

# “Astrobiologists Suggest the Earth Itself May Be an Intelligent Entity”



A group of researchers have posed a fascinating – and downright mind bending – thought experiment: If a planet like Earth can be “alive,” can it also have a mind of its own?

The team published a paper exploring this question in the *International Journal of Astrobiology*. In it, they present the idea of “planetary intelligence,” which describes the collective knowledge and cognition of an entire planet.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

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## 2024 June Convocation



The 2024 Community Convocation and Cosolargy Seminar was held in Reno from June 4th through June 9th. Tuesday through Friday was devoted primarily to lectures on “The Oral Gospel as a Life System.” Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. presented the lectures interspersed with audio by the late Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, Sr., as well as about 200 slides. Nine highly specific imaging and breathing techniques were taught and practiced during this time.

A Pentecost Eve banquet was held on the evening of June 5th at the Rectory-Abbey. Consociates, Ministers, and the children of The Community gathered at 6 PM. At around 6:30, Bishop Savoy welcomed everyone and commented on the meaning and importance of Second Advent Pentecost. Then, the Reverend Bruce Kanzelmeyer and Bishop Savoy explained the AOUMENMNs used for Divine Service. Rev. Bruce commented on the tones, and Bishop Savoy commented on the hand gestures. The assembly then sang “Grant Life Unto Me” and was invited to the communal meal. The

event was a seated buffet-style dinner. At sunset, which was at about 8:15, everyone went onto the main balcony of the Rectory and took in the sun. Following sunset, Reverend Canon Amanda Buchanan read from the *Prophecy of the New Covenant*. Coffee and dessert were then served. The next morning, June 6th – Second Advent Pentecost – a Sunrise Divine Service was held at the Church of New Pentecost at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.



Banquet



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The traditional Saturday morning Communion of Fellowship Service was held in the Chapel of the Holy Child, which also included ordinations to the first level (Initiate) for Jeffrey Burgess, Csilla Hollo, David Mitchell, Nicolett Montanez, Herschell Soumahoro, and Collin Wizgen. Following Communion, a Memorial Service was held for the late Reverend Kosu Kawahara which is covered in detail in a separate article. Saturday's afternoon agenda featured three speakers. Reverend Amanda did a presentation on the Sacred Calendar of the Second Advent, Bishop Shawn Smith presented a talk on the Solar Cultures of Africa, and Bishop Yukinori Matsushita presented one on the Solar Cultures of Japan.

[Click here to view the short version of the schedule.](#)

On Sunday, Sunrise Divine Service was held the at the Cathedral Church of the Americas and Monument to Human Spiritual Rights with a special litany for the Japanese

Community lead by Bishop Yukinori Matsushita. Following the service, second level (Deacon) and third level (Presbyter) were held. Csilla Hollo, Olimpia Huss, Demetrice Jackson, and Collin Wizgen were ordained Deacons, and Deacons Stephan Fuelling, Shane Grady, Yukako Kawai, Radheka Patel Savoy, and Shawn Smith were ordained Presbyters. It was a first that two people received back-to-back ordinations. Csilla Hollo and Collin Wizgen received first level ordination the day before on Saturday and second degree ordination on Sunday.

Here is a selection of photos from the event



Reverend Francine Petrovich welcomes the assembly.



Sonya Savoy giving a presentation on Steamboat



Bishop Gene Savoy, Jr. giving a presentation



Bishop Savoy lectures at the Monastery Gardens



Rev. Rob Roy conducting Communion Service at Red Rock Sanctuary



Bishop Savoy performing First Level Ordinations



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Reverend Amanda Buchanan lecturing on the Sacred Calendar



