

Coming Together Quilt Featured in National Magazine



Radheka Patel Savoy (standing) and Norko Roy (seated left) appeared in Folk Quilt Magazine

The Coming Together quilt created by Nevada Interfaith Association during Nevada's sesquicentennial year in 2015 and displayed at the Renown Spiritual Center's Interfaith Sanctuary was recently featured in the latest issue of *Quilt Folk Magazine*.

Radheka Patel Savoy and Rev. Noriko Roy appeared in the article cover photo. Noriko created and executed the designs representing the Second Advent Church and the Vedic tradition.



Quilt image of the Second Advent Cross



Vedic Design

Hard copy issues of the magazine are available at the [Quilt Folk web site](#). Images of the article are attached below.

Faithful Friends

By Kestrel Michaud

In the heart of Reno's sprawling Renown Regional Medical Center, on the back wall of a tranquil chapel, hangs a quilt of many colors. The quilt is beautiful, but what it stands for approaches miraculous.

The quilt, titled *Coming Together*, was created and donated by members of the Nevada Clergy Association, which later became the Nevada Interfaith Association (NIA). The NIA is a multi-faith network that aims to increase mutual understanding and respect among religious and spiritual people in Nevada.

Patricia Meidell, an NIA member and a public affairs director for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, attended an interfaith luncheon in 2014. When the talk turned to the 150th year of Nevada's statehood, Meidell had an idea for a sesquicentennial quilt.

Meidell knew that a quilt is a universal object, that people of all walks of life and religious traditions make quilts. Meidell's own church has a long history of quilting; Mormon missionary groups

that settled in the West in the 1800s sometimes offered quilting lessons to the indigenous peoples they met in hopes they'd come to church. Looking around the room, Meidell thought about all of the different faith stories represented there that day. Meidell, though not a quiltmaker herself but someone with huge admiration for quilts and the people who make them, thought to herself, "Hmmm... I wonder if anybody here makes quilts."

Meidell asked around and quickly discovered that in fact many NIA members were quiltmakers. The idea of a group quilt that would recognize religious diversity as part of Nevada's sesquicentennial celebration was on its way.

With this project, "I thought we could do two things," said Meidell. "We could pull this together — or stitch us together, as the case may be — to do something as an outward display of our unity." Making a quilt would also give the NIA the ability "to demonstrate who we are in northern Nevada."



Inside the Estelle J. Kelsey Interfaith Sanctuary, six quiltmakers gather for a portrait. Back row, L-R: Patricia Meidell, Nahla Kadry, Radjeka Savoy; front row, L-R: Elyn Darrah, Shelly Fisher, Noriko Roy, and Jackie Manley.



ABOVE: A dove with an olive branch on the Trinity Episcopal Church block. OPPOSITE: Blue sashing unites the participants' message while giving each block space to be counted.





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— ELLYN DARRAH

Coming Together is made up of 15 distinct blocks separated by blue sashing. The center block celebrates Nevada — state pride being something all the quiltmakers have in common. The 14 blocks surrounding the center block represent the respective faith tradition of each participant.

Noriko Roy's yellow and red block in the lower left shows Om, one of the most important spiritual symbols in Hinduism. Jackie Manley was inspired by a watercolor painting of the original meeting place of the First Congregational Church of Reno back in 1871, so she recreated the painting on her block. Some of the other blocks in the quilt represent the Baha'i Faith, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and even the non-organized faith group Witches and Heathens, a network of practitioners who seek harmony with nature.

The 14 makers of the blocks indeed created a patchwork representation of inherent bonds shared between their religious communities. "The quilt is a beautiful symbol of that inclusiveness and unity

that is a model for our community at large," said Rev. Shelley Fisher of the Reno Buddhist Center.

As anyone who has worked on a group or "bee" quilt can attest, there were "make it work" moments. Elyn Darrah, a Vietnam veteran and quilter who made the Children of the Temple Earth block, said things got "a little lopsided. I had it pinned, but somebody unpinned it when they were putting it all together." She laughed. "It got tipped, but you know what? That's okay."

Rev. Fisher agreed: "It's not perfect. We're not perfect."

Those involved in the NIA quilt project were already interacting and cooperating with each other before the idea for this quilt was born, but the *Coming Together* quilt is visual proof that a diverse assemblage of people can get along despite their adherence to different religions.

"If we look for what we have in common instead of hating the differences," said Darrah, "we stand a much better chance of living in harmony."

