

**“The Explorer: Gene Savoy
‘51” by Marc Covert**



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the EXPLORER

"Go away and go far," Father John Delaunay told a dreamy University freshman in 1947, and the boy spent the rest of his life discovering lost cities, delving teeming jungles, sailing across the Pacific, and generally becoming one of the most famous explorers of the 20th century.

by Marcus Covert '93, '97 M.A.

Gene Savoy looks like an explorer—steely eyes that have seen countless tribulations, a wiry frame that has carried him through dense jungles and up huge mountains, an apparently boundless energy, and a storyteller's skill with tales. He has told his own story many times, primarily in his own books about his adventures in Peru and in the Pacific, but on this day, on a bright afternoon at his home in Nevada, he spins a different tale—one that begins with a beloved teacher, mentor, priest-confessor, and friend named Father John Delaunay, who set Gene Savoy in motion as an explorer of physical and spiritual worlds. In many ways, Gene Savoy's

colorful journeys began on The Bluff. From the University he would go far, always following his heart and his imagination, always trying to find truths unknown or dismissed by conventional archeological authorities.

A native of Bellingham, Washington, Savoy served two years in the Naval Air Service in the Second World War and then spent a year at Multnomah Business College before pursuing his dream to be a priest. He enrolled at the University in 1947, planning to major in psychology. The incident that would change his life came in a theology class, however, when his professor told him that the contents of a paper he'd written were "very close to heresy." Alarmed, Savoy did what countless other young men at the University did in those days: He sought out Father Delaunay—psychology professor, dean of men, and legendary counselor to students.

"The first thing you did with him was get on the floor, on one knee, and he'd hold your hand and say, 'Okay, baby, what's your problem?'" Savoy remembers. "Delaunay was a busy man, and when he took time for you it was an honor. We discussed my paper. I said, 'What do I do, Father, what do I do? I'm not a heretic, I believe in the Church...'"

Delaunay read the paper and told Savoy, "Son, listen. You remind me of [Pierre] Teilhard de Chardin"—the French Jesuit paleontologist, philosopher, and author whose speculative works about cosmology were censured by the Vatican. "If you're going to become a priest, you're going to wind up like Teilhard," continued

Delaunay. "Maybe you shouldn't be a priest. I'll tell you something from the heart: I'm a priest, and when you're a priest you have to serve, and you don't have any personal choices sometimes. You know, when my mother was dying, I couldn't even get permission to go to be with her. That was a painful thing for me. Imagine what it was like for Teilhard, who wasn't allowed to publish his writings, and how that would be for you if you are interested in pursuing this field. I think you have a mission to perform, to do your own thing. I just have a feeling. Maybe to pick up where Teilhard leaves off and to continue in that field. Go out in the world for a year, go before they scare it out of you! Go pursue this, follow your heart, or you'll end up like me, teaching in dusty classrooms. You can always come back."

"I almost fainted," says Savoy. "I was shocked; I didn't expect that. I had talked to an awful lot of priests, but Delaunay just knocked me over. So I took off for what was to be a year." First he worked as a journalist, traveling throughout the Northwest as editor of the *State Review* ("The Voice of the Logging Industry") and then editor of *The Lombard Booster*, a North Portland weekly business newspaper. He also worked as a photographer; among his favorite subjects were Indian petroglyphs in the Columbia Gorge. He and his friends planned trips to Mexico or Peru to search for lost cities, but mostly they contented themselves with mountain-climbing or hunting for arrowheads close to home. All this time he con-

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freshman in 1947, and the boy spent the rest of his life discovering lost cities, delving teeming jungles, rafting across the Pacific, and suchlike.

