

“Executive Producer Jerry Simonson Does It Again”



PHOTO: Thunderbolts Project

Our Community's own Jerry Simonson is the executive producer of yet another film piece for the Thunderbolts Project.

The introduction to this newest piece, titled “Discourses on an Alien Sky | When Planets Were the Gods,” is the beginning of a series of video presentations by David Talbott exploring the profound celestial events that he believes shaped early cultures the world over.

< [Watch the new 5-minute introduction on YouTube.](#) >

< [Watch Part 2, “The Acid Tests of a Reconstruction.”](#) (5

minutes) >

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submitted by Robert Petrovich

Sharing Love and Energy with All Beings



“A wide-spreading love to all in common, says Ruysbroeck in a celebrated passage, is the authentic mark of a truly spiritual man. In this phrase is concealed the link between the social and personal aspects of the spiritual life. It means that our passional nature with its cravings and ardors, instead of making self-centered whirlpools, flows out in streams of charity and power towards all life. And we observe too that the Ninth Perfection of the Buddhist is such a state of active charity. “In his loving, sympathizing, joyful and steadfast

mind he will recognize himself in all things, and will shed warmth and light on the world in all directions out of his great, deep, unbound heart.” ~Evelyn Underhill

✖ “Not only is a “love to all in common” important for development of our spiritual facilities, it is important for all people, whether they are currently interested in spiritual growth, or not. It is necessary for world peace. It is necessary if we are to learn how to share the land and other resources of the world in a way that is fair and equitable for all and not just a select few.

“Sharing love in common means recognizing that we are really all parts of the whole rather than individuals. You don’t end at a certain location and the other guy begins at a certain location. When you are sharing love and sharing energy with all the beings around you, you naturally become aware of this. That makes it almost impossible to hate others, or compete against them. If you compete at all, it is to improve yourself, and not to conquer others. Attacking others in any way would feel like you are attacking yourself because that is exactly what you are doing.”

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JAPAN REPORT: January 2015



On left, coastline of Sado island off the main island of Honshu; on right, Yukinori Matsushita vested after Sunrise Service. PHOTO: Keiko Inoue

Yukinori Matsushita, Eriko Ueno, Keiko Inoue, Miyuki Okayama, Shoko Oba and Yaeno Sanada went to Sado Island in Niigata province for a Sunrise Service there on Epiphany Day.

Niigata is located on the island of Honshu on the coast of the Sea of Japan.



From left to right, Miyuki Okayama, Eriko Ueno, Yukinori Matsushita, Yaeno Sanada, Shoko Ohba. PHOTO: Keiko Inoue

The Community in Japan attends Sunrise Service in Kurume every Sunday and visited Hokkaido and had private Sunrise Service there as well. When we look at Kurume and Hokkaido as points, and then add Sado Island, there are 3 points that together make a large triangle for Light to prevail over a larger space. That is why Yukinori picked Sado island.



Standing from left to right, Yaeno Sanada, Yukinori Matsushita, Miyuki Okayama, Shoko Ohba. Crouching in front is Eriko Ueno. PHOTO: Keiko Inoue

The place was already ready for a Sunrise Service. The weather was as warm as it is at beginning of March and birds also attended the Service. That morning was overcast but the sun came out by the end of the Service. We were expecting the Sun from the East during the Service. That is the direction that points towards San Francisco and on to Reno.

Everyone felt relief that everything was going well. In this year, we will hold our big conference in Japan. We are looking forward to a big success for both Communities!



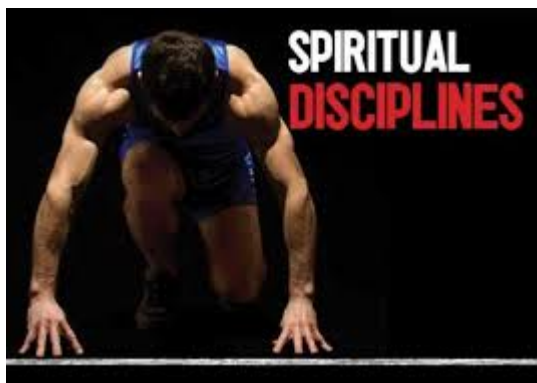
PHOTO: Keiko Inoue



Japanese New Year decorations at hotel. On the left are two sheep made of pottery. Behind is a Japanese folding screen with a well-known proverb is written on it: "Good fortune and happiness will come to the home of those who smile" or "Fortune comes in by a merry gate."
PHOTO: Keiko Inoue

submitted by Keiko Inoue
(translated by Noriko Roy)

**“Real Mystics are
Disciplined”**



Mysticism means nothing if the attitude and the discipline which it recommends be adapted to fair weather alone: if the principles for which it stands break down when subjected to the pressure of events, and cannot be reconciled with the sterner duties of the national life. To accept this position is to reduce mysticism to the status of a spiritual plaything. On the contrary, if the experiences on which it is based have indeed the transcendent value for humanity which the mystics claim for them—if they reveal to us a world of higher truth and greater reality than the world of concrete happenings in which we seem to be immersed—then that value is increased rather than lessened when confronted by the overwhelming disharmonies and suffering of the present time. It is significant that many of these experiences are reported to us from periods of war and distress: that the stronger the forces of destruction appeared, the more intense grew the spiritual vision which opposed them. ~Evelyn Underhill

“Would you want to see a doctor who, in medical school, attended only those classes she found interesting and skipped others? Would you even want to get your car repaired by a mechanic who did the same? I hope the answer is no to both questions. If someone decided not to follow most of the rules of musical composition, what kind of sound would he produce? It would most likely be irritating noise, not music. Yet many people approach spiritual studies as if they are in a buffet line and can select those things they like and ignore the

rest.”

