

Annual Convocation 2013 and Annual State of the World Conference Held



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The 2013 Annual Convocation of the International Community of Cosolargy and the Annual Conference on the Spiritual State of the World started, as usual, with the registration and greeting of new students and Consociates scheduled to take residence training. All met on Monday October 1 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chancellery. Monday and Tuesday were dedicated to training in Color and Sacred Imagery.



Preparing for Sunrise Service
PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling



Sunrise Service greeting line
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In a departure from recent past Convocations, the plenary sessions began Wednesday morning October 3 with a Sunrise Divine Service held at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary's Church of New Epiphany. The service was followed with a fellowship breakfast at the Sanctuary Chapterhouse.



Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. delivers report to General Assembly. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

On Wednesday afternoon, all Consociates met at the Chancellery for official registration and orientation and a General Assembly. The latter featured a report by Head Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. on The Community's efforts over the past year, including winning an important concession from the State of Nevada regarding water rights at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary and a \$68,000 grant to develop solar power production at Steamboat Hotsprings Healing Center and Priory.



Carol Vickers of Empower Consulting Group PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

The Bishop then turned over the presentation to Carol Vickers and Liz Christoffersen of Empower Consulting Group. Ms. Vickers and Christoffersen have been consulting with The Community on outreach and development strategies for the past year and a half.

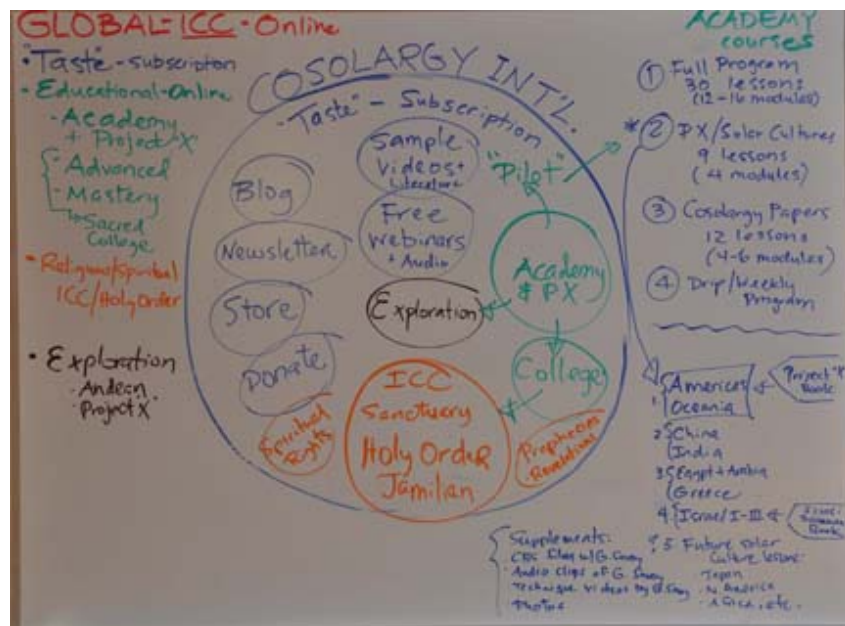


Liz Christoffersen of Empower Consulting Group PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

They explained their work with The Community over that time, which has culminated so far in the production of an online introductory course on Cosolargy. The course will provide some history of American solar cultures as well as a few introductory techniques for working with the divine energies now coming through the sun. The course's launch date is expected to be this fall.



Sean Savoy provides details on how
 “Cosolargy online” fits into
 future plans for development.
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Whiteboard outlines facets of the big picture for development of Cosolargy International.

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On Thursday morning, Convocation attendees met at the Chancellery and then caravanned up to Lake Tahoe to the Episcopal Church 's Camp Galilee. In a conference hall overlooking the blue waters of the lake, Dr. Gary Buchanan delivered a talk on solar culture among the North American native tribes, including those in the area around Lake Tahoe, which has always been a sacred site among the natives.



Gary Buchanan presents on solar cultures of the Sierras and North America. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

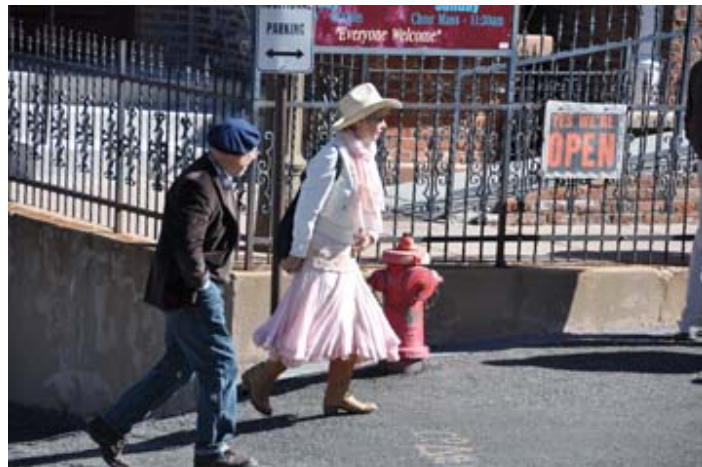
Dr. Buchanan's illuminating lecture was followed by an entertaining presentation by local tour guide, historian, and lecturer Joseph Galata. Mr. Galata regaled his listeners with stories of local historical events and humorous anecdotes.



Tour guide Joseph Galata delivers entertaining presentation on local history. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Attendees were then served a wonderful lunch by camp volunteers in the camp refectory. All food was locally grown and organic and the service was warm and welcoming.

After lunch another brief presentation by Mr. Galata was given in the camp chapel, with its large picture window looking out onto the lake. After that, the attendees again caravanned down the mountain, through the Nevada capital of Carson City and up another mountain to the historic mining town of Virginia City. Once the most prominent town in Nevada during the mining of the famed Comstock Lode silver mine, it is now a popular tourist attraction, drawing hundreds of thousands of visitors. After a brief account by Mr. Galata of some local lore in front of the oldest church in Nevada, St. Mary's Catholic Church, attendees were free to roam around the gift shops and famed saloons of Virginia City before being shuttled down the mountain to nearby Steamboat Hot Springs Spa and Healing Center, which is owned and operated by the ICC.



Robert Anderson and Francine Petrovich on their way to downtown Virginia

In the Center's conference/classroom after a wine and cheese reception, attendees were given a historical account of Steamboat Hot Springs and its healing waters, spas, hotels, and athletic training facilities that have come and gone over the decades since the Civil War by ICC canon and Steamboat Priory resident Rebecca Willis. The very enjoyable day came to a close with tours of the spa and healing center and relaxing

soaks in the famous waters for those who wished them, before being returned to their hotel.



Joseph Roy and Kendra Grady
“communing” during Saturday
Communion Service PHOTO: Stephan
Fuelling

Friday began with a Community Communion Service at the Chapel of the Holy Child in downtown Reno. This service is usually conducted on Saturday mornings but was rescheduled this week due to the Conference on the Spiritual State of the World on Saturday (see below).