From upper left, reading left to right, *Coming Together* includes blocks representing Trinity Episcopal Church, International Community of Christ, the Baha'i Faith, Lutheran congregations, Our Lady of the Snows, Diocese of Reno, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Temple Sinai, Temple Beth Or, the Hindu community, Children of Temple Earth, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Northern Nevada, the Buddhist community, the Northern Nevada Muslim community, and First Congregational Church.

WEEKLY MESSAGE: July 29, 2020



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THE SACRED TEACHINGS OF LIGHT

HEAD OVERSEER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



July 29, 2020

This is the final portion of the commentary on the Thirteenth Saying. These words dwell primarily on our return to the Worlds of Light. Of course, as always, there is emphasis on the establishment of a dedicated Community of Light.

The Thirteenth Saying (Part 14)

“‘I believe we will discover our real selves in due process of time. A prerequisite is living the Life of Light laid down by the Order. I think that if members of this good ship were to gather some thirty or forty years hence, some being seventy, others eighty, others ninety years of age, on a splendid beach like this one, they would feel much closer to God. Their many years of dedication to the Order, their years of labor in Community, would extend to them a living communion of fellowship not shared by others. But I think others would discern this fellowship, sense the communion shared by them, and honor it even though they were not a part of it. These older ones would, by their very age and experience, be closer to God in time because of their long years of devotion, humility, and service. And, above all, by living their lives as God intended and not by the will of natural Man. We must always remember that it is because of God’s Light manifest in the New Sun and the formation of this Community that we are living this life of dedication. We did not create it for ourselves, but we did use our free will and intelligence to select it.

“‘I can assure you that you will never really understand who you are until you draw closer to death. I remember when Jamil was passing out of this world into the Worlds of Light. It was an experience I shall never forget. He began to withdraw from the world days, even weeks, before. He lived apart from this material world. His lovely little body was enveloped in an aura of white light. Illustrious Beings of Light; – Jesus, the Apostles, and other robed figures of personages grown holy over the centuries, surrounded him constantly as if they were escorting him out of this world; – or perhaps protecting him

during his transit. They were all part of a sacred Fellowship of Light. And this Fellowship was a hallowed and living Communion with God. I remember appealing to Jamil, asking that he not abandon me, urging him to remain on Earth. And for a brief moment he returned to the natural world of the living. He arose and, touching me tenderly, smiled shaking his head slowly to indicate that he was no longer for this world. He was serene. He was content to leave here, to go back to his own world. He was no longer my son, and I no longer his father.

“‘So Jamil taught me something very valuable. He could not be his true self until the moment of death. Then a whole new world opened up to him. He became radiantly beautiful, spiritually perfect. Thus, to be truly spiritual one must draw away from this world; then one will understand about origins.

“‘This holds true for all of us. For this reason, I hope our Community can build a sanctuary for the aged so they can withdraw from the world in peace and in the company of loved ones. I believe Jamil would have urged us to do that. I believe the aged could be our instructors in many ways, as Jamil instructed me when dying of the body.

“‘I think we will become great teachers in time to come, each one of us in our own way. I have bowed down to Jamil. I must do that. My position in the Church is secure and each of you know me for what I am. But I would bow to any one of you as Fellows and Teachers of Light as Jamil did to me. He honored and recognized me as his natural father. We all must have mutual understanding and respect for one another. That is the basic law. We cannot have disharmony. This ship has taught us the importance of this. When disharmony arises, it is from the heart of the natural Man. And we must send the natural Man away from us no matter how much he may contribute to the ship on a material level. We must always maintain the Communion of Light amongst us. If we fail in that, we no longer have a Ship of Light. It is the same for The Community.’

“And after speaking these words The Man and the mariners left the island and rowed the longboat to St. Peter Island, a short distance away. A gentle ground swell carried them to a rocky beach covered by a multitude of black stones of various sizes and shapes. They sat down to speak again of Jamil and the Sayings. And the Second Mariner asked The Man, ‘In the first portion of the Thirteenth Saying, Jamil’s words state that he did not come to teach. If he did not come to teach, why did he come? What is he trying to tell us?’