< [Read the entire article online on Harold's blog at
spiritsun.net.](#) >

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“Does Sun Gazing Cause Eye Damage?”



PHOTO: healthfreedoms.org

The article below indicates that looking at the sun as a primarily healthy physical process seems to be gaining

popularity. Here's how the article begins:

"Sun Gazing has been followed by numerous people since ages and is prominent practice even today. However, the dispute (between sun gazing practitioners and many who have practiced and seen the damage caused by it) regarding whether the action causes damage to the eyes or not are loudly prevalent.

Several sun gazing testimonials from people are available online who say it is beneficial if done properly, and there are studies that support its benefit as well. However, on the contrary, the western scientific community doesn't support the validity of sun gazing."

< [Read the entire article online at healthfreedoms.org](http://healthfreedoms.org). >

submitted by Stephan Fuelling

An Awakening World



"During the last two thousand years, but especially since the sixteenth century, humanity has achieved a tremendous work,

namely, the conquest of the globe and the constitution of experimental science, in what concerns the material and visible world.

“That this gigantic and herculean task should be successfully accomplished, it was necessary that there should be a temporary eclipse of man’s transcendental faculties, so that his whole power of observation might be concentrated on the outer world. These faculties, however, have never been extinct or even inactive. They lay dormant in the mass of men; they remained active in the elect, far from the gaze of the vulgar.

“Now they are showing themselves openly under new forms. Before long they will assume a leading and directing importance in human destinies.” ~Edouard Schure

✘ “I’m not sure it was a good thing that people became very materialistic over the past several centuries, but it certainly is true that it allowed us to explore the world and create a global society. Some might credit that to such things as Facebook, or the internet, but those things are all standing on the shoulders of much that came before. It can, of course, be argued that in spreading over the globe humanity did a great deal of damage and hasn’t stopped yet. But it is also true that many atrocities that despots and terrorists used to get away with because no one outside of their little domains knew about it. Now the whole world soon finds out, whether they choose to do something about it or not.”

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PATH TO LIGHT: Terry Hutchinson



Terry Hutchinson, circa 2008 PHOTO:
Terry Hutchinson

My name is Terrance Arthur Hutchinson. I was born in Bangor, Maine, USA, on 16 June 1954. After shuffling between Maine and New York as my father followed jobs, I moved with my parents to California in May 1966 and graduated from Mojave High School in Mojave, California, in June 1973. Working for Great Western Cities, the predecessor of California City, and then California City, I was able to attend Antelope Valley College in Lancaster, California, and graduated with an associate's degree in business. I was employed by the City of California City Parks & Recreation Department for eight years. I eventually found steadier work at Revere (Aluminum) Extruders and finally with U.S. Borax as a first-class millwright for thirty-eight years. While with U.S. Borax I was state-certified as a first responder and was part of the Heavy Emergency Rescue Team but was fortunate enough to never have to put those skills to use. During my tenure with U.S. Borax: I was blessed to receive my ordination as a minister with the Progressive Universal Life Church and on 2 October 2000 was awarded two degrees: doctor of divinity and doctor of philosophy in religion.

My spouse Lynn and I have been happily married for thirty-three years and have raised two children, adults at this point, who are successful and doing well. The two of us reside in California City with our dachshund Destiny.

I have been active with the Rotary Club of Rosamond, California, and was honored to be elected club president for two terms, 2003–2005, during the Rotary Centennial. I was fortunate enough to travel to India with the Rotary on a grant-funding mission to finance a hospital, clinic, ambulance, several schools, and a water well. I am also a Paul Harris Fellow, an honor given by the Rotary Club. I was an active member of nearby Edwards Air Force Base Civilian/Military Support Group, the Boy Scouts of America Order of the Arrow, and local Boy Scouting Committee. I am

also a former president of the Casa del Sol Estates Homeowners Association in California City. I've been active on our church trustee board and am currently donating time as church secretary with the Community Church of California City.

