

New Story News August

There is no New Story meeting at Friends Meeting at Cambridge (FMC) in August, but the month is full of happenings related to the new story. Along with two other members of our group I am taking a four-week course offered by the [Deep Time Network](#) “Quantum Wisdom” by Sarbmeet Kanwell.

See you in September!

Blessings,
Cornelia Parkes
Convener, FMC New Story Group

“Earth’s behaviour itself is uncertain enough, but people’s behaviour is the biggest uncertainty of all. I mean, we might be on course for curing all these problems and then some stupid, silly war or a pandemic breaks out and it takes all our minds away from it. We’re the Joker in the pack.”

James Lovelock in a 1999 conversation with Gwynne Dyer
Quoted in [Chuck Fager’s Friendly Letter](#).

James Lovelock (1919–2022), who died on his 103rd birthday, July 27, was best known through the Gaia theory, a controversial idea that he proposed in the 1960s and developed with the US biologist Lynn Margulis in the 70s. [Click here for his obituary](#) in The Guardian.

Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology

Climate Change Conversation with Bill McKibben & Mary Evelyn Tucker

We are happy to share the recording of a conversation on [“Climate Emergency”](#) with environmentalist, academic, and author Bill McKibben and Mary Evelyn Tucker, co-founder of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. This conversation took place on June 6 at Harvard University during the 50th reunion of the Harvard/Radcliffe class of 1971. For further resources on climate change issues, see the [Climate Emergency section](#) on the Forum website.

August 2022 Newsletter

For more news from the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, [see their August 2022 newsletter here](#): Remembering James Lovelock, Religion and Ecology Bibliographies, Yale/Coursera Massive Open Online Course: *Western Religions and Ecology*, FORE Spotlights & Forum Blog, Online Learning, Upcoming Events, New Publications, and Job Openings, Student Opportunities, and Calls for Papers

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Ecological Grief: Engaging with the Emotional Impacts of Climate Change

August 25 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm EDT with Gayle Matson & Hayley Hathaway

Ecological grief is all around us, whether we recognize it or not, we all carry it with us. Buddhist writer Joanna Macy writes, “Feeling pain for the world is as natural to us as the food and air we draw upon to fashion who we are. That pain is the price of consciousness in a threatened and suffering world. It is not only natural, it is an absolutely necessary component of our collective healing. The problem, therefore, lies not with our pain for the world, but in our repression of it.”

Read more and [register here](#).

Findhorn New Story Hub

The Great Turning Experiment: An On-Line SELF STUDY journey from [Findhorn](#)

Featuring Craig Schindler, Duane Elgin, Joanna Macy, Chris Johnstone, Pat McCabe - Woman Stands Shining, Báýò Akómoláfé, David Korten, and Host Mattie Porte.

Book now and rise to your great turning! For a full program description, visit:

<https://bit.ly/3QbMgiq>

TRICYCLE : the Buddhist Review

In Search of the Sacred: Buddhist reflections on the secular

By David Loy SPRING 2017. [Read it here](#).

“At the cutting edge of contemporary science, a remarkable insight is surfacing: the universe, with all things in it, is a quasi-living, coherent whole. All things in it are connected. . . . A cosmos that is connected, coherent, and whole recalls an ancient notion that was present in the tradition of every civilization: it is an enchanted cosmos. . . . We are part of each other and of nature. . . . We are a conscious part of the world, a being through which the cosmos comes to know itself.”

Deep Transformation Network

Shifting Paradigms: How biology reveals the sacred quality of life.

An interactive conversation with Ursula Goodenough and Andreas Weber moderated by Jeremy Lent. Among other things, they discuss mind-expanding topics such as: what is the ultimate source of values; the importance and limitations of reductionist thinking; and the subtle but crucial differences between spirituality and religion. [You can watch the video here](#).

For those who want to stay connected with Ursula's Religious Naturalist Association, you can [explore their website here](#) or join Ursula's [Religious Naturalist Orientation Group](#) on the Deep Transformation Network.

If you'd like to explore more of Andreas' work, a great place to begin is his [Biology of Wonder website](#).

The Principles and Practices of Deep Transformation

Webinar: with Jeremy Lent. Sat, August 13, 3:00pm - 5:00pm EDT

Come and join us at The Work That Reconnects Network for a panel interview with Jeremy Lent, author and facilitator lead of Principles and Practices of Deep Transformation: laying the groundwork for an ecological civilization. In partnership with Gaia Education. [Register here](#).

Course: September 24, 2022, 10 weeks

We need to transform our core human identity, our relationships with others, and with the nonhuman world. Once we shift our worldview, another world becomes possible. Learn the principles and practice of Deep Transformation. Jeremy Lent, course instructor, in partnership with Gaia Education. [Register here](#).