After the service and a break for refreshments in the chapel vestibule, the Consociates reconvened in chapel for [three ordinations of Consociates by Bishop Gene Savoy](#). Receiving first-level ordination into The Community were Japanese Consociates Shoko Taketomi and Nami Aiki, followed by the third-level ordination of the Reverend Deacon Robert Anderson to the Order of Presbyter.



The ordained (from left to right):
Shoko Taketomi, Robert Anderson,
and Nami Aiki PHOTO: Stephan
Fuelling

Following the ordinations Bishop Savoy delivered the Clergy Counsels lecture to the assembly in the Chapel of the Holy Child.



Bishop Gene Savoy Jr delivering
Counsels lecture PHOTO: Stephan
Fuelling

His talk included some considered changes in the externals of The Church to bring it more in line with its unique role as a universal religion; e.g., a change in clerical garb. The Assembly of Cosolargy then voted to accept and proceed with the direction in which The Community is heading as reported by the Bishop.

Following the Counsels lecture was another residence training session on liturgical practice for those who had not yet had this training.

Friday evening saw the inauguration of the Annual State of the World Conference with a welcome reception and buffet at the Rectory-Abbey on Carmel (the Bishop's residence). Conference speakers and attendees were invited. The buffet was prepared and presented by the Rev. Francine Petrovich and her kitchen crew and was, as always, a culinary delight.



Welcome reception buffet held at
Rectory-Abbey PHOTO: Stephan
Fuelling

Saturday morning all met at a conference hall at the University of Nevada–Reno’s Joe Crowley Student Union for presentations by the featured speakers at the Annual Conference on the Spiritual State of the World, titled “Awaken Your Light.” Speakers, including Dr. James Oschmann, Dr. Karl Maret, Dr. Stephan Fuelling, Dr. Gary Buchanan, Yukinori Matsushita, [Robert Roy](#), Sean Savoy, and Jim Eaglesmith, presented from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. with a lunch break, ending the day’s activities with a roundtable discussion with questions and answers from the audience for the speakers.



Moderator Francine Petrovich opens the 2013 conference on the spiritual state of the world. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

The conference continued the next morning with a concelebrated Sunday Sunrise Divine Service at the Cathedral Church of the Americas at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.



Members of the Reno Buddhist Center prepare to perform morning song of Amitabha Buddha. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Afterward, a sumptuous breakfast buffet was enjoyed by all at the outdoor Refectory near the Cathedral Church, prepared by the Revs. Peter and Mary Foust and helpers.



Breakfast served at Sanctuary refectory. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

The final conference event was a presentation by Head Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. at the Monastery Gardens Ambo on Cosolargy, including an experience of the Universal Harmony technique with the sun. Informal tours and excursions in the South Sanctuary followed the official closing of the conference.



Reverend Canon Roger Weld performing open-air Communion Service during Convocation week

PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

In the afternoon all conference attendees and presenters were invited to attend the annual Open House at Steamboat Hot Springs Spa and Healing Center, which included a health expo, exhibit and food booths, and, of course, demonstrations of the many healing modalities offered at Steamboat.

Many favorable comments on this year's Convocation have been received, and it is The Community's fervent hope that all Consociates will make it a priority to attend future such assemblies, as the blessings are bountiful. See you next fall in Reno!

By Robert Anderson



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“PATH TO LIGHT: Robert Roy”



Robert Roy presenting at 2013
"Spiritual State of the World
Conference" PHOTO: Stephan
Fuelling

*Thoughts presented at University of Reno, Nevada, 2013
Conference on the Spiritual State of the World, "Awakening
Your Light."*

How does one sum up a lifetime of learning in 10 minutes? It's not really possible. I have read many books by many great authors, visited and experienced the minds of many knowledgeable teachers in over sixty countries and found their spiritual knowledge to be severely lacking in great spiritual truth and, at times, even somewhat boring—like tasting sixty different types of vanilla ice cream and realizing that there must be more than vanilla out there.

Now I make that statement as a student of life and the humble son of Doreen Roy, a woman of simple birth in the land of New Brunswick, Canada, who brought nine children into the world and still had time to heal many around her. What she had, different from most people, was, I would call, a knowing. She was our mother, our teacher, our healer, as we never went to doctors. She preferred using herbs from her garden to keep our health perfect along with the most gentle love a mother could give. She never had ambitions to write about this gift that

she was blessed with, never wanted to teach, instead she put this gift to work every day helping others—with childbirth or with sick children, in a way we call holistic healing today. Our religious background was Roman Catholic, and at the enlightened age of six, I told my parents that I would no longer attend Sunday Mass at our church, and when asked why, I told them simply that God was not there.

After I left home and started my world travels at the age of nineteen, I spent the next twenty years trying to understand this gift my mother had. It was not psychic ability or a mental attribute but best described after all these years as, simply, a Blessing. My travels at one point landed me in Europe with a family of my own still trying to unravel the secrets of what is Spiritual and how to experience perfect health without effort. Fate brought me a magazine with an interesting story of a Community of Mystics in Reno, Nevada, who were bringing forth new teachings using an ancient system. I ordered three of their books, and they arrived just before my departure for India.

The books were fascinating, I had never encountered or experienced information of this nature, along with techniques that were truly new to this world of ours. I spent three months in India, which gave me ample time to experience this new system and apply the techniques outlined in the study portion of the books. By the time I returned home to Europe something had changed inside me; I looked at the world around me in a different way.

I started my correspondence studies with the International Community of Cosolargy with the knowledge that my destiny was with this school and these new teachings. Within two years I was on my way to Reno and a new life. My first meeting with the Man who was to be my Teacher for the next twenty-seven years was a very powerful moment indeed. My mother's aura came to mind, but this Man's presence was a millionfold greater in every sense. The knowing, that had been passed from my mother

to me, helped me understand that I was in the presence of a true Spiritual Teacher and envoy of God.

My spiritual studies started along with an urge to Heal, as the illnesses I saw around me in society seemed simple to remedy, yet people still suffered from these illnesses due to a lack of knowledge and guidance. With the International Community of Cosolargy I learned that although the body suffers needlessly from illness, the cause is situated deeper within consciousness. I followed this cause through the mind into consciousness itself. Now when I speak of consciousness in this context, I do not mean Spiritual Consciousness but more of what in Cosolargy we call 4th-dimensional consciousness—what we know as the psychic realm, a very complicated realm indeed.

Trauma and mental illness seems to affect this psychic consciousness by impression and in time will, by gifting an elevated psychic level to the individual, steer the person into a belief system based on the original experience of the trauma or mental illness. For example, if a person is religious and has a strong belief in the Virgin Mary, and this person suffers a difficult trauma, he or she could in time start to experience visions or communications with an illusion of the Virgin Mary, emanating from psychic consciousness, and with an elevated psychic level could even perform minor healings. Quite harmless until other people start to believe that this person actually communicates with the Virgin Mary. These traumas or mental illnesses can come from a near-death experience or from losing a family member or from being in a car accident.