I have always felt a spiritual connectedness with God and now hold views closer to that of a Gnostic or Essene. I believe Christ was trying to tell us that we would not need a minister or priest as we are our own minister and priest of God. We need to nurture our own relationships with God and the Divine. We need to make a Conscious choice to choose to follow the Light (Logos) or Darkness (Kalos), to seeing the truth through all the falsehood. As Mark 3:14 says about Christ's choosing of the Twelve: "That they be with him." I remember as a youth, one teacher saying we are born with two guiding angels, an accusing angel and a guardian angel, and that it was up to each one of us to choose which we would follow. I truly believe the Essenes had it right: the idea of greeting each morning sunrise; you never know when you or one of your loved ones might be taken, we need to remember to love those we love while we can! We need to truly walk on that Path of the Way, and not just give lip service to it.

Metaphysics holds a real fascination for me. I studied with the Rosicrucians several years before finding Gene Savoy and his Solar Teachings. I consider myself very fortunate to have discovered Cosolargy. I feel it has taken me further in my studies than what I had on my own. I remember Gene Savoy Sr. writing something to the effect that you better have a system; it didn't have to be Cosolargy, but if you did not have a system or plan of some sort, you'd probably be lost. I have never forgotten that.

I think it an interesting story that in my studies, it took several times of finding Gene and his teachings; to finally read the writing on the wall and realize I needed to get it done. The first time, school sports interrupted that endeavor. The second time in my studies (Rosicrucian at this point), I

meant to follow up, but marriage and a family came along and put the kibosh on that. It wasn't till the third time, while in my studies, when I would find once again Gene and Cosolargy mentioned in a *National Geographic* article, that I realized that I truly needed to follow up; which I finally did.

Gene Sr. was still with us the first couple years of my studies in Cosolargy, and I dearly wanted and wished to meet him personally, but only letters were to be; our meeting to be postponed. I tell myself the Lord works in mysterious ways but know that our God is a God of the Living and that I WILL meet Gene Sr. one day. I thank him dearly for his encouragement to me to come and attend! I enjoy the association of like-minded and personable individuals that attend. It is both refreshing and rejuvenating. I personally believe Gene Jr. and Sean have done a wonderful job in picking up the reins. I can honestly say I have never been to a church where so many members truly believe and share so many of the same common beliefs as in our walk on the Path of The Way, and methods to employ in getting there. God willing, I will enjoy this shared family experience for another sixty years. "That they be with him!" Ku-ya!

Sunflower Seed Harvest Day in Lancaster, PA



Lancaster kids with Paul Schmitendorf (center right) harvesting seeds PHOTO: Paul Schmitendorf

Here are a couple of photos from Sunflower Seed Harvest Day at the Boys & Girls Club in Lancaster, PA. The kids enthusiastically harvested seeds, and then we roasted them for a delicious treat.

We have well over 1,000 seeds remaining, which we will plant and distribute next spring. It's amazing how one small seed can become a fourteen-foot sunflower plant and then produce a

couple hundred seeds at the end of the summer!

Contributed by Paul Schmitendorf



Sunflower heads being harvesting
by Lancaster kids PHOTO: Paul
Schmitendorf

Editor's Note: Paul has sent our office a bag of seeds from the project: both the large white seeds that grow into the mammoth 12-14-foot plants and the smaller dark seeds that grow into a multi-flowered 10-foot plant. Seeds are available to anyone in the Community who wishes to plant them.

“Idealism and Awakening the Soul”



In Idealism we have perhaps the most sublime theory of Being which has ever been constructed by the human intellect: a theory so sublime, in fact, that it can hardly have been produced by the exercise of “pure reason” alone, but must be looked upon as a manifestation of that natural mysticism, that instinct for the Absolute, which is latent in man. But, when we ask the idealist how we are to attain communion with the reality which he describes to us as “certainly there,” his system suddenly breaks down; and discloses itself as a diagram of the heavens, not a ladder to the stars. ~Evelyn Underhill

“In several previous articles, I have discussed the idea that the physical world that many of us consider “reality” is largely an illusion. A large part of the reason it is an illusion is because our beliefs, our prejudices, our education, etc. have a much greater effect on what we see around us than we think. We tend to believe that we all see it the same, but that has been proven false many times. You can say words like, “beauty,” or “sexy,” or “cute” and the image formed in the persons mind will vary considerably. The gay guys answer to “who is the sexiest movie star?” will almost certainly be different than the straight guys answer. And one person will visualize a small child in response to “cute” while another will see a puppy.”

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Could the Sun Be Good for the Heart?



PHOTO: ted.com

Could the sun be good for the heart?

Our bodies get Vitamin D from the sun, but as dermatologist Richard Weller suggests, sunlight may confer another surprising benefit too. New research by his team shows that nitric oxide, a chemical transmitter stored in huge reserves in the skin, can be released by UV light, to great benefit for blood pressure and the cardiovascular system.

Dermatologist Richard Weller devised several inventive clinical studies which strongly suggest that sunlight may trigger compounds very similar to tri-nitrate, a chemical used to increase blood flow in patients during pectoris angina, or heart attack, episodes. He also has done research correlating latitude and sunlight availability as one of the predictors for population heart disease risk.

< [Watch him give a summary of his work in these areas in his March 2012 TED talk \(13 minutes\).](#) >

link submitted by Michael McIntyre