

Prepare Yourself For Life in the Light



This we say to the Brilliant One, the Guardian of Goodness: The departed one has not walked with ignorance; he has not been slothful in carrying the burden of his duty. He has not been swayed by passions of the body; he has not despoiled the house of another; he has not caused undue sorrow, nor has he maltreated a child for pleasure. He has succored the poor and weak; he has done all that is good; therefore, let none of Those Who Lurk in Darkness seize him. His radiant light is strong; those who would seize him are repulsed by the light and slink away. He lives; he lives forever. ... He has been refined in the furnace of tribulation, he has overcome all earthly temptations. He has lived the life which enhances goodness; he has prepared himself for life in the light. Receive him, O Brilliant One! ~The Kolbrin Bible SCL:1:32-33

“A wonderful prayer to say at a funeral, but what really matters is being worthy of this prayer. The prayer is essentially asking that this person who has died be allowed into Heaven, into the realm of Light. This immediately tells us two things: Not everyone gets to go to Heaven simply because he has physically died. That would mean that murderers, rapists, and criminals and diseased minds of all sort would be in Heaven. If that were true, Heaven would not be paradise, would not be the highest level, it would just be hell. So heaven is only for the worthy. But who are the worthy?”

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by Harold Boulette

Photos from the Land of the Midnight Sun

Paul Schmitendorf flew off to Iceland last week to experience the “Midnight Sun” there, and he sent us these photos taken between 12:15 – 12:30 AM on June 15th!



Midnight Sun in Iceland 2015 PHOTO: Paul Schmitendorf



Iceland ponies around midnight June 2015 PHOTO: Paul

Seekers of Light



Dam a river in one place, and the water will work its way into another, and break through it like a torrent. One of such universal aspirations, the strongest perhaps in man's nature, is the longing to seek for the unknown; an ineradicable desire to penetrate below the surface of things, a thirst for the knowledge of that which is hidden from others. ... The man in whom the metaphysical element is stronger than the physical, is propelled by this natural aspiration towards the mystical, to that which the materialist is pleased to call "superstitious belief in the supernatural." The Church, while encouraging our aspirations after the holy—on strictly theological and orthodox lines, of course—condemns at the same time the human craving after the same, whenever the practical search after it departs from its own lines. ... In the present age both Church and Science, the blindly-believing and the all-denying, are arrayed against the Secret Sciences, ... ~H. P. Blavatsky

"Most of us are seekers of one type or another, or we were at some time in our lives. Babies are born with a natural

curiosity and investigate every object, every sound, every taste, every texture. It is why they learn so rapidly (many don't realize that we probably learn more in our first year of life than in four years of college). Some of us, fortunately, maintain that curiosity throughout all or our lives. Others seem to lose it rather quickly.

"There seems to be two main reasons why people lose that sense of curiosity: They feel that have learned all that is worth learning, or they got burned when too much curiosity applied incorrectly got them in trouble."

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Wholly Conscious



Therefore it is to a practical mysticism that the practical man is here invited: to a training of his latent faculties, a bracing and brightening of his languid consciousness, an emancipation from the fetters of appearance, a turning to new levels of the world. Thus he may become aware of the universe which the spiritual artist is always trying to disclose to the

race. This amount of mystical perception—this ‘ordinary contemplation’ as the specialists call it—is possible to all men; without it, they are not wholly conscious, nor wholly alive. ~Evelyn Underhill

“Underhill is trying to tell us that mysticism, or spiritual development if you prefer, is not something reserved for a few living in mountaintop monasteries. It is practical and it is for everyone, or just about everyone. Underhill also points out that we need to train our latent faculties. We can’t just declare ourselves saved or reborn. We can’t just join a church and put money in the collection basket and declare ourselves enlightened and saved. We can’t just join a Spirits Is Us group on Facebook or Twitter (I’ve noticed recently that the subjects discussed in many such group pages have absolutely nothing to do with spirituality!) and declare ourselves mystics. That works just about as well as reading a diet book and expecting that alone will make us lose weight or buying a scalpel and declaring that we are now surgeons! Ms. Underhill also tells us that we need to do this now, while we are still on the material plane, because we are not fully conscious, fully alive until we have awakened those spiritual faculties.”

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Summary: Panel Discussion: Tour of Consciousness, Week 12

Week 12



This presentation by Alok Jha, a correspondent for the British newspaper *The Guardian*, is a summary discussion with some elements from previous weeks. This panel discussion is novel, as the second half of the presentation entertains questions from an audience that is highly informed and educated in the subject at hand.

In this final segment, I would like to point out an affect that may not be conspicuous. If you have gone through each week of this Tour and made time for each citation, you may have noticed that: the presenters have a passion, a confidence, an eloquence for speech, and a well-honed knowledge of their subject matter. Simply exposing yourself to the abundance of these exuberances will raise the standard by which you relay any information for which you have a passion.

Alok Jha, "Consciousness: The Hard Problem?," panel discussion, published March 20, 2013: 63 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8Z3dR2BSyc&index=38&list=PLbnrZHfNEDZz256ho3Q4gt7YrF2xApo5g>

Or on Vimeo:

<http://vimeo.com/39495853>

The following link is to a *written* document by Karl Simanonok as I could find no video on the subject:

Karl Simanonok, "Endogenous Light Nexis Theory of Consciousness," September 2000; updated November 2008.

<http://light.simanonok.com/>

by Michael McIntyre

**"What They Won't Tell You:
The Sun Is a Full-Spectrum
Medicine That Can Heal
Cancer"**



PHOTO: lifeadvancer.com

Those that have attempted to convince the world that the Sun, the Earth's primary source of energy and life causes cancer, have done so with malicious intent to deceive the masses into retreating from the one thing that can prevent disease. – Dave Mihalovic, Naturopathic Doctor and writer.

