

“Please Accept This Gift of Light”: A Message From Down Under

Paul V. Young, Cosolargy International’s representative in Australia, has recently shared the following message with the readers of his blog. Feel free to share it with your own family and friends.

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Please Accept this GIFT OF LIGHT

During this time of “lockdown” caused by the Coronavirus, most people find themselves with more spare time for reading, while many are prompted to re-evaluate the purpose of their past pursuits and consider what they might do differently when the pandemic is over.

This is an opportune time to explore the teachings and system offered by Cosolargy International. You are invited to subscribe to the free, no-obligation monthly newsletter.

Those who do so now are eligible to receive a complimentary GIFT OF LIGHT, which consists of some sample sungazing principles and techniques. Eight lectures from an 18-part series of lectures titled “Project X: Secrets of Immortality” have been chosen to give you a glimpse of Cosolargy’s practices.

With the GIFT OF LIGHT, you will receive an email each week for the next four weeks with links to two audio files, recorded by the founder of Cosolargy, Gene Savoy Sr., some 40 to 50 years ago, which introduce you to some of the basic concepts of the system. Each audio file is about ten minutes long and contains esoteric knowledge known to the ancients that will help support your practice of the solar spiritual techniques that are included in the talks. You can listen to them whenever you choose and practice the spiritual growth techniques they contain.

The first two audio files introduce a central theme in Cosolargy: Light carries information, which we call Information Factors (IF). These Information Factors are a source of energy, knowledge, and act as nutrients to enhance our physical, psychic, and spiritual natures.