The positive side of psychic consciousness is that it can be trained to work for you in a constructive way. When I started my studies in Reno in 1980 after leaving Europe and my own serious trauma, I had to work hard to retrain my thoughts with positive affirmations; otherwise, I knew that a serious

illness would befall me. At that time I thought I was programming my mind, but later on, with study, I learned that I had been influencing my psychic consciousness in a positive way. As an example, one of my daily mantras was simply that "illness does not exist," and to that effect I have not suffered any type of illness in over thirty years. (Now, of course, some of my friends may argue that I may have left out *mental* illness in that assessment!)

Now, Spiritual Consciousness, not recognized or understood by the lower psychic or mental consciousness, has not been experienced on this earth since the great masters such as Jesus or Buddha and, more recently, one more Enlightened Being, whom I will touch upon later. Spiritual Consciousness is from a Realm of Light far removed from this physical dimension and absolutely not concerned or interested with us in this lower realm of existence, unless we, through a system of Spiritual Healing, can reach out to this realm of Light and appeal to this Light to Heal us of our false beliefs and attachments to this false reality we live in. The International Community of Cosolargy has been given the means, the Spiritual Formula, if you will, to Heal our false sense of reality. The Community, using an ancient Spiritual technique, can teach students to view and experience the Spiritual Sun, which can open an individual to the incredible power of LOVE, only experienced by great teachers of time past. We are as sleepwalkers bouncing off the dreams of the many around us who continue to amaze and dazzle us with new inventions, new lower forms of healing, or the teachings of this or that guru. I, personally, want to wake up completely from this dreamworld. I seek only the One True God. I want to BE like Jesus; I want to BE like Buddha. I want to see and experience what they experienced. I want to walk through that Cosmic door into a higher, eternal life. I believe this was the message that every enlightened teacher brought to this world and that was only understood by a few.

I would like to leave you with a story concerning the time we are in. Many years ago I had the opportunity to read the books *Power vs. Force* and *The Eye of the I* and other material by Dr. David R. Hawkins, an interesting compilation of tests and experiments in Applied Kinesiology. Dr. Hawkins had done over a million sessions with Applied Kinesiology all over the globe. The sessions that formed the basis of his writings involved working with small groups of people in his office to working with large auditoriums of thousands of people at a time. He devised a method whereby, on a scale of 1 to 1000, he rated historical personages, using Applied Kinesiology according to the power of their existence on this earth, or if you will, the impression they manifested while in this dimension. The part of this experiment that caught my eye was his statement that when enlightened people were on Earth the consciousness of society (people living on Earth) was raised by that enlightened person. The greater the person, the greater society benefited. He pointed to Jesus as one who had the greatest effect on society by His Presence. I believe he mentioned a rise of 25 points on his grand scale of 1000 points for society while Jesus was among us. Then he made a statement that I found most interesting. He stated that he had only recorded one other time in the last two thousand years when there was a similar rise in the consciousness of society, and that was in the year 1960. Now he states that he did not know what happened in the world at that time to create this rise in consciousness, but I felt that I knew the answer. We, in The Community believe that a Christ Being was born into this world at that time. This recognition has been the bedrock of our Community since that time. There isn't time for me to say more on this personage, but there is more on Him in our study material. The Community also has a system of Healing using Color therapy, Sound therapy, and of course the Spiritual techniques relating to the Sun. Enough to fill a lifetime, for anyone, with treasures from a Higher realm of Truth.

Well, this ten minutes is a “blink of an eye” in my life, but I have enjoyed sharing these thoughts with you and thank you for your kind attention, God Bless you all.

Robert Roy

October 2013

(Community member since June 1978)

PATH TO LIGHT: Zatiti Ema



I have been on a plant-based diet for most of my life. I also work with living foods when I am feeling sluggish or on the doorstep of illness. I feel it is better to have some exposure to the discipline of making/eating certain foods before you are compelled to by destiny and/or an unsettling diagnosis.

To this end, I began a regular regimen of making and drinking

green drinks. I lost weight, my skin improved, my energy level improved, and I felt younger. I began teaching and writing about my experiences and even selling blenders.

Then one day while in bit of a trance while outside in the sun, it occurred to me that these plants are absorbing sunlight and then this light is being transferred to those of us who eat them. So why not just go directly to the sun.

This led me to books on sunlight and the benefits of sunlight to one's health. I when I ran into HRM on YouTube, I jumped into his practice, working my way up from 10 seconds to 25 minutes per session. I felt an increase in energy, but also my eyes started to heal. I formerly could not see very well, especially at night. But in a very short period of sun gazing my night vision returned. I have returned to driving at night without fear and trepidation. I am waiting for the sun to turn my gray hair back to black. (Ok, I would settle for dark brown, and it could be thicker as well. I know it is a stretch, but nothing beats a failure but a try!)

I was involved in a head-on car event, and this caused a major shift in my cognitive abilities. Some returned, but my attention span (especially while reading) and writing abilities loomed in a backward motion. Now I feel those skills strengthening again.

When I got up to about 15 minutes a session, I ran into the work of Dr. Mitchell Gibson, who spoke about Gene Savoy. In fact he credits Savoy as one of his major teachers/guides. This sent me into research on yet another luminary. I ordered *Project X*.

I found that I shared some common threads with Mr Savoy. I have gone to many archaeological sites and museums. My attention was focused in Mexico, including Mexico City, La Venta, Palenque, and Mérida to name a few. I was especially attracted to the so-called Olmec and Mayans. Not having the skills or language to decode much of what I saw, I could not

take full advantage of those excursions. But I kept going, knowing at the right time the teacher would appear. Seems they have indeed appeared.

I feel I have been traveling on a horizontal path with the Jamilian School without being aware of it for several years. I am glad finally to be in the same orbit and in class!

Zatiti Ema

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PATH TO LIGHT: Emanuel Ratliff



Akhenaton and Nefertiti

This magical story begins in the deep south of Louisiana; particularly, the 9th ward of New Orleans. A little boy named Ernesto and his siblings were playing among themselves in the hot summer Sun. While playing marbles with his siblings, Ernesto suddenly stood up and decided to look at the Sun. The moment Ernesto glanced at the brilliant and scintillating light of the Sun, his life was immediately changed forever. To the boy's surprise, the Sun actually answered him! The Sun told Ernesto that his uncle had just passed away and that he should tell his mother the sad news.

Ernesto quickly ran inside the house to deliver the sad news to his family. Ernesto's family questioned him as to why he was not playing with the rest of his siblings. Ernesto exclaimed that he had important news to deliver to his mother. All ears were on the boy waiting to hear the important news. Ernesto stated with a sure and calm voice, "Uncle just passed away today."