[Read or download the PDF of a 1999 article from Portland University on Bishop Gene Savoy Sr. that was reprinted in the University of Portland Magazine in 2007.](#)

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He [Gene Savoy, Sr.] sought to understand the essence of religion, to go beyond the dogma and theology of the written word. He had read the great religious works of man and discovered that many Prophets, like Akhenaten+, Moses+, Buddha+, Krishna+, Lao-tzu+, Zoroaster+, Mohammed+, Viracocha+ of the Americas, and many others, had brought special messages of God+ to their respective peoples and all shared much in common. What he was seeking, he knew, must come from God+, not through the faculties of cognition or emotion of his own being but from an actualized Spiritual Consciousness+ apart from his physical mind-body. While Holy Men of all ages taught many of the same teachings brought by Jesus+, and shared his fate, he believed that Jesus+ —and perhaps others, too—had transmitted something special that was never put to the written word. Whatever it was, he was certain a scholarly examination would not suffice. The Man put aside his books and gave his very life completely to the Spirit of Christ+."

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BIRTH OF THE CHILD ANNOUNCED

The Angel continued speaking to The Man's Eternal Consciousness, all the while holding his spiritual hands. "An illuminated one, self-generated, and pre-existent, is destined to come into the world as the revealer of a new teaching to fulfill the old. God shall send him clothed as an innocent child, and from him will come a pure Teaching. And all the Prophets of all times will honor and acknowledge him as the

Light of the world, for he shall be a king from The Sun.

"You will meet a woman of the world and, taking her as your wife, unite with her. And she shall receive your seed – which shall be blessed with the spark of life – and conceive a male child, the last she will bear. The Child will walk among mortals for less than four years from the moment of his conception. Prophecies will come forth for 42 months. And during those twelve hundred and sixty days a great prophecy will be given to the Churches of the world, representing the whole family of nations, and the Seven Great Seals will be broken, and the Sacred Book of God revealed to the world of man.

"His sign will be the Cross of Enlightenment and the New Sun of Righteousness that will appear in great glory to alleviate the sufferings of mankind. He shall be accompanied by a multitude of Great Ones. The Child will usher in a New Age for mankind. You have been chosen to be his earthly guardian – take care lest the forces of evil seek to do him harm before his time.

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The Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke disagree on the teachings and purpose of the ministry of Jesus. Some say that he established a new religion based on his person. Others claim that his religion was a matter of having faith in the Fatherhood of God. Still others say that it revolved around the concept of the coming Kingdom of God. There was much conflict in the Church then, and there still is now.

The original teachings of Jesus were whole and dynamic. He taught a system that could bring about not only the transformation of the individual into a spiritual being of Light, but also the transformation of the world into a world of Light, and the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth. This was his goal as Messiah, just as it had been the hope of the sect that bred him in the wilderness.

Jesus was not a simple man who suddenly proclaimed himself to be the Messiah and then faded away. He was a man of considerable knowledge, a Master teacher of an established sect that went beyond the Judaism of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Had his teachings and secret doctrines survived to the present day, their impact upon human thought would have altered the course of human events, and the world might indeed be a different place than it is.

From the Introduction to *The Lost Gospel of Jesus*

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The transformation of nature and the intensification of the sun are to be the first apocalyptic signs of the dawning of a Golden Age. Malachi, God's messenger, prophesied this event with the words: "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in its rays and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." (Malachi 4:2)

The Mandeans, who were said to have descended from the remaining Jewish tribes in Babylonia and who traced their ancestry to John the Baptist, preserved ancient scripture that has much in common with the Essene literature recently uncovered in the Dead Sea area at Qumran. Their religion speaks of the Powers of Light and Darkness and of the two spirits of man.

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AN INTERVIEW WITH GENE SAVOY



Archeologist and world explorer Gene Savoy is a sungazing pioneer. He taught himself sungazing in 1945 and ever since then has been teaching sungazing techniques, establishing a solar-based religion, and going on sea voyages and jungle expeditions. Now at 80, he spends most of his time at the headquarters of the International Community of Christ in Reno, Nevada.