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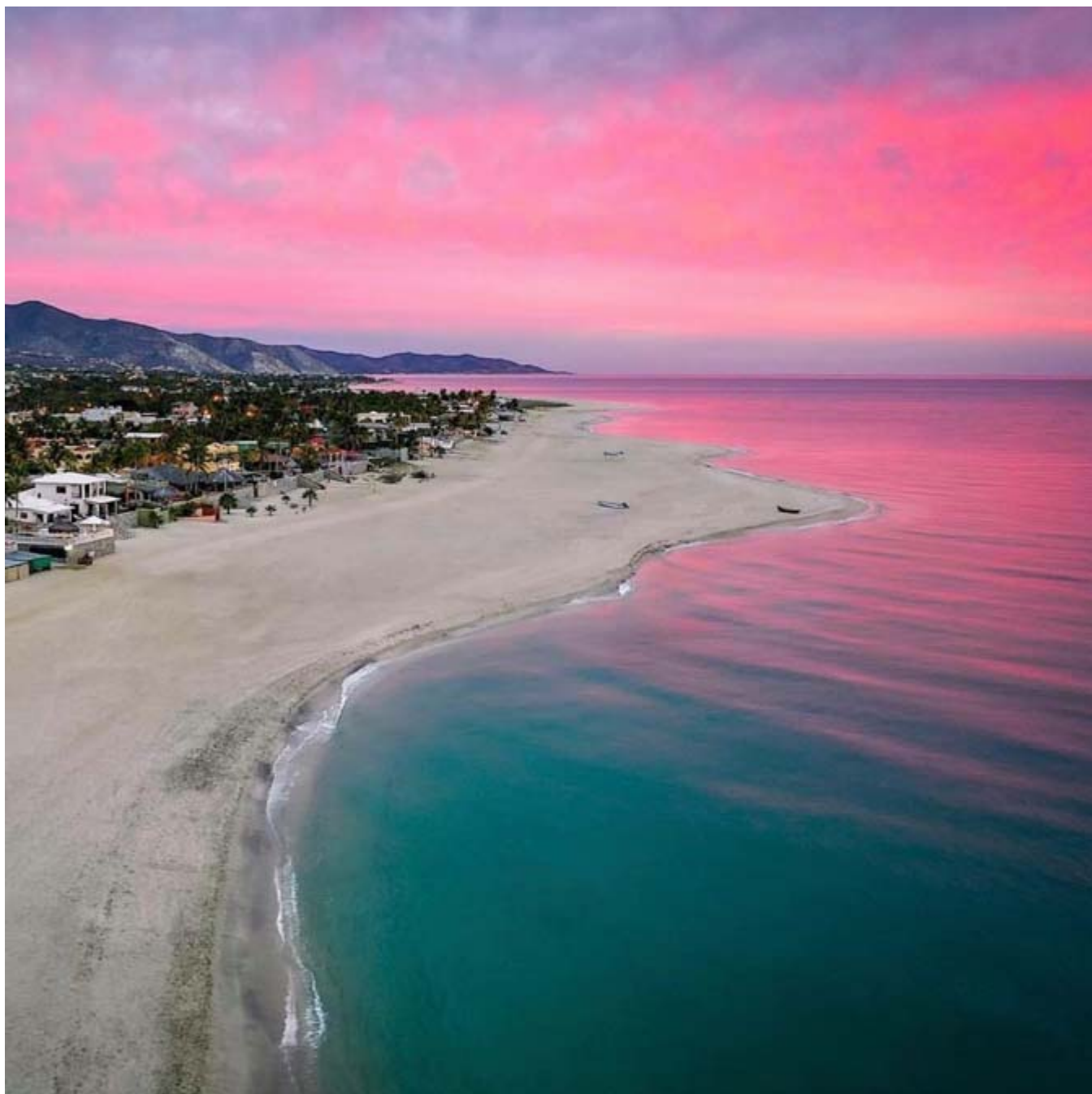
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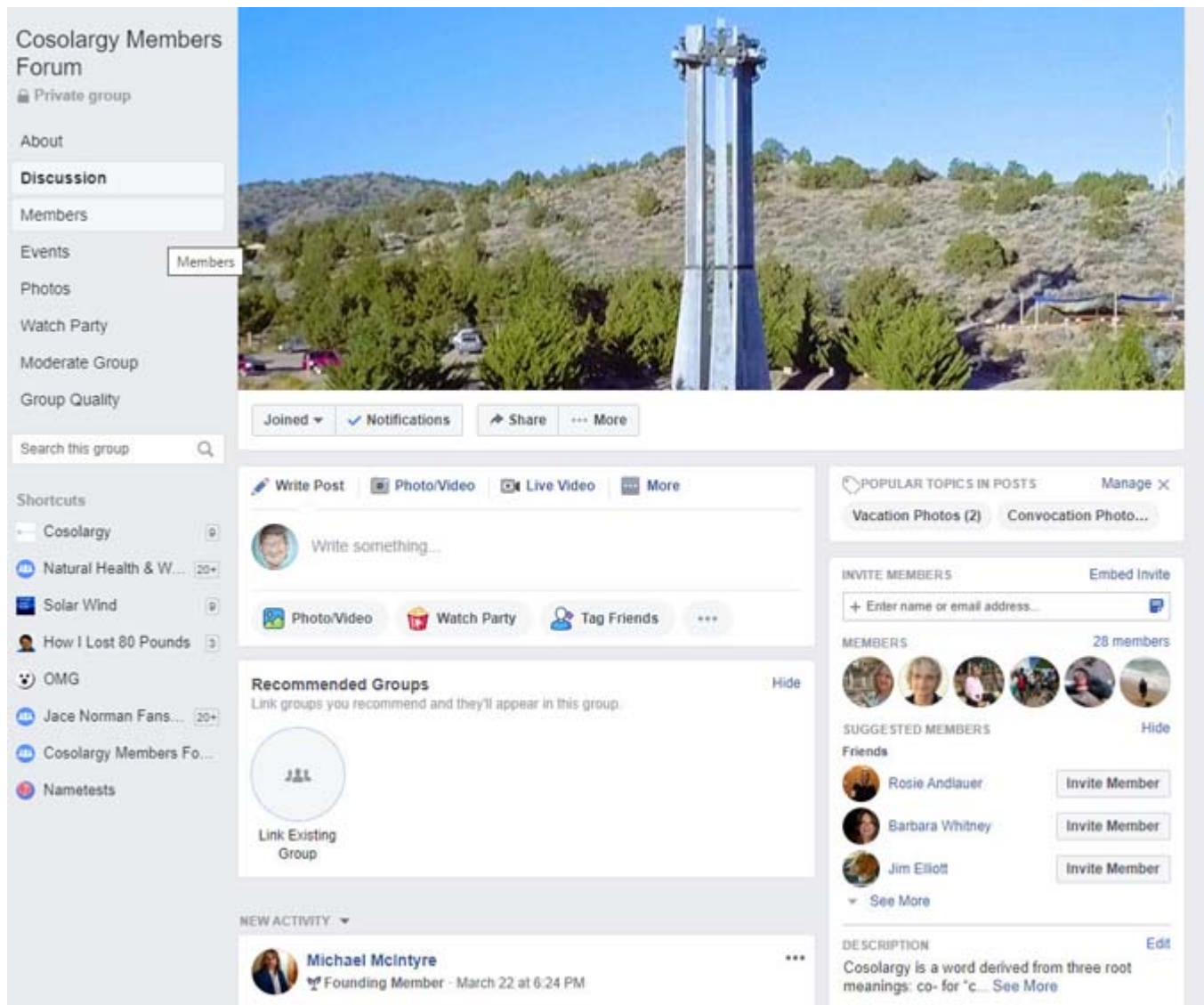
On November 15, 2019, the *National Geographic Sea Lion*, a ship designed to navigate narrow inlets and wildlife-rich passageways inaccessible to larger ships, embarked on a five-day expedition in the Gulf of California (Sea of Cortez) off Baja California Sur in an area known as Cabo del Este – the extraordinary East Cape of southern Baja. This is where Cosolargy International in 2017 purchased a 2.3-acre piece of beachfront property in the town of El Cardonal, just north of Los Barriles.