Ernesto's mother was deeply saddened by the news because she believed her brother was still alive in the hospital. She asked Ernesto who told him this news. Ernesto explained that the Sun in the sky told him the news. Suddenly, the neighborlady across the street called Ernesto's mother to her house because she had had a phone call from the hospital where Ernesto's mother's brother had been admitted (during those times, not everyone had a phone in their house). The doctors told Ernesto's mother that her brother had just passed away about an hour or so ago. The voices in the room fell silent as they could not believe what they have just heard. From that moment on, Ernesto's life changed dramatically because he had the "gift."

In New Orleans, it is assumed that when a baby is born with a

veil (caul) over his\her face, he\she will have supernatural powers. Mostly in African American culture, it is an omen that the boy will be able to speak to invisible entities. Ernesto happened to be born with a veil over his face but didn't show signs of psychic prowess until the age of three. Ernesto was able to communicate with the so-called dead and could foretell events before they occurred. Ernesto became an exceptional, gifted child and excelled in any activity he put his hand to. Throughout his life, paranormal activities never ceased to happen to him and actually became stronger as he matured.

Ernesto became very confused about his life and why he was given this "gift." Christianity couldn't answer any of his pending questions. He therefore went to find his own path. He studied different cultures who used the Sun and discovered that the Christian Bible did in fact contain truth about a solar culture. Ernesto studied vigorously throughout the night, attempting to break this code for the purpose of inner truth. His bones ached terribly, and his feet began to swell from sitting in the same position for a long time. Ernesto persisted, and he did finally find the answer he was looking for.

Unfortunately, no one would believe the wonderful news he discovered buried in the texts of the New and Old Testaments. Ernesto was viewed by his fellow men and women as a lunatic and false prophet. He was disdained by the same society he grew up in. Although he received resistance from his community, he still persisted, unnerved by their comments. Ernesto believed that the true "Sun God" would reveal himself again as he had when Ernesto was three. Sure enough, the Sun would appear to him in the form of a spirit.

While sleeping next to his wife, Ernesto was approached by a spirit concerning the birth of his third son. The spirit informed Ernesto that the child would be born out of the "word." The baby's birth will be mythical since he will be born on the same day as his mother. Ernesto quickly awakened

his wife to alert her to the news. Ernesto's wife, Joanie, could not believe that the dream was really a prophecy. Joanie rubbed her stomach and said, "I believe our next child will be a girl, because I've been waiting on this one. I can feel it!" Despite Joanie's beliefs, she did have a son on the 24th of June, which is her birthday. The child's birth was normal like any other child's. His pigmentation was lighter than most African Americans, but that was a common occurrence in Ernesto's family.

As soon as the new baby was brought home, Ernesto dedicated his new child to the Sun of Righteousness. From that day forward, the child's life would be directed by the will of "spirit." Although the names have been slightly altered, the story is true. This is my story and this is how I found the Jamilian University of the Ordained. I was called to this school by unexplainable circumstances that are too difficult to explain because of the limitations of human speech. I am not concerned with how I came into being but more or less how I can further my knowledge about the universe around me. I would rather live in the now than obsess over a divine birth. As most people have come to know, even Jesus (Yeshua) had to learn a thing or two in the so-called "mystery schools" before he could perform miracles. From living on this Earth for such a short time, I have come to find out that we are made up of this divine cosmic stuff. God, for lack of a better word, is in us all. It shines light on all of us, rich or poor, black or white. Of course this is obvious and well-known information. Nothing is new under the Sun, as the saying goes. I look forward to my journey and accept any challenges that await me. With every defeat, there is victory and understanding that emerges from the tears of failing.

I would like to thank the editor of the *Community Communiqué* for allowing me to publish my thoughts. I would also like to thank all of the readers who took the time to hear the words from my heart. God bless you all.

With the deepest love,

Emanuel Ratliff

(Community member since September 2013)

Approaching the I Ching, Part 1



I. APPROACHING THE I CHING

A. WHEN TO APPROACH THE I CHING

The Book of Changes contains a fourfold tao of the holy sages. In speaking, we should be guided by its judgments; in action, we should be guided by its changes; in making objects, we should be guided by its images; in seeking an oracle, we should be guided by its pronouncements.

Therefore the superior man, whenever he has to make or do something, consults the Changes, and he does so in words. It takes up his communications like

*an echo; neither far nor near, neither dark nor deep
exist for it, and thus he learns of the things of the future.*
—Great Treatise, chapter X.1–2

The I Ching is not a fortune-telling book. It is a book of oracles, so it should be used only for answers to important problems. It is a book of wisdom, and it can help you make the right decision in harmony with the natural laws of the cosmos. The questions you ask of the I Ching should relate to your life as a solar adept. The decisions given are for your betterment and the betterment of the world community. In this sense, it is a book of proper conduct, moral codes, and ethics. When you already know what you should do in a situation, you should not consult the I Ching. Consult the I Ching only for important questions and events and never for mean purposes or with selfish motives.

B. WHO SHOULD APPROACH THE I CHING

*In the Book of Changes it is said: "He is blessed
by heaven. Good fortune. Nothing that does not further."
The Master said: To bless means to help. Heaven
helps the man who is devoted; men help the man
who is true. He who walks in truth and is devoted in
his thinking, and furthermore reveres the worthy,
is blessed by heaven. He has good fortune, and there
is nothing that would not further.*
—Great Treatise, chapter XII.1

The I Ching is a religious book, alive with a soul that puts man's Consciousness in contact with forces outside the range of the rational mind, and it is only as reliable as the individual into whose hands it is placed. To cast a hexagram and read the commentary on that hexagram does not mean that you understand the I Ching or that it is working for you. The I Ching in the hands of an adept is one thing; the I Ching in the hands of a person who approaches it with no understanding is something else.

The I Ching teaches that a person's first duty is to live in accordance with heavenly laws. Knowledge of these laws is always taught by a School of Light. A person who lives in accordance with heavenly law and wishes to know whether it is right or wrong to make a movement or to make a decision on an important matter may consult the I Ching. The I Ching is not to be used indiscriminately. If the I Ching is approached properly with ritual and ceremony, it will never fail you.

C. WHAT THE I CHING IS

The Master said: The Changes, what do they do?

The Changes disclose things, complete affairs, and encompass all ways on earth—this and nothing else.

For this reason the holy sages used them to penetrate all wills on earth and to determine all fields of action on earth, and to settle all doubts on earth.

—Great Treatise, chapter XI.1

Nature and man can and do influence one another. The ancient Schools of China taught a System by which each student became adept at collaborating with nature and harmonizing with its forces and, above all, knowing when to act and when not to act. Fortunes, health, and accidents are all determined by timing; so knowing when to act and how to act is important. If you know how to act, you can to large degree dictate what happens to you. Learning how to pace yourself and live in accordance with natural law determines how happy you are going to be, what you are going to get out of life, and what you can give back to it. This is the secret of the I Ching.

