

Julia Sweeney Gets at the Heart of Religion



Julia Sweeney PHOTO: tedtalks.com

In this 2006 Ted Talk, Julia Sweeney relays humorous stories on matters related to her experiences with Catholicism and Mormonism and culminates her talk by getting at the heart of religion.

< [Watch the entire 17-minute presentation online at ted.com](http://www.ted.com/talks/julia_sweeney_gets_at_the_heart_of_religion). >

link submitted by Michael McIntyre

July 12, 2014: Chapel Readings



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SECOND ADVENT PROPHECY AND REVELATION

A Reading from the Book of God's Revelation, "The Seal of God's New Law" (pp.148-157):

< [Click here to listen to this week's reading. \(11 minutes\)](#) >

ANCIENT SCRIPTURE AND WISDOM SAYINGS

A Reading from the Book of God's Revelation, "The Seal of God's New Law" (pp.145-148):

Before the final Restoration, the world is to be purified by the bright rays of the sun. The races will be cleansed by the fire of the Holy Spirit for a healing and a blessing of Soul. And God shall speak to them out of the Light and they will see His Image. And that race that endures will bathe in God's Light and live on the Divine Presence as did the Creation before the generation of Darkness – the sun and stars and the worlds of matter – and it will share in the New Act of Creation.

And The Voice spoke to The Man's Soul saying, "The Image and The Word from Heaven establishes on earth a New Religion free from any human control lest it be corrupted.

"This Religion shall not be subject to any written law, nor to any priest, minister, prophet, or counsellor; nor to any court of civil law, secular authority, or ecclesiastical jurisdiction; nor to any existing written canon law or scriptural text; nor to any lay person, academic, or scholar of learned institution.

"God wills that this Religion be subject only to The Word

spoken out of the Creator's Light in The Image of the Sun of Righteousness.

"This Religion is constituted of the Ordained bound together under oath to the theocratic Community's own laws written in Heaven and revealed by God.

"And let the Ordained New Covenanters go forth as Messengers of God, spreading the Teachings over the face of the earth.

"And let the Ordained read the Books to the peoples at those places consecrated to God. And all who hear, together with the land and the peoples, shall be blessed of God.

"And should any nation forbid the reading by God's Messengers, or by exercising its authority suppress the freedom of the people to hear the Messengers, let that nation come under the strong and just rays of God's Sun of Judgement which is intolerant of all secular and ecclesiastical authorities who violate the Spiritual Rights of humans decreed from Heaven.

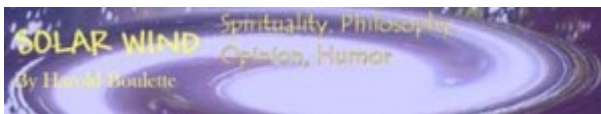
"The appearance of The Image and Word incarnate in the sun, summons all nations and governments to recognize the immutability of God as Sovereign over the Creation and acknowledge His Sacred Right to enter into human affairs and regulate those natural laws that govern all life.

"Divine Law is omnipresent, omniscient, absolute, and unalterable in the First Cause of effect over the human mind and spirit.

"The Supreme Judicator of all life administers Justice from the seat of the sun and issues an edict to the Ordained of The Church of the Second Advent: To inform every human being of that Holy Writ revealed by God so that all nations and peoples may live in accordance with Supernatural Law in the final struggle between the Powers of Light and Darkness.

"The nations and governments of the world are under a sacred mandate to receive the Ordained who minister unto the people, blessing the land and mellowing the rays of the sun; for the peoples of the earth are too sick and unclean to be healed by God's Sun of Righteousness if they not live The Way revealed."

"Spiritual Places"



"Places also exercise an important influence in occult operation; some spots upon the earth's surface are naturally highly magnetic. These have usually been discovered of old time by the ancients and their possibilities developed, and according to the type of development employed will be their influence at the present day. There is a very great difference between a place which has been used for evocatory rites involving blood-sacrifice.