Long-time sungazer Vinny Pinto had this to say about Gene's religion: "It is apparently an amalgamated system of methods for spiritual growth, practices to achieve immortality, and other stuff, which includes lots of sungazing. He and his church are closely linked to claims of the rediscovery of the Essene doctrines and Essene practices of worship. He related some fascinating tales of increased health, increased intelligence, spiritual open-

ing, intuitive access and body energy from the sungazing... He claimed that numerous ancient Incan and Aztec high priests and shamans had used sun gazing for health, regeneration and healing purposes..., and claimed that sungazing was an essential part of the path to immortality." Gene has written over 70 books on the Essenes, Christianity, solar cultures, and his explorations. The one that's most relevant to sungazing is *Project X: The Search for the Secrets of Immortality*. I asked him about some quotes in this book.

SG: In *Project X* you wrote that "primitive man was able to rise to a civilized state by the discovery of the spirit through the teachings of a Moses, Plato, Jesus, Viracocha who introduced them to a hidden system or science of the spirit that gave them the key to their true nature and could put them in contact with the stars, with God." Is there a universal "science of the spirit" that was the basis of civilization in every part of the globe? Is sungazing a part of this science?

GENE: Long before recorded history there existed an ancient religious school composed of highly advanced mystics, representing many nations and peoples who taught the principals of religious arts and sciences, which were later lost to the world. The purpose of *Project X* was to reclaim these principles for the benefit of humanity. Looking at the sun is part of it. You have to see, or contact, the intelligence behind the sun.

SG: Why did solar cultures like the Mayans and Aztecs degenerate into human sacrifice?

GENE: This is caused by knowledge becoming mundane, when oral traditions are lost.

SG: Quetzalcoatl, a Christ-like figure, promised to return after a cataclysm and a new sun would purify the earth with fire. Would the appearance of a Christed one be the second coming or would it be the new sun, the Sun of Righteousness, or both?

GENE: The Second Coming is the new Sun of Righteousness

SG: Do you feel this prophecy and that of Malachi about the Sun of Righteousness burning the wicked and healing the righteous will soon be fulfilled? Some think that the

unusual activity of the sun in the middle of the current solar cycle will lead up to catastrophic solar flares when it reaches its peak in 2012.

GENE: It's inevitable. It's going to happen.

SG: What can we do to prepare for this?

GENE: What we can do is follow the teachings that have been laid out. These are the oral teachings of the Essenes, the Paradosis of Jesus, which is now available only through Jamilian University.

SG: This Paradosis or true gospel of Jesus was never put into print and only taught by word of mouth until it was lost after the Romans slaughtered the Essenes in 68 AD. Who taught it to you? Was it divine revelation?

GENE: Yes, it was through divine revelation.

SG: How do you ensure that students of Jamilian University don't divulge this teaching to the uninitiated?

GENE: Ensuring the purity of the teachings is determined by one's own conscience based on the individual's understanding and participation under the oath.

SG: Most historians think that the Essenes had their roots in the solar doctrines of Zoroastrianism, which the Jews adopted during the Babylonian captivity in the 6th century B.C. In light of the fact that Akhenaton's Hymn to the Sun is almost identical to Psalm 104 and that Joseph and Jacob may have been in Egypt around the time of Akhenaton or shortly thereafter, could the solar doctrines of Akhenaton also have had an influence on the Essenes?

GENE: Yes, I think they did.

SG: In *Project X* you wrote that the solar priests of the Incas and Mayans knew the language of light beings beyond the physical world. Are these light beings angels?

GENE: You could call light beings angels.

SG: Are the Quechuan mantras used by Inca priests to evoke solar light beings, the Sanskrit mantras of Tibetan masters used to

It recently came to the Communique editors' attention that the Winter 2007 newsletter of the now defunct International Sun

Imbibers' Society, entitled "The Sun Gazette," contains an interview which the newsletter's editor conducted with Gene Savoy Sr.