In the proper hands, the I Ching is an oracle book and a book of wisdom that can assist an individual to project his or her Consciousness into the cosmos. Like dreams, the I Ching uses symbols. Its exact workings is a profound psychological study in itself. The I Ching goes beyond the range of the rational mind, ordinary consciousness, and awareness of the ego. The I Ching deals with cosmic Consciousness and the deep layers of the psyche. When one enters the world psyche or the world of

cosmic Consciousness, one goes beyond the rational concepts of beginning, middle, and end, and one enters into a world where past, present, and future are one and the same.

All life is like the time continuum: it is an interrelated superstructure of psychophysical mind. The ancient Chinese used a cryptic symbology and allegory to signify these interrelations. The Chinese System organized heaven and earth, sun, moon, and stars into divisions of symbols and signs. The sages recognized that nature worked in a certain way; they knew how to act and when to act, and everything they did was done in accordance with the force they wanted to bring out. When the adepts wished to know whether it was right or wrong to make a movement or decision on an important matter, they would consult the I Ching.

If you do not have the key, you cannot understand the writings. Much of the ancient teachings was handed down orally, and much has been lost in the literal translation of the works. To cut through the coding used by the writers, one needs to insert the keys of The System of our own School of Light.

The rational mind works with the forms and images of the sensory world; it cannot fathom the language of the Unconscious. The trigrams and hexagrams of the I Ching represent archetypal symbols that are allied more with intuition than with rational awareness. These symbols are coded, and although they are deciphered by the psychic faculties, the rational mind is not always able to grasp their meaning—and it is actually not important that it does. So to prevent unnecessary conflict in the perpetual battle between the psyche and the rational mind, we recommend that you follow the suggestion made in *The Project “X” Solar Teachings of China* and do not be overly concerned initially with trying to understand the workings of the oracle book. The essentials for approaching the I Ching are presented in that Project “X” symposium. This supplement provides further background on the

I Ching and detailed instructions for casting hexagrams with the six-wand method and reading the hexagram that is cast.

The I Ching, or Book of Changes, has been used for many thousands of years, and it is still being used today in both East and West. In the English-speaking West, the standard text most often used is the Wilhelm/Baynes edition. This is the translation referred to and quoted from in this supplement. It is recommended that you study this standard text and various other books that comment on the I Ching for a better understanding of how the System of the I Ching works.

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2012 Convocation Report



PHOTO: Tom Fee

MONDAY–TUESDAY 9/24–25/2012

The 2012 Annual Convocation of Consociates of the International Community of Christ/Cosolargy began on Monday September 24, with, as usual, two days of marathon residence training classes for those Consociates who needed to fulfill these requirements. These were held in the Chapel of the Holy Child.



2012 Residence Training II
attendees. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

WEDNESDAY 9/26

All Consociates gathered on Wednesday morning at the Chancellery vestibule for registration and orientation and then proceeded to Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary for Counsels Lectures on liturgical theology and liturgical training techniques by the Right Reverend Gene Savoy Jr. at the Sanctuary's Monastery Gardens. The weather was inviting, and a refreshment tent had been set up adjacent to the lecture area.



Bishop Gene Savoy Jr. delivers
2012 Counsels lecture. PHOTO:
Stephan Fuelling

Following Rt. Rev. Savoy's morning lecture, attendees made their way over to the outdoor refectory for a wonderful luncheon prepared by Convocation Coordinator Francine Petrovich and aides. After a relaxing lunch break, attendees reassembled at the Monastery Gardens for the afternoon lecture and an introduction to some advanced solar techniques.

Following the conclusion of Counsels lectures (around 3 p.m.), an optional [tour of the Sanctuary's newly completed water project was given by the Reverends Ted Staver and Herman Aggenbach](#), who have coordinated the project over its development over the last several years. The water distribution system that has been installed makes both water and electrical power available at most locations in the Sanctuary Southland, thus allowing for the building of homes for those Consociates who choose to live on the property in the future. The tour lasted about three hours, after which Consociates returned to their homes or hotels. The evening was free for scheduled visits to the Steamboat Hot Springs Spa.

THURSDAY–FRIDAY 9/27–28



Jim Eaglesmith presents during
2012 Cosolargy Conference. PHOTO:
Stephan Fuelling

Thursday morning found Convocation Consociates and members of the public gathering at the Emerald Room of the Atlantis Casino Resort and Spa in south Reno for the Third Annual [Spiritual State of the World Conference](#) hosted by Cosolargy International. The theme of this year's conference was the Dawn of the Golden Age of Light: Transformation through Cosmic Solar Intelligence. At 9 a.m. the conference was opened by Master of Ceremonies Francine Petrovich, who gave a welcome and introduced the keynote speaker, world-renowned biophysicist [Dr. James Oschman](#), who gave a multimedia presentation on "Cosmic Thinking and Being."

The second presentation of the morning was given by the husband-and-wife team of [Puran and Susanna Bair](#), founders of the Institute for Applied Meditation and the University of the Heart. Their theme was the coming times and the culture of the heart. Time was then taken for a lunch break.

After a luncheon in the Napa Bistro on the premises, which the hotel opened just for the conferees' convenience, the afternoon session began with [Dr. Stephan Fuelling's](#) presentation on synchronicity, intent, and conscious creation. It was followed by [Dr. Gary Buchanan's](#) take on the future of healing, and how his Sonatherapy® and Cosolargy will play a

part. The first day's presentations were concluded with [Dr. Jacob Liberman's](#) presentation, titled "Stop Looking and Start Seeing." Thus ended the first day of the conference, and the evening was free for spa visits, socializing, reflecting on the day, or whatever one felt moved to do.

Friday morning began at 9 a.m. with [Dr. Karl Maret's](#) multimedia presentation on living in an electric universe. It was, as usual, packed with information and quite fascinatingly presented.

Next came a hands-on presentation by artist [Dr. Rowena Kryder](#), who talked about consciousness aspects of the new Golden Age of Light and gave the participants some exercises to do to help focus consciousness, including the use of a new set of "consciousness cards" that she designed and makes available in book form under the title *Soul Fire*.

After another pleasant luncheon in the Napa Bistro, the final presentations were delivered by [Sean Savoy](#), who spoke on linking oneself with the New Sun to activate Consciousness; singer/songwriter, storyteller, and native culture enthusiast [Jim Eaglesmith](#), who shared some of his music and chants, including one in Aramaic in which the audience participated, along the theme of "we are one in 2012"; and finally, the concluding presentation by [Gene Savoy Jr.](#) on the Golden Age of Light.