Love for the region eventually led to collaboration between members of the exploration and Cosolargy International.

[Read the entire article online at Cosolargy.org.](#)

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**Cosolargy Forum Now on
Facebook**



Hello Fellow Consociates,

If you watch television at all you probably know that in recent weeks Facebook has been running a major promotion on Facebook Groups with the slogan “There’s a Facebook Group for everyone.”

[If you haven't seen any of these commercials, click here to see one.](#)

Even before this promotion started, there were Consociates of Cosolargy who felt that we should have a group of our own on Facebook. Several weeks ago, our Head Bishop, Gene Savoy, Jr.,

said in a staff meeting that we needed to get this done, and so the group was created. It is named the “Cosolargy Members Forum” and is open to all Cosolargy members.

If you are not familiar with Facebook groups, there are two basic types: open and closed. Open groups allow anyone to join, while closed groups are open only to those who meet certain requirements. In the case of our group, it is open only to members of Cosolargy. It is also a private group, meaning that anything posted on it is shared only with other group members. And when you get a post from the group on your timeline, it will not have a share button on it. This is so members can feel free to discuss things that are not usually revealed to the general public about Cosolargy and its teachings.

The group has most of the standard rules for posting and commenting, plus one or two extras. Here is a list of them:

Group Rules from the Admins

1. Be Kind and Courteous

We’re all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Let’s treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.

2. Avoid politics.

3. No Hate Speech or Bullying

Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn’t allowed, and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.

4. No Promotions or Spam

Give more than you take to this group. Self-promotion, spam and irrelevant links aren’t allowed.

5. Respect Everyone’s Privacy

Being part of this group requires mutual trust. Authentic, expressive discussions make groups great, but may also be sensitive and private. What's shared in the group should stay in the group.

Anyone who is in the group is free to comment and post. Posts do not always have to be serious, or directly about Cosolargy. Recently, some of us have been posting favorite vacation photos. Others have posted jokes or memes they found interesting. It is just a discussion group for all Cosolargy members, so if you are not yet a member, [click here to join](#). And if you have never joined Facebook, now might be the time to do so.

by Harold Boulette

EASTER MESSAGE: April 16, 2020



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HEAD OVERSEER'S SECOND ADVENT EASTER MESSAGE

**April 16, 2020**

This Saturday – April 18th – we of this Community will observe True Easter according to the sacred solar calendar. We will assemble and greet the rising Sun at the Consecrated Sanctuary with liturgical prayers, sacred music, chants, bells and crystal bowls and receive the blessings emanating from out of the Sun of Righteousness. We will pray for healing and consolation in the world, for the enlightenment of the human family, and for the health of all our members around the world.

I've spoken often about the madness permeating the world, and I'm sure you have seen this more and more as people are being affected by the various quarantines imposed upon us all. It seems that peoples' mental, emotional, and psychic illnesses are becoming more apparent as they are sequestered and "normal" life is dramatically changed. Rather than taking this time to reflect on themselves and the ills of the world – how to make the planet a better place, what steps they need to take for their own spiritual growth and awareness, etc. – they are all too eager and ready to go back to the madness. They immerse themselves in the newsfeed and can't wait to run back into the chaos.

Last week, I turned to the First Prophecy to the Americas and was reading from Chapter 9 which says, in part:

No man knows the dangers that face the planet by the rebellion of nature which is already beginning to manifest. First earthquakes, then climatic changes, then famine, disease, then a madness from the rays of the Sun penetrating the altered atmosphere, All these first signs are to be mild in the beginning.