Bishop Shawn Smith talking on the Solar Cultures of Africa



Bishop Yukinori Matsushita talking on Solar Cultures of Japan



Bishop Shawn Smith presenting The Community with a Shield

## Photos of Second and Third-Level Ordinations



# Services for the Week of June 22, 2024



**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**10:00 AM COMMUNION**

***Chapel of The Holy Child***

*RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.*

*Lector: Rev. Dorothy Kubiak*

*Cantor: Rev. Harold Boulette*

*Reader: Rev. Stephan Fuelling*

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

**SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE**

***Church of New Pentecost***

*Leave: 4:15*

*Gate: 5:05*

*Service Starts: 5:23*

*Sunrise: 5:38*

*RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.*

*Concelebrants:*

RF Robert Petrovich

Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

**OPEN-AIR COMMUNION**

***Church of the Golden Age of Light:*** Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer

***Church of the Universal Theocracy:*** Rev. Larry Coesens

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – Convocation**

**12:00 NOON COMMUNION**

***Chapel of the Holy Child***

RM Elizabeth Reece

**Friday, June 28, 2024**

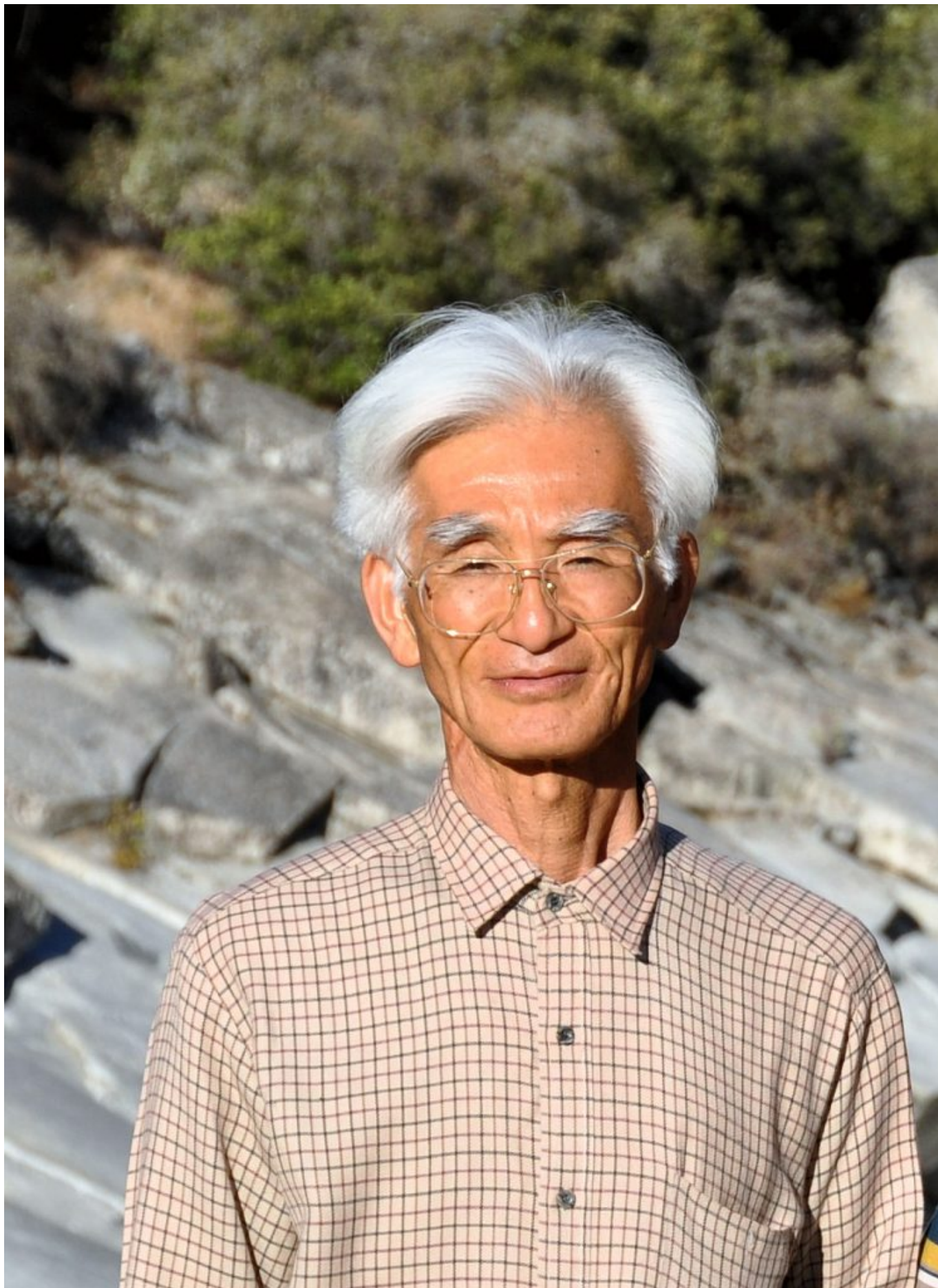
**9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP**

***Chapel of the Roses***

RM Elizabeth Reece

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**Memorial Service for The  
Reverend Koshu Kawahara**



**Koshu Kawahara**

Born into this world: July 23, 1941, Kurume City, Fukuoka,  
Japan

Passed into the Light: March 20, 2024, Chikugo City, Fukuoka,  
Japan

A Memorial Service for Reverend Koshu Kawahara was held in the Chapel of the Holy Child on June 8, 2024. While Koshu passed into the Light in March, the Memorial Service was delayed so that it would be held during this year's Community Convocation, and so some of his fellow Japanese Consociates would be able to attend. For more details about his life, [click here](#).