Gary Buchanan opens the 2012
"Spirit of Exploration" Banquet as
Master of Ceremonies. PHOTO:
Stephan Fuelling

On Friday evening, after a break, Consociates had the option (which most took) to attend the [annual banquet of the Andean Exploration Foundation and Ocean Sailing Club](#), held at the Atlantis Hotel's Paradise Room. The evening included a bagpipe memorial tribute to members who had died; slide presentations of Project X expeditions to South Africa, Zimbabwe, Korea, and Japan; and the awarding of medals of participation and support for foundation members. During the meal, attendees were treated to Indian sarod music and Japanese traditional dance.

Saturday 9/29



2012 Chapel Communion Service.
PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Saturday was a full day, beginning with Communion Service in the Chapel of the Holy Child at 10 a.m., followed by [first- and second-degree ordinations in bishop's chambers](#), followed by a reception in the vestibule. Lee Ann Baum, Frank Gadsen, Humberto Garcia, Scott Ripke, and Saeno Tokuaga received

first-degree ordination, while John Bowd (who, in his seventies traveled from Australia), was ordained a deacon (second-degree ordination).



Five newly ordained members of the Order. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

Almost right afterward, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., was the annual health fair and open house at Steamboat Hot Springs Healing Center, followed at 6 p.m. by the Pannuches Meal Rite (celebrated every fifty days) held at the Chapel of the Holy Child with a special extended celebration at the Rectory-Abbey on Carmel.

Sunday 9/30



Vested Consociates after Sunrise
Divine Service during Convocation,
2012. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

The day began before dawn with [Jubilee Sunrise Divine Service](#) (the “Jubilee” referring to the concluding celebration of the Pannuches rite), a concelebrated service wherein all ordained members were vested. The service was also an interfaith service and held at the Cathedral Church of the Americas, as is customary during Convocation. [After the service the Reverend Diana Carragher received third-level ordination \(to the presbyterate\).](#) The services were followed by a grand breakfast buffet at the open-air Refectory.

At 1 p.m., the annual Spiritual State of the World Conference was concluded back at the Atlantis Hotel with a roundtable discussion with the conference presenters and invited guests, after which a brief closing reception was held. Thus ended another successful, inspiring Convocation and World Conference marking the auspicious year of 2012.



Speakers and guests prepare for 2012 roundtable discussion. PHOTO: Stephan Fuelling

submitted by Robert Anderson

INSIGHT INTERVIEW: Mason Dwinell, Part1

The Earth Was Flat, Mason Dwinell (Xlibris, 2005)



Mason Dwinell
PHOTO: from the
back cover of
his book

For our first *Insight Interview*, we speak with Mason Dwinell about his 2005 book on sungazing: *The Earth Was Flat*. Mason was the subject of the 2011 documentary film *Eat the Sun*, which followed his exploits as a young man searching for information on the ancient practice of looking at the sun, or sungazing. We met him for the first time during the filming, when he came to Northern Nevada to speak to Bishop Gene Savoy Sr. and other members of the Community about their experiences working with the sun and to attend a Sunrise Divine Service with us at Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

Mason wrote *The Earth Was Flat* a few years after the footage for the film was shot and while the filmmaker, Peter Sorcher,

was still editing the film. (You can read more on the film and acquire the DVD at [the film's splash page](#). You can read more about the book and purchase a copy at [Mason's web site](#).)

We ran into Mason again this summer during one of his speaking engagements here in Reno. At that time we arranged to carry on an extended email interview with him about his book, which we did from May 15 to September 15, 2012. What you read here, with minor editing, is the result:

CC: Hello, Mason.

It was nice seeing you last weekend at the Psychic Fair in Reno, and I'm glad we could make arrangements to interview you about your book.

MD: Yes, Bob—[I'm] alive and well.

CC: This weekend I was able to read Part 1 of your book and took a bunch of notes, enough to begin our email interview if you are ready to do so. I plan to finish the text in the next day or two.

If you have time to go back and forth with emails every day or two for awhile, let's get started.

MD: Now is as good a time as any.

CC: Okay. Let's begin then. There are a number of questions in my notes, so it may take a good number of back-and-forth messages, maybe twenty or so. There is no rush, and I would appreciate full responses when you can give them.

On the acknowledgment page of your book, you thank your friends and family for giving their unconditional support to you so that you were free to "chase the sun." What kind of support did you receive? And do you think that a community of sungazers could have provided a similar kind of support, or do you think that the kind of support you received specifically from your friends and family was irreplaceable?

MD: By unconditional support, I meant they were there for me if I ever needed them. But more importantly they were not going to hinder [me]. One of my pet peeves is when people actually hinder someone's quest. Quests are challenging enough as it is, and to have people so entrenched in their issues that they stand in the way is silly and unproductive.

CC: Early in your book, you quote Omraam Mikhael Aivanhov, who was the head of the Great White Brotherhood and a teacher of solar viewing. Since you knew of that organization and the organization continues to exist, how is it that you did not connect with the Great White Brotherhood and their system for sungazing instead of ending up following Hiram Ratan Manek (HRM) and his protocol?

MD: HRM was my introduction into the world of sungazing. I had reached about fifteen minutes of gazing prior to beginning research into other techniques or gazers. The experiences I was having were rich enough (which is an understatement), that I figured I might as well let HRM's protocol run its course before I dipped my toes in other waters.

CC: It took you about four months looking at the sun every day for you to reach fifteen minutes of gazing. That is a pretty long time. Did you begin getting direct personal coaching from HRM during those first four months, or did you go it completely on your own without much concept of what you were doing or what you were in for?

MD: Yeah—it was mostly the blind leading the blind. Four of my friends and I headed into the void on our own. All we had to draw from was our own and each other's experiences. At about twelve minutes, when things really started to change, I reached out to HRM for some guidance, but even then, I was very much on my own. Eerie, wonderful, terrifying, and totally awesome.

CC: Since you had that experience of “the blind leading the

blind," why do you recommend [pp. 20, 74] that each person approach sungazing in his/her own way rather than under the guidance of experienced practitioners?

MD: Every **body** is different and every soul is different. An experience, based on a technique or approach, will not relate equally to each person. At the end of the day, the individual experience is all that matters—all that is. Awareness, focus, relaxation, letting go and allowing the time and space in one's life for change may be the greatest assets one could host for this practice as well as the practice of living life.

CC: If you understand individual sensory and perceptual experience to be what matters most, I can see then why you might say that there is "no wrong way" to approach the sun and that "every person may carve out their own form of sungazing." However, even if you do not recognize that the sun affects all humans in a similar way or that there is a proper way for all humans to approach the sun that is "The Way," your journal seems to suggest that you have recognized a process that is common to all who look at the sun, a sequence of experiences that you recognized: An overwhelming sensation of blissful and calming reverence for the sun, the feeling of being immersed in love, the practice of sungazing growing into a form of deep meditation, an incredible sense of peace, conflict with yourself, recognition of the potentials of sungazing on a global level, the intense tingling sensation in your hands and arms as if plugged into a power grid, increase in your overall energy, speeding up of your mind that culminates in a total and complete peace, intense emotional disturbances that you could sense as an intense body odor, supersensitivity in your gastrointestinal system, a wonderful feeling of liberation, sensations in your energy centers (chakras), evidence of solar information factors, etc.