"Occultists having the necessary knowledge avail themselves, as far as they can, of places with magnetism already developed; but failing this, they magnetize a place for themselves, but it takes considerable time and work to do this." ~Dion Fortune

Substitute spiritual for occult, and this quote remains essentially true. While it is debatable that magnetism is the key factor, there are places that are good, great, and not good for spiritual activities. Unfortunately, it is impractical for most of us to travel all over the country or the world seeking spots of good energy to practice our spiritual techniques, and the results may actually be disappointing. When a group of Cosolargists visited Israel some years ago, they found that whatever positive energies once were there are long gone. On the other hand, we were surprised to find on our 2009 trip to Greece that the sun was quite mellow in Athens, which is very unusual for an urban area. Also, as Ms Fortune points out, strong energy or magnetic forces in a place isn't necessarily a good thing. Those energies may be very negative or of low frequencies that harm rather than aid spiritual growth.

In some cases these energy vortexes formed naturally, but most often are the result of spiritual people, especially highly developed ones, conducting spiritual activities there over a long period of time. But again, it isn't really necessary to travel to such places. In most cases, you can find a place of reasonably positive and high-frequency energy close to home. The basic rules are:

- Generally, urban areas are not good
- Mountaintops are usually good, unless there is a lot of commercial development on or around the mountain
- Seashores are also good spots, but with the same rules on development
- Forests and parks are generally good spots if there are few people around
- A garden is usually a good spot.

The main idea is to find a place where higher frequency energies are found, or can grow. If that isn't possible, at least try to avoid a place that is probably full of negative or very materialistic energies such as Wall Street or a prison

yard. If you can't go to such areas every day, try to do it at least a few times a month.

And last but not least, when you practice spiritual techniques with others, the positive energies of the group can help raise the energy of the location.

< [Read the complete blog post at Solar Wind.](#) >

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<http://blog.spiritsun.net/> >

contributed by Harold Boulette

Sanctuary Refectory Flying High

The Sanctuary work crew on Sunday, June 22nd dressed up the Sanctuary refectory for Summer use, giving it a definite nautical flair. Gallery of photos by Stephan Fuelling.



Harold Boulette, Ted Staver, Robert Roy and Sean Savoy prepare Refectory covering for placement.



Michael McIntyre, Ted Staver, Robert Roy and Sean Savoy help assemble new Refectory covering.



Robert Roy shows off his work.



PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Services for the Week of July 12, 2014



Saturday, July 12, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Rebecca Willis

Cantor: Rev. Gary Huss, Sr.

Reader: Rev. Larry Coesens

Sunday, July 13, 2014
5:26 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE
Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:45

Gate: 5:15

Sunrise: 5:41

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Concelebrant: RR Sean Savoy

Assistants:

RC Roger Weld

RC Robert Petrovich

RM Rebecca Willis

Organist: RC Gary Buchanan

OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of the Christian Churches

RC Gary Buchanan

Church of the End Times

Rev. Amanda Buchanan

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Francine Petrovich

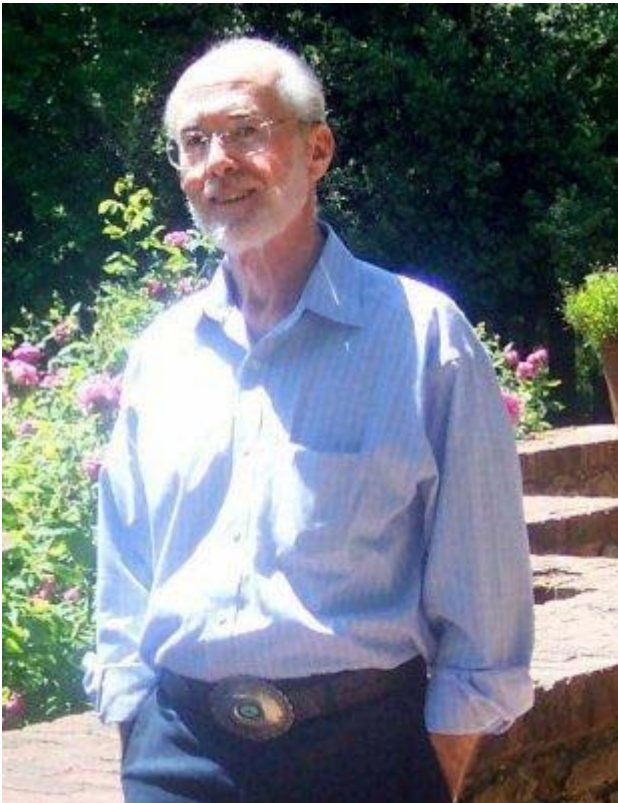
Friday, July 18, 2014

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

Rev. Ben Hubbard

In Support of International Community of Christ



Reno resident Tom Fee sent in a brief testimonial of his experiences with the Church. We thought we would share it with you. Here it is:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a 71 year resident of the Reno-Sparks area and served this area for 37 years as a special education teacher, a special education administrator, and as a school psychologist.

I've been interested in Religion and The Spirit since my discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1959 at the age of 20. I've attended services of a variety of groups, including The First Church of Religious Science, now known as The Center for Spiritual Living. In fact I was a member from 1977 to early 2008. I've also attended Unity Services, off and on , for a number of my younger years. These churches are somewhat philosophical and believe in the power of the mind and the power of thought. There is rare mention of Jesus Christ or the Spirit of God. They are not God centered or spirit centered, in my mind, although they have a wonderful philosophy of using affirmation, clear thought, and positive thinking to better themselves personally and financially. Yet God and Spirit does not seem to play a part in it.

As a psychologist, I do a great deal of observation. In my association with the International Community of Christ, I've noticed a heavy and consistent emphasis in their services on God, the Christ, the Christ Spirit, the Christ Light, and the Light. I've never experienced any other church with a greater emphasis on God, Christ, Spirit, and The Light.

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas S. Fee

July 5, 2014: Chapel Readings



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A Reading from the Writings of Isaiah:

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: they sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the nations shall come unto thee.

Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Paradise. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy Glory. The sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands.

But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call

you Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the nations, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the LORD will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.

Services for the Week of July 5, 2014



Saturday, July 5, 2014

10:00 AM COMMUNION

Chapel of The Holy Child

RR Gene Savoy Jr.

Lector: RC Gary Buchanan

Cantor: Rev. Harold Boulette

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Sunday, July 6, 2014

5:26 AM NEW DIVINE SERVICE

Church of New Pentecost

Leave: 4:30

Gate: 5:10

Sunrise: 5:41

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RM Carol Ann Crabb
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OPEN-AIR COMMUNION

Church of New Philadelphia

Church of New Mount Hebron

Church of New Mount Carmel

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Rev. Robert Anderson

Dr. Tom Lee

Dea. Stephan

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

12:00 N COMMUNION

Chapel of the Holy Child

Rev. Robert Roy

Friday, July 11, 2014

9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Chapel of the Roses

RC Elizabeth Reece

Make Another Virtual Visit to

Red Rock Sanctuary



The *Community Communique* staff has just been informed that new photographs and stories have been posted this week on the Red Rock Sanctuary Facebook page. There are now eight photo albums.

We would like to invite Community members, and the public, to visit the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary on Facebook again.

Just go to Facebook and search *redrocksanctuary* or follow this link: facebook.com/redrocksanctuary.

“Gene Savoy, le veritable Indiana Jones”



Posted on YouTube are four 10-minute excerpts from the 2001 documentary made on the Andean Explorers expedition to Peru that year. (Gene Savoy Sr. was 74 years old at the time.) The four-part series presents the entire television documentary. The documentary was originally made by the German film group ZDF for Discovery International. This YouTube posting credits neither the film makers nor the producers.

The original documentary was translated into several languages, including French. This series of four YouTube postings is in French and titled "Gene Savoy, le véritable Indiana Jones."

< [Click here to watch the first in the series.](#) >