But I say unto you that all life will rebel, ceasing to exist like the flame of a candle snuffed out by a strong wind. Just as life came into the world by the breath of God, so shall it cease by the withdrawal of that breath. And men will be greatly perplexed. No man has seen the things of which I speak.

I find these words quite profound. If you have the time to read Chapter 9 in its entirety, I highly recommend that you do so.

It has also strongly come into my mind that those who ignore the commandments of God given through the Word manifest in His ascendant Sun of Righteousness, which even now is transforming the world, are not immune to its effects. It is not a matter

of whether people accept the Sun of Righteousness, believe in it, or not. God's Word comes forth regardless and permeates all of Creation. It is unfortunate, however, that His Word is incomprehensible to people of ignorance, impiety, and irreverence to Him; and that this ignorance, impiety, and profanity – which is ugliness and ungodliness – is resulting in a most harmful mutation of being that is most obvious even to the casual observer.

No one on Earth under the Light of this New Sun will benefit from wrongdoing and materialistic ends any longer. As I have mentioned before: Some judge God and say that if Evil and Darkness exist then Evil and Darkness must be equal to God. This is not true, of course. But although

Darkness and Evil do indeed exist, it is only because of Man's continued wrongdoing, error, and the breaking of God's Laws.

As the Cross of Enlightenment has come to enlighten righteous men and women, those of ungodliness are, in effect, maddened by that Light, for those who embrace Darkness will incur much suffering and illness of mind and Spirit. It is written in our Sacred Scripture that the Earth shall be burned up by the Light of God's New Sun, and men and women of Evil and Darkness shall also be burned up by that Light and judged for their wicked acts, while those of goodness shall receive the Light as a blessing.

Our Prophecies, therefore, are given to the Children of the Earth for the purpose of informing them of the effects and the events prophesied, which are occurring now. We pray that all peoples everywhere choose accordingly; for it is our Teaching that God would not that anyone suffer. God sends forth His Divine Light to judge the ungodly for the sake of the godly who have long suffered at their hands. In due time, the days of injustice will come to an end, and God's Sun of Justice will reign supreme. It is time for us to truly live The Way in earnest.

I wish you a most blessed and enlightened Easter.

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

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HOLY WEEK MESSAGE: April 8, 2020



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HEAD OVERSEER'S HOLY WEEK MESSAGE



April 8, 2020

This week, hundreds of millions of Christians of the Western traditions around the world – mainly Catholic and Protestant but a myriad of others – are observing Holy Week (albeit mostly in the privacy of their homes) in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Next week, millions of Eastern Orthodox Christians around the world will do the same.

However, we in the Second Advent Church Community observe Easter on a fixed date – April 18 – each year according to the

solar, not lunar, calendar. And, of course, we do so in an entirely different way and with an entirely unique message. Most importantly, we do not recognize or teach the resurrection of the physical body, only the resurrection of the reborn spiritual or Light Body. Of course, this concept in and of itself; would have gotten us all burned at the stake or hanged not so long ago.

You may have heard me say this before, but I emphasize this point and make the distinction of the English root of the word "Easter" because it differs substantially from the word Pascha and its meaning as relative to the Jewish Passover. For instance, in Spanish Easter is "Pascua," and in French it is "Pâques."

I will not get into the details here of the Last Supper and how it was a sacred Essene pannuches meal centered around the 50-day pentacontad cycle (during which Jesus declared himself to be the Messiah of Aaron and Israel;) and that it was not related to the Jewish Passover, as is accepted in the Pauline churches. Needless to say, this important distinction alone separates us from the rest of Christianity.

So, to get back to the point, the word "Easter" in English comes from the Anglo-Saxon Eostre, which can be traced to an important goddess called Hausos. The goddess comes from the proto-Indo European religion, and she is the Goddess of the Dawn. Her name was reconstructed as Ausos, and in India she is referred to as Usas; in Greek Eos; and in Latin Aurora.