What significance does this sequence of experiences have for you? Do you think that this sequence is peculiar to you individually, or do you think this sequence represents a

series of new feelings that is typical to anyone who is getting into the sun? And did HRM or anyone else make you aware of what kind of experiences you would have before you began looking at the sun?

MD: The main reason my friends and I embarked upon the sungazing journey was to save the world—to save humanity. I concluded that if people could understand, or at the very least come to peace with their hungers (the energetic subtleties that drive our choices), then real change would occur. Tranquility, wonder and blissful expression would ensue; no more war due to insecurities, want for power, riches, lust—more more more.

One of the most powerful aspects of the practice was that it is free to every human on earth. Tomorrow the sun will rise.

Yes, any meditation will create a spell of space and quiet within and around one who is still for any length of time. However, I significantly underestimated the power held within the sun's light. The clarity and peace that I experienced went well beyond anything I had read, seen, or felt prior. Change was afoot. With a balanced and neutral approach, I feel what I experienced can be mirrored by anyone.

While HRM should be credited for sharing information about the practice, short of [his being] a cheer leader, there was no insight instilled. But perhaps that is one of the keys, simply allowing folks to go out and experience life for themselves; not sold, pushed, or bullied by other's ideals.

CC: How were you made aware that not all transformations that come with ingesting solar energy are necessarily pleasant or beneficial? I remember you mentioning a particular event when you were able to “smell” your bad mood. What kinds of transformational experiences have you had or witnessed that were not beneficial or were especially unpleasant? And what did they tell you about the nature of the energies of the sun?

MD: First off, I wish to reiterate that before embarking upon a journey with the sun (or life for that matter), one must without a shred of doubt, be willing to take 100% responsibility for everything that has happened, is happening, and will happen in their life.

Yes, many of the transformative aspects of my evolution were a tad bumpy. Awareness may be one of the greatest assets we can cultivate; however, awareness does breed awareness. Becoming aware of blocks and limitations that have been slumbering within our systems all along can be uncomfortable and unsettling. Also challenging was having patience with ancient (occasionally past-life) issues bubbling up through my skin in the form of rashes and such. I learned a couple things—fasting can be a powerful and helpful way to help access some deep-rooted issues.

And, utilizing the full vibration of the sun's light spectrum, if people allow the time and space in their lives for change, and if one is willing to focus, relax through, and let go of emotional history, then evolution will follow. Yes, this process can certainly occur without the sun; however, for better or worse the sun helps isolate and magnify different blocks.

Now, that is all simply the energetic side of things. Regarding the physiological component, I believe that when direct sunlight hits our blood through our eyes, photosynthesis occurs—free, clean, energy!



Mason as he appeared sometime before we contacted him for this interview. PHOTO: Mason Dwinell

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THE LUMINOUS TEACHING STONE OF CHINA AND THREE SETTINGS: Preface to “Mar Iazed-buzid, the Great Donor”

FIRST SETTING: Mar Iazed-buzid, the Great Donor



Three men are mentioned in the Inscription on the Luminous Teaching Stone who are especially notable: (1) the old Syrian Church Father and historian who authored the text of the Inscription, (2) the talented young Chinese calligrapher who cut the words of the text into the stone of the Monument, and (3) the wealthy Turkic bishop who sponsored the Monument and its raising. The lives of these men suggest the three time settings for the Stone: (1) the Church Father/historian represents the past, from the origins of The Teaching in Syria, nearly eight hundred years before the Stone was raised, and its spread across the Middle East to China; (2) the calligrapher represents the future, from the time the Monument was buried to hide it from destruction shortly after it was raised until the Teaching was finally and completely dissipated shortly before our time; and (3) the episcopal sponsor/donor of the Stone, who represents the time contemporary to the raising of the Monument.

The word *setting* is used in the title with a prescribed

intention. The primary usage is obvious: the frame in which a precious stone is set. Each of the settings shares in this image. But the word *setting* holds at least three other usages: the setting of a dramatic scene, a setting of eggs for incubation, and a table setting. The literary image—the time and place of a dramatic scene—is enacted repeatedly throughout the narrative that is attached to Father Adam, the author of the Inscription, who is a historian and, however mediocre, a poet. This setting is an expansion of the historical Preface that Father Adam himself composed for the Inscription, embedded in the wider history of the Church and told from a millennial perspective. I hope the reader will recognize that the setting named for the calligrapher Lu Yen grows out of the nesting image: a batch of eggs for incubation. Lu Yen's story traces the development of new forms of the Luminous Teaching in China from their conception (when the seeds of Eternal Truth still remaining in the eighth-century Oriental Church animated a teaching of native Chinese stock), through their generations, and on toward our own time. The next setting is named for the celebrated Bishop I-ssu, who, in the Syriac portion of the Inscription, is called Mar Iazed-buzid; this setting partakes of the familiar banquet image—a table setting—but in an imperial manner. As the reader will see, this setting has much in common with the image of a table setting for a festal meal. Bishop I-ssu's story is an expansion of the seventeenth paragraph of the Inscription, fashioned from the time immediately surrounding the inaugural raising of the Stone.

The tale of the past, "Father Adam, Author," and the tale of the future, "Lu Yen, Calligrapher," are not included here. These two narratives will be presented at another time. Only the biographical note "Mar Iazed-buzid, the Great Donor," originally completed in 1989 and recently updated, appears here.

One last word. It may appear that an element of fantasy enters

the makeup of these stories, but they are in no way fictions. The stories are fashioned entirely out of commonplaces, but it must be remembered that what were commonplaces for people in their time are for us fantastic details. Whatever is factually accurate I owe to the work of historians and commentators who precede me; whatever color there is in the telling I owe to English renderings of the poets of the time. The narratives are limited by the amount and kind of information that was available to me at the time of writing. For this reason I am able to say of the verity of these stories only this: If these stories are not true, there are others like them that are true.

Explanations of political and cultural undercurrents, condensed but still too ponderous to find a place in the narrative, have been drawn out of the text and channeled into supplements at the end of each section. These are designed to assist the reader along the way.