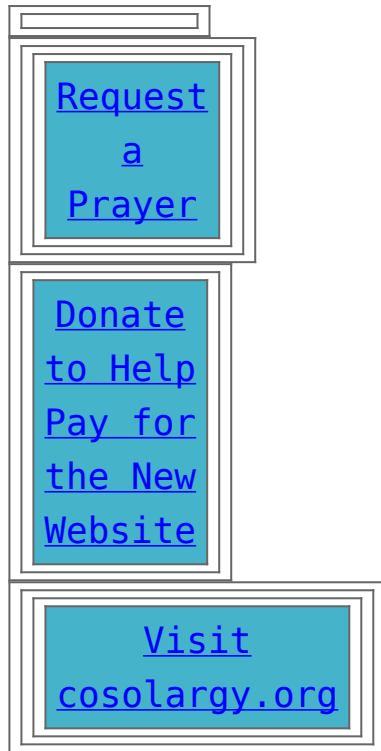
“And The Man answered him saying, ‘I believe Jamil said he did not come to teach natural men and women; that his teaching was the express property of the supernatural, meaning those who would receive The Word of God and, having received it, collect together in Community for the benefit of the world. Jamil’s purpose on Earth was to announce the coming of the Sun of Righteousness, as we have discussed. His intention was to lay the groundwork for the coming Community. Like Jesus, who never divulged the Teachings of Light to the community of Man, but only to members of the Order who had given up the ways of the natural world, sold their possessions and took up the cross, Jamil never revealed the Teachings to the curious. He only revealed them in such a way that they would be preserved for The Community. By so doing he assured the perpetuation of The Teachings. If you will remember, the Teachings of Light brought to the world by Jesus were lost to mankind with the persecution of Jesus and his immediate disciples, and with the Roman destruction of Jerusalem and the communities that had banded together under the new teachings of Jesus. Only by the establishment of a dedicated Community can the Teachings of Light be preserved for all time.’”

We will begin the Fourteenth Saying next week.

Again, if I may be of any personal service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours in Light+,

Gene



**Services for the Week of
August 1, 2020**



Saturday, August 1, 2020

***Confirmation of God's Law and Anniversary of the New Light of
God***

5:50 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 5:00

Gate: 5:35

Sunrise: 6:05
RR Gene Savoy Jr.
Concelebrants:
RC Robert Petrovich
RC Ted Staver
RC Peter Foust
Assistant: RM Rebecca Willis
Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

10:00 AM COMMUNION
Chapel of The Holy Child
Suspended

Sunday, August 2, 2020
5:50 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE
Cathedral Church of the Americas

Leave: 5:00
Gate: 5:35
Sunrise: 6:05
RR Gene Savoy Jr.
Concelebrants:
RC Robert Petrovich
RC Ted Staver
RC Peter Foust
Assistant: RM Rebecca Willis
Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION
Church of the Golden Age of Light Rev. Harold Boulette
Church of the Universal Theocracy Dea. Stephan Fuelling
Church of the Americas Rev. Shinobu Fuelling

