of 9/11*.

## Shift Happens: Growing in the Darkness, Bringing In the Light!

Friday, October 29, 7–8.30pm UK time online

Findhorn talks with Robert Holden. 5 practical ways to heal and grow during difficult times. LIVE in the Universal Hall and [ONLINE as live stream](#). Replays will be available for 30 days following the event.

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## Sacred Transmissions (Remixed)

Released October 8, 2021, online

The Time of the Sixth Sun Sacred Transmissions with Estas Tonne and Tobias (through Geoffrey Hoppe) Released a few years ago as a soundtrack for the conscious film and docuseries [Time of the Sixth Sun](#), the album is now enhanced and remixed for a deeper inner experience.. [Listen here](#).

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## Permaculture Design Course

13 November 2021 – 29 January 2022 online

Become a certified permaculture designer, the ecovillage way. This special Permaculture Design Course explores Ecovillages as examples and sources of expertise for permaculture design in action.

Interested? [Register here](#) to join this special course!

Still need to think about it? [Register here](#) for the FREE taster workshop on 21 October (8pm UK time): How to Design a Permaculture Mandala Garden – Regenerative Agriculture in your Backyard or Community Garden! Meet the lead facilitator and get a sense of how the course will be delivered.

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## Interconnected Problems Call for Interconnected Solutions

By Whitney Bauck

Dr. Beth Sawin, co-founder of Climate Interactive, shares her vision for how we might ‘multisolve’ our way to a more livable planet. [Read it here](#) in Atmos Climate and Culture Magazine.

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## Zen and the Art of Saving the Planet

By [Thich Nhat Hanh](#)

Published October 5, 2021, by [Harper Collins](#).

“When you wake up and you see that the Earth is not just the environment, the Earth is us, you touch the nature of interbeing. And at that moment you can have real communication with the Earth... We have to wake up together. And if we wake up together, then we have a chance. Our way of living our life and planning our future has led us into this situation.”

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## On the Mystery of Being: Contemporary Insights on the Convergence of Science and Spirituality

Edited by Zaya and Maurizio Benazzo

Who are we? What is our place in this vast and ever-evolving universe? Where do science and spirituality meet? From founders of the Science and Nonduality (SAND) conference, Maurizio and Zaya Benazzo, *On the Mystery of Being* brings together an array of visionary spiritual leaders, psychologists, philosophers, scientists, teachers, authors, and healers to celebrate and explore what it means to be human. A collection of 48 essays (240 pages).

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Just something extra.