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TABLE OF CHINESE PERSON AND PLACE NAMES (in alphabetical order)	
Wade-Giles transliteration	Pinyin transliteration
A-lo-pen	Alopen
An Lu-shan	An Lushan
Chang-an	Changan
Chang Kiu	Zhanggiu
Cheng-tu	Chengdu
Chia Tzu	Qiazu
Chou-chih	Zhouzhi
(Prince) Chung	Zhong

Chung-jen (Ward)	Zhongren
Feng-hsiang	Fengxiang
Feng Ming	Fengming
Hsi Jung	Xirong
Hsiu-shan	Xiushan
Hsuan-tsung (2)	Xuanzong
Hua-men	Huamen
I-ning	Yining
I-ssu	Yisi
Kuan-chung	Guanzhong
(Yang) Kuei-fei or (Yang) Kwei-fei or (Yang) Guifei	Yang Yuhuan
(Yang) Kuo-chung	(Yang) Guozhong
Ko Shu-han	Ge Shuhan
Kuo Tzu-I	Guo Ziyi
Lao-tzu	Laozi
Li Fu-kuo	Li Fuguo
Li Kwang-pi	Li Guangbi
Li Lin-fu	Li Linfu
Ling-wu	Lingwu
Loyang	Luoyang
Lu Yen	Luyan
Ma-wei	Mawei
Pei Ti	Beidi
Ping Liang	Bingliang
Shih Ssu-ming	Shi Siming
Su-tsung	Suzong
Szechuan	Sichuan
Ta-chin	Daqin

Tai-tsung	Daizong
Ta-ku	N/A
Te-tsung	Dezong
Tu Fu	Du Fu
Uighurs (Uyghur)	Weiwuer
Wu-chun	Wuzhun
Wu-tsung	Wuzong
(Yang) Yu-han	Yang Yuhuan
Yin Hsi	Yinxi
Yu-hsien	Yuxian

Project “X” Tours Japan Day by Day: DAY 1

9 MAY



U.S. tour group and and staff of
the Cosolargy Institute of Japan
at the Center in Kurume. PHOTO:
Keiko Inoue

ITINERARY: Arrive in Fukuoka this evening. Fukuoka is the capital city of Fukuoka Prefecture on Kyushu, the southernmost of the four major islands of Japan, whose name, Nihon, literally means "sun's origin." Upon arrival at Fukuoka you are met and transferred by car to Kurume. Kurume, in the south of Fukuoka Prefecture, is a city of green mountains, beautiful rivers, and hospitable people.

Kurume is also home to the Cosolargy Institute of Japan and the Solar Cultures Promotion Society. Overnight at Kurume Hotel Espirit.

[Visit Kyushu through Wikipedia](#)

COSOLARGY INSTITUTE OF JAPAN

"In late afternoon we visit the Cosolargy Center Yukinori Matsushita has established in Kurume. It is a beautiful building – being put to full use.



Gene Savoy Jr. at the offices of

the Cosolargy Institute of Japan.

PHOTO: Robert Roy

“The bottom floor is a Reading Room full of pictures and literature on Cosolargy and the Andean Explorers Foundation, with photos of *Feathered Serpent III-Ophir*, Gene Savoy, etc. The room is also made available to local people as a meeting hall when needed.



Gene and Yuki at work in the reading room at CIJ offices.

PHOTO: Sean Savoy

“The second floor is offices, with a kitchen and lunch room, a Chapel, and a Cymatic Therapy room used by Yuki. All very nicely done!”

–Journal entry by Gary Buchanan

Visit the official web site of [the Solar-Culture Promotion Society in Japan](#), a direct affiliate of the Cosolargy Institute of Japan.

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Sanctuary Water Project Progress: A Report

Since March 2011, the water project at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary has made significant progress.

The importance of this five-year project cannot be overlooked. Once it is completed, development of our Sanctuary can begin in earnest and with much greater potential—putting 17 million gallons of water annually to beneficial use. Our Community has invested close to \$200,000 in this project thus far and nearly 10,000 volunteer man-hours.

Phase 1



The existing well head. PHOTO: Ted Staver

Phase 1 of the water project entailed building a structure around the existing well head at the Argonaut site.



Main structure of Argonaut pump house under construction.
PHOTO: Ted Staver



Argonaut pump house being finished with stucco.
PHOTO: Ted Staver

With that completed, Church work crews were able to install the necessary electrical switches and conduit along with a high-voltage transformer for power distribution throughout the

sanctuary. The Argonaut pump site was finalized with the installation of all remaining conduit, electrical wiring, service boxes, and signal wire for the control sensors. A high-voltage transformer for power distribution to a lift pump station and power distribution for future expansion was also installed.



View of some of the inside electrical fittings in the Argonaut pump house. PHOTO: Ted Staver

The photos below show the trench leading to the first “pull box.” This is where wire connections are made for electrical distribution. Power cables from the Argonaut pump site to the Chapter House (a distance of almost one mile) were laid.



Pump house and trench to first pull box. PHOTO: Ted Staver

The pull boxes are rather large, and there is a total of 17 of

these boxes stretching up to the Chapter House.



Last pull box. PHOTO: Ted Staver

The concrete pad for the lift station was poured and the housing unit put into place. Finally, the final 300 feet of trench were excavated and water pipes installed, completing the connection from the lower portion of the Sanctuary to the upper part. Two small transformers were installed in separate locations for use with smaller irrigation pumps for future expansion.

Phase 2

The second phase of the project involved the connection of the high-voltage power lines from the main pump house up to the lift pump station, and the planning and placement of the water lines from the tank site to the lift pump site. This work was performed primarily by the Reverends Ted Staver and Herman Aggenbach.

Once that was completed, a concrete pad for the lift pump housing was poured and the housing placed on it. From that point on, it was simply a matter of configuring the placement of all the electronic controls for controlling the lift pump and monitoring water levels in the tanks. The photos show that the crew managed to load a lot of things into the small housing.

The final step in this phase of the project was to acquire and install a second transformer for the lift pump station and a

variable motor speed controller. A booster pump capable of producing 40 gallons per minute was also needed, as well as a 4,000-gallon water tank. (The holding capacity for the tank was raised from 2,500 gallons, as reported last year, to 4,000.) The cost of these items was between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Work continued once funds were raised.

Phase 2 was nearly complete at the time this article was posted. It is just a matter of weeks before the final connection of wire is made and the components are tested. The next step will be to acquire the water tank that will supply water for the lift pump and to make the final water pipe connections. The crew expects to be pumping water to the upper level of the Sanctuary by the end of August 2012.

This project has taken several years to reach this point. It represents not only the attainment of water rights for the church but also future growth for new residences because of the availability of water and power. In planning the system, the crew included means to connect wind and solar to the pumping system so as to make it an off-grid system in the hope that the Sanctuary can be totally self-reliant in the future.

It is hoped also that we will be fully utilizing the new water distribution system by mid-summer, putting to use our water resources and saving precious dollars as a result of energy savings. It also means that the indoor and outdoor vegetable gardens, which were expanded last year, can be more fully utilized.

Remodeling of another portion of the Chapter House has begun so that a fourth staff-minister can reside at the Chapter House and assist with additional landscaping and greenhouse gardening.



Completed pump house on Argonaut Way. PHOTO: Ted Staver