Bishop Gene Savoy Jr., Reverend Canon Peter Foust, Reverend Dorothy Kubiak, and Deacon Shane Grady gave the scriptural readings and memorial prayers. Bishop Yukinori Matsushita read the eulogy. ([Click here to read the eulogy.](#))





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# Faith Misdirected can Bring Evil Instead of Good



*“Faith is indeed as the ‘grain of mustard seed, to which, as to growth, it is compared in the New Testament. But it can grow for evil as well as good, and, if for evil, may become a tree in which every foul bird of evil omen will come and build its nest. Your evil or gloomy imagining is faith in that evil. Your fear of a disease is in the perpetuity and increase of such disease. You have a slight derangement of*

*stomach or kidney or other organ. So, having it for one day or a few days, you begin to expect it. You think of it only as an unhealthy organ. You never in your mind see it as a sound organ. You may be then told it is in dangerous condition. You have a name possibly given to the ailment which suggests great suffering, debility, and ultimately death. All this is aiding your faith in evil. The force of other minds added to your own increases that evil. Everything tends to make you see yourself as sick, weak, and enfeebled. You have not in your own mind an imagining of the part affected as sound and healthy. None are sending you thoughts or imaginings as vigorous and healthy. The spiritual force sent to you is all for evil. You get more disease, more weakness by the same law, or force, which can, otherwise directed, bring you health."*

*-Prentice Mulford*

## **Grain of Mustard**

When Jesus said that with faith no bigger than a mustard seed, which is a very small seed, we can move mountains, that is very true, but it is just as true that if we have faith we won't be able to do something, then we won't be able to do it until we manage to lose that false faith. Mulford calls that kind of faith, faith in evil. Still, I would prefer to call it faith in falsehood, because I think of evil as intentional, while in most cases, as in Mulford's example regarding health, we are not doing it intentionally.

## **A Tree for Every Foul Bird**

What Mr. Mulford is saying here in an allegorical form is that once you have let some false faith, more is likely to follow. Evil attracts more evil.

## **Fear of Disease**

The rest of the quote from Mulford centers on the idea of

developing faith in disease. Sadly, just about all of us do this to some degree. You don't have to be a hypochondriac to develop a faith in disease or unhealthy conditions of the body. A hypochondriac can hear someone talking about an illness on the news and they immediately think they have it and actually start developing symptoms. However, anyone can have an illness such as the stomach flu and convince themselves that it is something serious that will never go away. Or a man can have sexual problems on one day and think he has become impotent and needs to use drugs all the time if he wants to have sex. We could go through a hundred variations, but the point with all of them is that we make the situation worse by believing the illness will continue to get worse. If we learn to start thinking and telling our subconscious mind that the illness is temporary, it will get better, it is getting better every day, etc. We will usually see improvement. Unfortunately, when a belief has become firmly embedded in the subconscious, it is hard to overcome, but it can be done.

## **Besides Disease**

Our physical health is not the only area in life where many of us tend to sabotage ourselves with false beliefs. We do it in business also. We believe that we won't get a promotion and so fill the situation with falsehoods that hold us back. We think that we aren't smart enough to become a doctor or a lawyer, possibly because others have told us so, therefore we never try.

## **Spiritual False Beliefs**

The most deadly kind of evil, or falsehood, is false spiritual beliefs. Demons of darkness love to whisper ideas into our heads that fill us with false spiritual beliefs, and we often fall for it. Churches that have, for the most part, lost the way, teach many falsehoods, and millions of people believe them. Scientists will sometimes claim that there is no God,

when they have no proof of that belief, and therefore, should know better. In any case, false spiritual beliefs often prevent us from developing our spiritual faculties, even when we want to. That is why an old Chinese saying says you must empty the tea cup before you can fill it with fresh tea. It means you must clear out the false beliefs before the truth can start seeping in. It isn't easy to do, but it can be done. You don't have to convince your subconscious that all those beliefs you have accumulated are false, you have to convince it that they may not be true.