The name was derived from the root "to Shine," thus, translating to "The Shining One." The English word "East" is derived from this word; and so is the Latin "Aurum" meaning gold. The dawn goddess was also the Goddess of Spring. In the Anglo-Saxon world, and also in the Germanic world, this time – this Easter or Eostre – was called Eosturmonath – or Easter Month – which was celebrated for the entire month of April. The Goddess of Spring was involved in the mythology of the

Indo-European new year where the Dawn Goddess was liberated by God from imprisonment. She is known in the Rig Veda as Indra and in ancient Greek mythology as Dionysus. So we see that it is a very important time of the year going back thousands of years before the time of Jesus.

So how do we in the Second Advent/Cosolargy Community reconcile ourselves with this ancient observance? How do we – who do not accept the physical resurrection of the body – harmonize ourselves with this “holy week” which emphasizes the pain, sorrow, suffering, and death of Jesus? How do we – who do not teach that he was the sacrificial Passover lamb, an offering acceptable to God whose blood is shed daily on the altars of churches around the world everywhere and that the shedding of his blood, however ritualistically – was an atonement for the sins of the world? How do we come to terms with those many, many millions of people who do? And, how do we – who reject that Christ’s crucifixion was “good” or that it was the Will of God, holding instead that it was the murder of a Son of Light by the civil and religious authorities of the day – how do we bring that into accord with our own teaching and theology?

For example, the other day I heard an evangelical pastor on the news saying that God had sent the coronavirus. Let me repeat that: God has sent COVID-19, and just as the Israelites had been protected in their homes by God with the blood of the lamb during the Passover, Christians staying at home this Holy Week are and will be protected by God by the blood of Christ as the paschal sacrificial lamb. I hope you see what I’m getting at. It is, in all honesty, a disgusting concept.

So how do we reconcile ourselves with this? We do so by emphasizing what we know to be Christ’s true message: First, that we are all endowed by the Creator of our Spiritual Beings with an eternal and immortal Soul, if we but cause that divine generative force – Christ or the Word – to penetrate into the spiritual womb. Second, that once we consent to the Word of

God – the Logos – being allowed to impregnate our Spirit, that Spirit becomes animated by the Thought and Will of God the Father and becomes a living, breathing, Conscious Soul able to reason on heavenly things. Third, that once imbued with Christ Consciousness, the Soul, released from the cycle of generated existence, recalls and remembers its history and origin and consciously participates in the Worlds of Light, continually partaking of a divine Communion.

This was the message of Christ Jesus. This is what was symbolized by the Last Supper – the act of the reborn, Conscious Soul partaking of the True Communion, feeding off the Word of God – the Bread from Heaven – and drinking from the Cup filled with God's Living Waters – which is Divine Light. And this is also the message of the Messianic Church of the Second Advent.

The beauty of it all is that it can be done in the here and now – that our spiritual immortality and divinity can be realized while we exist in this world. And if that is accomplished, one has received the gift of the resurrection – not as something abstract to wonder about before death, but something one can experience and participate in while one lives in this world. But what we must do– and this may be the most difficult of lessons – is to learn to accomplish our spiritual quest in the way that Jesus exemplified his: with peace, love and joy.

I will continue on this theme next week as we approach True Easter on April 18th. We will also continue with our review of the Thirteenth Saying of Jamil. In the meantime, I wish you a very happy Eosturmonath.

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

Very truly yours in Light+,

Gene

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“Face To Face | Carl Gustav Jung (1959)”



Finding extended footage of Dr. Carl Jung speaking openly on God and spirituality is a rare thing. In this 1959 video, Professor Jung is interviewed at his home in Switzerland by British broadcaster John Freeman on his background, work, and man's psyche and Unconscious.

At 25:30 in the interview, Jung talks about a passage in an ancient text on the sun disk and then goes deeper into a discussion of other solar imagery. In the final few minutes of the interview, Jung discusses what will happen when mankind begins to merge into technology.

[Watch the interview on YouTube \(38:04\).](#)

link submitted by Robert Petrovich

Promoting Cosolargy in Australia



The latest edition of the thought-provoking Australian magazine *New Dawn* (January-February 2020), a bi-monthly publication that explores ancient wisdom and new thinking on unexplained and behind-the-scenes events, contains a well-placed advertisement for Cosolargy, thanks to Cosolargy International's Australian representative Paul Young. The ad (see below) appears in the central part of the magazine, the "Mind/Body/Spirit" supplement, which is a good place for it.