We thought the interview was interesting enough that our Community members and friends would like to read it, so we are making it available to our subscribers as a PDF document.

[Read the entire Winter 2007 edition of the Sun Gazette here.](#)

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So Hot We're Volcanic!

Our **Steamboat Healing Center and Spa** in Reno was covered in a recent issue of the "ONLYINYOURSTATE" Newsletter for Nevada. It began with the headline: **Few People Realize There's an Active Volcanic Field Right here in Nevada.**

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The mystical Gospel of Thomas contains secret words spoken by Jesus to Thomas, which again refer to the "little child." Jesus says: "Let the old man heavy with days hesitate not to ask the little child of seven days about the place of life, and he will live." At another time, Thomas asks Jesus just prior to his crucifixion: "Lord, why does the visible light which shines for men's sake, rise and set?" The Savior says, "O blessed Thomas, the visible light shines for your sakes, that you might not remain in this place, but that you might come out of it. But when all the elect lay aside the animal nature, then the light will withdraw to its true being, and its true being will take it to itself." Later on Jesus says: "If they say to you, 'From where have you originated?' Say to them, 'We have come from the light, where the light has originated through itself, and it revealed itself in their image.' If they say to you, 'Who are you?' Say, 'We are his sons and we are the elect of the living Father.'" These words reflect Jesus' claim that he came from another world, a world of Light, or the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Our **Steamboat Healing Center and Spa** in Reno is second on this list From **Best Things Nevada** of the top ten spas in Nevada. If you visit Reno, be sure to include it on your list of places to go to.

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The Wonder Child would be accompanied by a luminous sun set in the firmament; indeed, the symbol of the Cakravartin is the neolithic sun-wheel; in essence, the sun. He would proclaim that the old sun, the light and life of the world, would experience a transformation. The new sun would shine healing rays upon all living things without distinction.

An Islamic legend tells of a coming "Divinely Guided One," the Mahdi, the awaited deliverer. With the advent of the Mahdi, mankind would experience, or enjoy, greater blessings than ever before. The term "Man of the Mahd" (cradle) is given reference. Another story recites that the Mahdi shall live five or seven or nine years only, and then be taken out of the world. The Mahdi, it was said, would be marked with the Seal of Prophecy.

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The future advent of the Miraculous Babe, the boy-child endowed with fabulous attributes and marked with auspicious body signs, was also recorded in the Zoroastrian Zend-Avesta as well as in the ancient and revered Sibylline Oracles of apocalyptic imagery honored by Jews, and later by Christians. The Oracles inspired Virgil's epic fourth Eclogue, the most discussed poem in Latin literature, that treats of the Wonder Child of God to be sent as a king from the sun, at whose birth the transformation of nature and the intensification of the Golden Age—signs would begin."

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"That an authoritative Seer Child should appear in modern times is not without prophetic precedent. The final descent of a cosmic being in the guise of a Child Genius, a bringer of peace and truth, has a long history behind it, spanning many thousands of years. Fragments of recovered Dead Sea Scrolls left by the monks of Qumran, or the Essenes, from which Jesus is believed to have sprung, mention an expected Wondrous Child, a Divine Counsellor, bearing unmistakable body marks, who would come at a future time to inaugurate a new age. Chosen of God, his life and very breath were to be pre-ordained. Like Moses and Jesus, who displayed advanced full-grown natures early in life, the Child Prodigy would attain early maturity in his second year, revealing heavenly knowledge to which the average mortal does not have access. In addition, the heaven-sent Child would serve as a precursor of some great, future cosmic event. (From fragmentary scroll texts from the Qumran Dead Sea Literature.)

"In the Hebrew scriptures, the Prophet Isaiah wrote of a coming new age of peace at a time when "the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." (Isaiah 11:6)

"Jesus, who often spoke in cryptic parables to his disciples, mentions the coming Child in allegorical terms: "At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?' He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.'" (Matthew 18:1-5)"

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