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RM Rebecca Willis

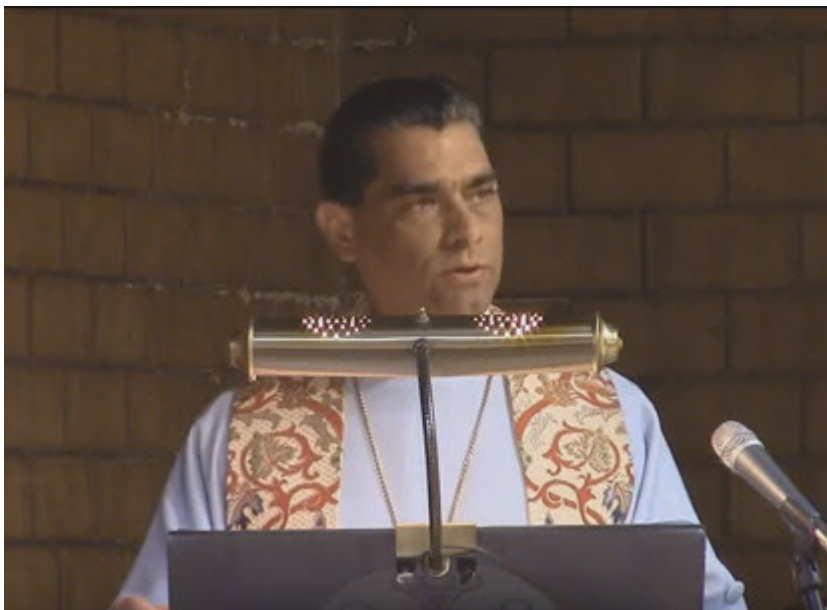
Friday, August 7, 2020

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Barbara Whitney

July 25, 2020: Chapel Readings



Each week of the liturgical year, a reading from Second Advent Scripture is delivered as part of the Saturday Communion of Fellowship Service held in the Chapel of the Holy Child. This reading follows the Sacred Calendar of the Church; that is, Prophecies and Revelations that have been received by The Church on sacred dates are recalled in a liturgical context during the appropriate season each year. This reading is delivered just before the final blessings. Each service also includes a reading from the ancient scriptures, prayers, or wisdom sayings of various world religions past and present and is usually thematically related to the Second Advent Reading. This reading is delivered by the Reader right after the announcements that begin the service and is thus the first reading of the service. An audio recording of the reading from Second Advent Scripture delivered on the date above is provided here below together with a transcript of the first reading of the service that day.

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SECOND ADVENT PROPHECY AND REVELATION

A Reading from *The Book of God's Revelation*, Book II: The Seal of God's New Law (pp. 169-171).

ANCIENT SCRIPTURE AND WISDOM SAYINGS

A Reading from the Gospel of Thomas (61, 62, 68, 73, 79):

(61)...Jesus said...I am the one who comes from what is whole. I was given from the things of my father...I say, if you are

whole, you will be filled with light, but if divided, you will be filled with darkness.

(62) Jesus said, I disclose my mysteries to those who are worthy of my mysteries. Do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. (67) One who knows all but lacks within is totally lacking.

(68) Blessings on you when you are hated and persecuted, and no place will be found, wherever you are persecuted. (69) Jesus said, Blessings on you who have been persecuted in your hearts. Only you truly know the father...(70)...If you bring forth what is within you, what you have will save you. If you have nothing within you, what you do not have within you will kill you.

(73) Jesus said, the harvest is large but the workers are few...(75)...There are many standing at the door but those who are alone will enter the wedding chamber. (76)...The father's kingdom is like a merchant who owned a supply of merchandise and found a pearl. The merchant was prudent. He sold his goods and bought the single pearl for himself. So with you. Seek (the) treasure that is unfailing end enduring, where no moth comes to devour and no worm destroys.

(79) A woman ... said to him, blessings on the womb that bore you and the breasts that fed you. He said to her, Blessings on those who have heard the word of the father and have truly kept it. (81)... Let a person of wealth rule, and a person of power renounce it. (82)...Whoever is near me is near fire, and whoever is far from me is far from the kingdom.



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“Native Americans Voyaged to Polynesia in Prehistoric Times, Genetics Suggests”



The birth and development of civilization on the Polynesian islands continues to be a source of fascination for historians, and new evidence shows that Native American visitors may well have been established in the area hundreds of years before European settlers.

After a detailed DNA analysis of the genomes of more than 800 Polynesians and Native Americans, both modern and prehistoric, researchers have found evidence of contact between the two groups as far back as 1200 CE.

[Read the entire article posted July 8, 2020 at sciencealert.com.](https://www.sciencealert.com/polynesian-islands-evidence-of-native-american-visitors-1200-ce)

link submitted by Paul Young

“Illuminated Self and the Continuing Journey”



This new apprehension of reality generally appears to the Illuminated Self as final and complete. As the true lover is always convinced that he has found in his bride the one Rose of the World, so the mystic, in the first glow of his initiation, is sure that his quest is now fulfilled. ... He has yet to pass through that night of senses in which he learns to distinguish the substance of Reality from the accidents under which it is perceived; to discover that the heavenly food here given cannot satisfy the 'hunger for the absolute.' His true goal lies far beyond this joyful basking in the sunbeams of the Uncreated Light. Only the greatest souls learn this lesson, and tread the whole of that 'King's Highway' which leads man back to his Source. 'For the many that come to Bethlehem, there be few that will go on to

Calvary.' The rest stay here, in this Earthly Paradise, these flowery fields; where the liberated self wanders at will, describing to us as well as it can now this corner, now that of the Country of the Soul.

"It is in these descriptions of the joy of illumination—in the outpourings of love and rapture belonging to this state—that we find the most lyrical passages of mystical literature. Here poet, mystic, and musician are on common ground: for it is only by the oblique methods of the artist ... that the wonder of the vision can be expressed." ~[Evelyn Underhill](#)

Illuminated Self

I think what Ms. Underhill is saying really applies to those who are only partially illuminated. That, of course, is all of us. No one living in a physical body is fully illuminated, so all of us fall into the category she is discussing.