The posting of the ad is all due to Paul's work. The Community Communique editor talked to Paul about how all this happened to come about. His response appears below in interview format:

COMMUNIQUE EDITOR: *When did you first start writing for magazines?*

PAUL YOUNG: Writing for magazines has been part of my life for many years now. As a condition of my Diploma course with the Writing School of Australia in 2003, I was required to submit a certain number of articles to newspapers and journals. The object was to learn how to present, or pitch stories, and my tutors didn't really expect them to be published early on, so they were as surprised as I was when a few of mine were taken up. The first was a piece about the suburb I lived in, which was picked up by my local newspaper. Buoyed by my initial success, it wasn't long before I decided that I should have a go at writing for publications that reflected my own interests, namely spiritual, esoteric and metaphysical themes.

COMMUNIQUE EDITOR: *When did you first start writing for New Dawn magazine?*

PAUL YOUNG: My first association with *New Dawn* magazine was in issue #80, September 2003, when they ran my piece 'The Power of Four in the World.' Over the next couple of years though, I found my real niche as a regular contributor to a monthly journal called *Insight* which, sadly, went out of business some time after I moved overseas in 2007. I loved the fact that *Insight's* editor gave me free rein and rarely made any alterations to my work. While manning a booth for *Insight* at a 'Mind, Body Spirit Festival' in Brisbane about 15 years ago, I found plenty of time to chat with *New Dawn's* editor, who was stationed in the adjacent booth, and we covered many matters of mutual interest.

COMMUNIQUE EDITOR: *How and when did your interest in the Sun come into your writing?*

PAUL YOUNG: During a 5-year sojourn living and teaching in Chiang Mai, Thailand, my long-held fascination with the Sun developed into something much more intense, yet I was unsure of the right way to pursue it. Soon after returning to Australia, I felt the need to write on a regular basis again, as I find writing to be an enjoyable and relaxing creative outlet. I approached *New Dawn* and they asked me if I would be willing to do a series for them on the esoteric and spiritual legacy (history) of Australia – a challenge I willingly accepted and which resulted in a half dozen lengthy stories on that theme.

COMMUNIQUE EDITOR: *At some point, your writing for New Dawn led you to begin advertising Cosolargy in the magazine. How did that happen?*

PAUL YOUNG: In the ensuing years, *New Dawn* has also asked me to write several pieces on the ongoing mystery of flight MH370, and have published a few of my own contributions with solar themes. During 2018 I acted as one of their book reviewers, doing an average of three reviews per issue, but I have put that to one side for the time being. There is rarely monetary payment in this industry in Australia, as most contributors get a trade-off in promoting their own books and/or workshops. In my case, the publishers of *New Dawn* are always willing to reciprocate with favours, so I am putting that to work by way of reduced-cost advertising for Cosolargy, in line with my commitment to act as country representative and promote our Organization to the fullest extent I can.

COMMUNIQUE EDITOR: *Now you are helping Cosolargy International post ads in New Dawn on a regular basis. How did you accomplish this? And what do you expect will be the result?*

PAUL YOUNG: During the first half of 2020 we are running half-

page ads for Cosolargy in *New Dawn* magazine. My approach to this is that we are not trying to convince or persuade anybody to do anything they would not otherwise feel inclined to do. I believe there are others out there who, like me, have felt drawn to the influence of the Sun and have wondered how to go about discovering solar techniques, and the way to apply the benefits in their life. My intention is to get the message out on platforms where such people are most like to encounter it. Those who see it and resonate with it then just need to take the next step and talk to us!

Cosolargy: A World of Light

Cosolargy says the Sun is the centre and through its rejuvenating light we receive cosmic knowledge and understanding. Not only does the Sun reveal untold truths about our universe, but a deeper understanding of oneself.



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Steamboat Spa Participates in Alliance 2020 Business Expo



Courtesy Photo

Steamboat Hot Springs Healing Center & Spa participated for the first time at Alliance 2020 – 3rd Annual Business Expo on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 which was held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center from 3 to 7 p.m. Gene Savoy, Jr., president of Steamboat, and Sonya Savoy, Assistance Manager of the Spa, attended with a booth on behalf of the Healing Center.

The event is a collaboration among the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce (RSCC), the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA), the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN), and the Reno-Tahoe Airport Authority (RTAA).

About 1000 people attended the Expo, the third of its kind. More than 200 local businesses were represented – twice as many as last year. This was the first time Steamboat Hot Springs was represented. Gene had this to say, “This was a great event for Steamboat to be a part of. We have been actively collaborating with the Chamber of Commerce, and they have been great partners for us. We look forward to attending again, and partnering with other local organizations, such as the RSCVA, Travel Nevada, and Reno-Tahoe Territory, in order to promote historic Steamboat Springs and its healing waters, which we are proud to be custodians of.”