"Truth is, we've been systematically lied to about the sun and skin cancer for years. This video presentation explains fully. How many know that there is no definitive proof that the sun alone causes skin cancer?"

< [Read the whole article posted by Paul Fassa on August 14, 2014 at lifeadvancer.com.](#) >

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Knowledge of All



Think of Intuition Age attention as something that fills the present moment fully, encompassing the entirety of your sphere. It allows you to perceive any amount of time and space, any frequency or dimension, and any depth of understanding you need. Your attention matches the scope of your sphere and bring you the understanding of a complex pattern of information all at once via direct knowing.

*With spherical-holographic perception, everything you need to know is with you already. ... You aren't in a hurry because there is no future to reach, in which you will know more, so cramming multiple activities into one moment to know more, faster, seems silly—an artifact of a less dimensional era.
~Penney Peirce*

"Whether you call it the Enlightened Age, the New Golden Age, or the Intuition Age, the new age that is coming, that is already dawning, is definitely an age of greater knowledge. But for those who are now overwhelmed by the overload of data modern technology has brought us, data that often has only a little knowledge buried within it, the good news is that won't be a problem in this new age."

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Neuromathematics of Consciousness: Tour of Consciousness, Week 11

Week 11



This week's presentations are by Cristof Koch, a neuroscience researcher and professor who has taught in Zurich, Jerusalem, Seoul, and currently works at Cal Tech. He also held a position at MIT for four years, and in 2013 spent a week with the Dali Lama.

Cristof had a long-term relationship with Francis Crick, who won the Nobel Prize as codiscoverer of DNA. Together, in a father-son type friendship, the two men investigated "consciousness" for over two decades. The pair was so close that on the last day of Crick's life, as he lay bedridden in a hospital, he hallucinated that he was in conversation with Koch on their recent work. Cristof once remarked on that

episode, with tears in his eyes, struggling to contain his emotions, “[Crick] was a scientist to the very end.”

In his book *Consciousness: Confessions of a Romantic Reductionist*, Koch writes, “Consciousness is a fundamental, an elemental, property of living matter.” Like Susan Greenfield (see week 9), Koch is a fast-paced speaker. So, there are two talks, similar in nature, with the second talk delving into more detail. Among other ideas, Koch speaks about the work of Giulio Tononi and his theory of integrated information and at 29:28 in the first lecture Koch remarks,

“So, essentially each of your experiences, ultimately, in this theory is sort of, um, this geo-trope, this high-dimensional poly-trope in a very, very, high dimensional space. The theory says, ultimately, this equity is; this is the essence of consciousness.”

The Neurobiology of Mathematics of Consciousness, Cristof Koch, Oct 24 2011: 58 minutes.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6i9kE3Ne7as>

The Integrated information theory of consciousness; Christof Koch, Oct 4 2014: 1 hour 17 minutes

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGd8p-GSLgY>

Roger N. Shepard could be considered the Isaac Newton of Cognitive Science. Unlike many scientists he finds it useful to employ geometric explanations rather than calculus. It was not usual for him to have hypnopompic (semi-dream state) visions of geometric forms. I could find no videos concerning his work. The article is based on a talk he gave in 2002, and is technical at times but worth the read.

How a cognitive psychologist came to seek universal laws;
Roger N. Shepard, Psychonomic Bulletin & Review February
2004, Volume 11, Issue 1, pp 1-23, an article based on the
keynote address presented at the November 2002 meeting of the
Psychonomic Society in Kansas City.

<http://link.springer.com/article/10.3758/BF03206455#page-1>

by Michael McIntyre

< WEEK 12 >

Awaken at Any Age



If the base of a felled tree that has grown old in earth and rock “will bud at the scent of water ... like a young plant” (Job 14:9), it is also possible for us to be awakened by the power of the Holy Spirit and to flower with the incorruptibility that is ours by nature, bearing fruit like a young plant, even though we have fallen into sin. Sometimes our soul grows despondent at the huge swarm of its sins and temptations, and says, ‘Our hope is gone and we are lost’ (Ezek. 37:11.LXX). Yet God, who does not despair of our salvation, says to us: ‘you shall live, and you shall know

that I am the Lord' (Ezek. 37:6). To the soul that doubts how it can ever give birth to Christ through great acts of holiness, these words are said: "The Holy Spirit shall come upon you" (Luke 1:35). ~The Philokalia

"I once cut down a tree in the back yard of the house where I was living in Virginia. There were just too many trees there and that one didn't seem to be getting much sunlight. But after I cut it down, it quickly started to regrow sending out new shoots from the top of the stump. I decided if it was that determined to grow, I should leave it do so.

"During a drought, trees in some places may dry up and die and fall over. Other may be knocked over by hurricanes and tornadoes or burned down in forest fires. Yet when the conditions are better, some of them will grow again. In desert areas, some flowers and plants have adapted to the environment to the extent that they can become dormant for several years if necessary, then grow green, blossom, and produce seeds in a matter of a few days, or even hours when a rare rain occurs.

"Some people become spiritual at a fairly young age, and that is just fine. Others, however, do not see the value of it until they are in their fifties, sixties, or even older."

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“Solar photons drive water off the moon”



Earth's Moon, as imaged by the Galileo mission. photo: NASA/JPL/USGS

“New research indicates that ultraviolet photons emitted by the sun likely cause water molecules on the lunar surface to either quickly desorb or break apart. The fragments of water may remain on the lunar surface, but the presence of useful amounts of water on the sunward side is not likely.”

< [Read the entire article posted June 17, 2014 by the Georgia Institute of Technology at sciencedaily.com.](#) >

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