If you have been studying some form of spirituality for a while, you know that there are many who insist that there school, or their guru, or their beliefs that they picked up from various books, is the only true spiritual teaching and is the ultimate and complete teaching. Therefore, once they have learned what is required, they have nothing else to learn, they are complete. They only need to continue to practice whatever it is that they have learned to date. Unfortunately, no matter what school or teaching you follow, that simply isn't true. As Underhill note, your "bride" is not the only rose in the world, though you might think she is. She is, of course, using this as an allegory for our relationship with spiritual development and enlightenment.

[Read the entire article online at spiritsun.net.](http://spiritsun.net)

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Services for the Week of July 25, 2020



Saturday, July 25, 2020

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr

Lector: RM Elizabeth Reece

Cantor: Dea. Gary Huss Jr.

Reader: Rev. Dorothy Kubiak

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

Sunday, July 26, 2020

5:44 AM SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Epiphany

Leave: 4:45

Gate: 5:40

Sunrise: 5:59

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrants:

RC Robert Petrovich

RC Ted Staver

RC Peter Foust

Assistant: RM Rebecca Willis

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of the Christian Churches Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Church of the End Times Rev. Larry Coesens

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

12:00 NOON COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RC Robert Petrovich

Friday, July 31, 2020

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Peter Foust

WEEKLY MESSAGE: July 22, 2020



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THE SACRED TEACHINGS OF LIGHT

HEAD OVERSEER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE



July 22, 2020

Hello. I hope you are staying safe and keeping healthy. We are almost at the end of our review of the Thirteenth Saying of Jamil. This portion continues with the themes of pre-existence and the preordained but elaborates on arrogance versus humility and living the Life of Light to attain spirituality.

The Thirteenth Saying (Part 13)

“And The Navigator spoke again saying, ‘What you seem to have said in your answer is that none of us knows exactly where we

came from, or even that we had a pre-existence prior to our entrance into this world until we are awakened by the call of Christ. Let me quote from the Gospel of John: But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become sons of God, which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. But what of the laws of God? Are they not made obvious to us from the moment of our awakening as to who we were and where we came from?’

“And turning to the seaman, The Man answered saying, ‘Each of us must first accept that once awakened by God’s presence in the Light of Christ, we begin to live under supernatural laws. These laws bind us to a life of dedication. Our supernatural uniqueness means simply that we have become spiritual. We have used our free will to elect to live under the Laws of Light. This does not mean that we are better than other people. We are only different. We become servants of Christ. We are here to instruct the human family. Therefore, we cannot ever think of ourselves as superior. We do live under superior laws, true. But superior to other men and women, never.

“‘Arrogance defeats spirituality. It defeats the whole life of Jamil, and of Jesus. Jamil taught us humility as a child; Jesus as a man. Humility is a discipline. And the discipline of humility teaches us spirituality. Jesus identified with man; Jamil identified with natural phenomena. He lived off the breath of God. He was nurtured by it.

“‘To learn more about our pre-existence, we must withdraw from the world and try to understand God. Look at how Jesus experienced his human nature when hanging on the cross. He uttered the words: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me. Here was a suffering, natural man in a moment of despair. He was not fully in charge. He was not completely free from the natural body which was suffering terribly. He felt abandoned. He had failed his community, as they had failed him. But slowly he withdrew from his agony and forgave his tormentors saying: Forgive them Father for they know not what

they do. Here was the supernatural Man speaking to natural Man. His superiority of reasoning allowed Jesus to be forgiving. In this moment Jesus became perfect Christ, incarnate in human form. And he triumphed. And when he cried out: Father into thy hands I commend my spirit, at this moment Jesus was freed from his human nature, and his Spirit merged with God.

“‘With his ascent back into the Worlds of Light whence he had come, Jesus then knew of his true, supernatural nature. He was free forever. It is the same for any one of us. We will not be truly spiritual, nor have a full understanding of who we really are, nor understand our origins, until we depart this world and merge with the source of our being. I think that the closer we draw to the end of our natural life, the closer we come to God.

“‘Jesus triumphed over the death of his natural body. He returned to his disciples in possession of a Light Body, the same Body to which all persons of Light are heir, as a testimony to the immortality of the human Spirit that exists once it is empowered by God’s eternal Light.’”

This theme continues next week and focuses on Jamil’s return to the Worlds of Light.

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