In addition to complimentary beverages and appetizers, music was performed by the Reno Philharmonic and the Reno Jazz Orchestra. It is anticipated that Steamboat Hot Springs will attend next year’s expo.

**“Wellness with Light, Color,
Sound & Frequencies”: Karen
Elkins Interviews Gary
Buchanan**



Karen Elkins interviewed Rev. Dr. Gary Buchanan mid-February 2020 for her program Science to Sage, where she explores the convergence of science and spirituality at sciencetosage.com, under the title “Wellness with Light, Color, Sound & Frequencies.”

In this video Gary shares information on his educational background, sound healing and music, and his decades-long research on the subjects of sound, light, and color and their relation to Cosolargy. He also discusses related new healing technologies and the importance of the teachings of Cosolargy to the survival of the human species.

[Download or share the podcast, or watch it online and comment at \[vimeo.com\]\(https://vimeo.com\). \(1:02:00\)](#)

Gary is the director of Wave Front BIOresonance® Research at Steamboat Healing Center in Reno, Nevada. As a practicing Sonatherapist, he regularly meets with clients from around the world offering “self-healing” via light, color, sound, water, and subtle energy therapeutics. Certified in Cymatic Therapy, he also works regularly with Yukinori Matsushita and Manners-certified Cymatic Therapeutic colleagues in Japan, among other nations.

Having followed the research and development of the late Sir Dr. Peter Guy Manners for over twenty years via their mutual colleague Yukinori Matsushita, in 2008 Dr. Buchanan met briefly with Dr. Manners at the latter’s home in Broadway, England. Following Manners’ review of Buchanan’s research, Buchanan was directly authorized and encouraged to carry on the vibrational healing technology the good doctor had been developing since the 1950s.

In August 2008 Dr. Buchanan published [SONA: Healing with Wave Front BIOresonance™](#) – a landmark text on vibrational healing now distributed to physicians and vibrational healers around the globe. It is being utilized as an educational manual by professional clinicians in the U.S., Canada, Europe, the Middle East, India and parts of Asia, South America, South Africa, Australia, and Japan.

In December of 2011 Buchanan began his [“Sonatherapy” channel on YouTube](#) that in a little over three years has garnered well over 257,000 uploads of Cymatic videos featuring healing Wave Front BIOresonance™ Sonations with 1,388 subscribers. These free, “self-healing” videos are viewed by, with ongoing emails received from, individuals in far-flung international locales, such as Pakistan, Africa, India, Russia, Indonesia, and elsewhere. Sonatherapy® is slowly being recognized as the healing technology of our time and of the future.

As a lifelong musician and educator, Buchanan is also Director of Music for Cosolargy® International; former Director of

Admissions, the Jamilian University of the Ordained; former Editor, The Community Communiqué; Director of The Music Guild; Conductor of the Jamilian Hand Bell Choir; and, Co-chairman of the American Association of Concerned Clergymen, the Advocates for Religious Rights & Freedoms.

For decades Buchanan has served also as Vice President of the Andean Explorers Foundation & Ocean Sailing Club (AEF&OSC); Navigator for OSC; and has chaired the following committees: Cartography, Education, Epigraphy, Motion Picture & Video, and Musicology. (Former Website: www.aefosc.org.)

As an internationally recognized Composer & Conductor for almost five decades, Maestro Buchanan is Founding Conductor/Music Director of The Foundation Orchestra & Association based in Nevada and has been represented by that body, The Music Guild, and Cosolargy® International.

The Reverend Canon Dr. Buchanan lives at Steamboat Hot Springs, south of Reno, Nevada, with his wife Amanda at Steamboat Healing Center & Geothermal Spa, where he researches Wave Front BIOresonance™ – developing new understandings and applying groundbreaking vibrational approaches in healing.

[Download or share the podcast, or watch it online and comment at vimeo.com. \(1:02:00\)](#)

Karen Elkins is the recipient of a prestigious IPPY Award (Independent Publisher Award) in the Science Category for her stunning visual masterpiece, InsideOut: Revealing the Mysteries of Creation and the Wisdom to Live your Life more Consciously Connected. She is also a contributor to the award winning book The Beacon of Mind: Reason and Intuition in the Ancient and Modern World.