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**“Wow! See 19 spiral galaxies in stunning new Webb images”**



We've all been mesmerized by the images that NASA's James Webb Space Telescope has been sending back to Earth. Webb captures its views of the universe in both near-infrared and mid-infrared light, in unprecedented detail. NASA just released its latest batch of images on January 29, 2024, and they are spectacular. The new photos show 19 spiral galaxies, all of which appear face-on toward Earth. They are the highest-resolution images of these galaxies ever obtained so far.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

Link submitted by Gene Savoy, Jr.

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**“Scientists may finally know where the biggest, oldest black holes in the universe came from”**



How do you build a giant black hole in the early universe? Start with the explosions of lots of little ones, a counterintuitive new preprint study proposes.

Numerous observations, especially with the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), have revealed ironclad evidence that the young universe was populated by incredibly massive black holes. Although astronomers can't see the black holes directly, they do observe quasars – ultrabright objects powered by supermassive black holes.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

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**“‘Mind-blowing’ new images reveal 19 galaxies ‘down to the smallest scales ever observed’ | CNN”**



The James Webb Space Telescope has captured scintillating images of 19 spiral galaxies – and the millions of stars that call them home – in unprecedented detail never seen before by astronomers.

Webb's singular ability to observe the universe in different wavelengths of infrared light, such as near-infrared and mid-infrared, showcases the stars, gas and dust within the intricate structure of each galaxy.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

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## **Services for the Week of June**

**15, 2024**



**Saturday, June 15, 2024**

**10:00 AM COMMUNION**

***Chapel of The Holy Child***

*RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.*

*Lector: Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer*

*Cantor: RC amanda Buchanan*

*Reader: Sonya Savoy*

**Sunday, June 16, 2024**

**SUNRISE DIVINE SERVICE**

***Church of New Pentecost***

*Leave: 4:15*  
*Gate: 5:05*  
*Service Starts: 5:21*  
*Sunrise: 5:37*  
*RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.*  
*Concelebrants:*  
RF Robert Petrovich  
Rev. Bruce Kanzelmeyer  
Assistant: RM Barbara Whitney

**OPEN-AIR COMMUNION**

Rev. Shane Grady  
Dea. Claudia Grady

**Wednesday, June 19, 2024 – Convocation**

**12:00 NOON COMMUNION**

***Chapel of the Holy Child***

RRF Gene Savoy, Jr.

**Friday, June 21, 2024**

**9:00 AM PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP**

***Chapel of the Roses***

RM Barbara Whitney

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**MAY 2024: Intercession &  
Memorial Services**



**MAY 2024**

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The People of Ukraine  
Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe  
The People of Israel and Palestine  
Prayer for Peace in the Middle East  
Tomizou Sonoda  
Akiko Sonoda  
Elijah and Joshua Myers  
Muntrice Myers

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The People of Ukraine  
Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe  
The People of Israel and Palestine  
Prayer for Peace in the Middle East  
Tomizou Sonoda  
Akiko Sonoda  
Elijah and Joshua Myers  
Muntrice Myers  
Brent Bec Var

Vivienne Marcsik

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The People of Ukraine  
Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe  
The People of Israel and Palestine  
Prayer for Peace in the Middle East  
Brent Bec Var  
Shelly Deussenberry  
Vivienne Marcsik

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The People of Ukraine  
Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe  
The People of Israel and Palestine  
Prayer for Peace in the Middle East  
Brent BecVar  
Myron Dill  
Shelly Deussenberry  
Glen Hansenfluke  
Vivienne Marcsik

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The People of Ukraine  
Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe  
The People of Israel and Palestine  
Prayer for Peace in the Middle East  
Vivienne Marcsik

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The People of Ukraine  
Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe  
The People of Israel and Palestine  
Prayer for Peace in the Middle East  
Vivienne Marcsik  
Peter Harkins, Jr.  
Viola Cleo Bradshaw  
George Cican

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The People of Ukraine  
Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe  
The People of Israel and Palestine  
Prayer for Peace in the Middle East  
Vivienne Marcsik

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The People of Ukraine  
Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe  
The People of Israel and Palestine  
Prayer for Peace in the Middle East  
Vivienne Marcsik  
Tee Harr

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The People of Ukraine  
Prayer for Peace in Eastern Europe  
The People of Israel and Palestine  
Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

† indicates Memorial Prayer