Karen has created many platforms for leading edge scientist, philosophers, inspired artists, and innovative thinkers the world-over. She is the editor, researcher and designer of Science to Sage E-Magazine and has produced over 50 editions. She has co-created editions for Namaste Publishing, HayHouse, Shaloha Productions, and the Electric Universe.

“VILCABAMBA: Last Stronghold of the Inca”

The Peruvian jungle holds the ancient city of Vilcabamba, the secret center of Inca resistance, which held out for 40 years against Spanish invaders.

The print edition of the January/February 2020 issue of National Geographic History magazine holds an article on the lost city of the Inca, the secret refuge of Vilcabamba: “VILCABAMBA: Last Stronghold of the Inca” by Maria del Carmen Martin Rubio. An insert to the article (pp. 70-71) presents Gene Savoy’s convictions about the location of Vilcabamba. Images of the insert appears below.

Click on the images to magnify:

THE SEARCH FOR VILCABAMBA

IN THE MID-19TH CENTURY, interest was kindled in finding the lost rebel capital of the Inca, and several sites have been candidates for the lost city over the years. The French Count of Sartiges and the Italian-born geographer Antonio Raimondi visited Choquequirao, and Raimondi put forward the

hypothesis that this was the site of Vilcabamba. In 1911 the American explorer Hiram Bingham explored the same area. Bingham visited a site called Espiritu Pampa. He didn't initially believe its ruins belonged to the lost city of Vilcabamba. After he came upon the site of Machu Picchu close by, he was convinced that this had been the rebel capital. In 1943 Luis Ángel Aragón, himself from Cusco, made a new exploration of the ruins at Espiritu Pampa. Since then, Espiritu Pampa has gained support as the site of Vilcabamba from other explorers, including Antonio Santander Caselli, Gustavo Alencastre, and Gene Savoy in the 1960s, and John Hemming in the 1970s. Vincent R. Lee's topographic maps and exploration further supported claims that Espiritu Pampa is Vilcabamba. Most recently, archaeologists Brian S. Bauer, Javier Fonseca Santa Cruz, and Miriam Aráoz Silva published their findings following a three-year excavation, and affirmed their belief that Espiritu Pampa is the site of the last Inca stronghold.

BINGHAM STANDS AMONG THE STRUCTURES OF MACHU PICCHU IN 1911.



BINGHAM MADE FIVE EXPEDITIONS TO PERU BETWEEN 1909 AND 1915. HIS FINDS INCLUDED AN ORNATE PETROGLYPH (ABOVE) IN THE COLCA CANYON.



BINGHAM AND MEMBERS OF HIS 1911 EXPEDITION PASS BELOW THE SNOWCAPPED COROPUNA, A MOUNTAIN CONSIDERED SACRED BY THE INCA.

HIRAM BINGHAM III (1875-1956)

In the course of his search for Old Vilcabamba, Bingham arrived at Machu Picchu in July 24, 1911. Surprised by the grandeur of the site, he later said: "Would anyone believe what I had found? Fortunately, in this land where accuracy of reporting what one has seen is not a prevailing characteristic of travelers, I had a good camera and the sun was shining."

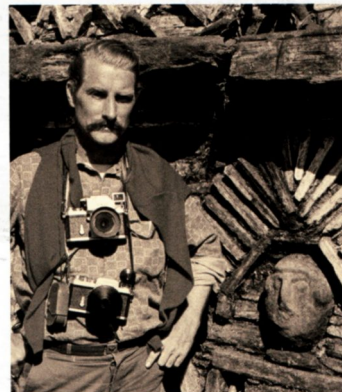


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GENE SAVOY (1927-2007)

The American amateur explorer and archaeologist Douglas Eugene (Gene) Savoy discovered more than 40 Inca and pre-Inca sites in Peru, where he carried out his first expedition in 1957. Savoy visited Espíritu Pampa and was convinced that the remains of the city belonged to Old Vilcabamba. Critics pointed out that the road to Vilcabamba followed the course of the Pampaconas River, which flows to the west. Espíritu Pampa, on the other hand is next to another river, the Concebidayoc, which runs to the northwest. In addition, while Espíritu Pampa is easily accessible, the chronicles record that Vilcabamba was extremely hard to reach.

SAVOY (RIGHT) POSES WITH HIS CAMERAS IN THE RUINS OF GRAN PAJATÉN, ONE OF THE PRE-INCA SITES IN PERU.



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