

Julia Sweeney Gets at the Heart of Religion



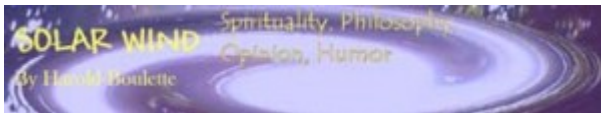
Julia Sweeney PHOTO: tedtalks.com

In this 2006 Ted Talk, Julia Sweeney relays humorous stories on matters related to her experiences with Catholicism and Mormonism and culminates her talk by getting at the heart of religion.

< [Watch the entire 17-minute presentation online at ted.com](http://www.ted.com/talks/julia_sweeney_gets_at_the_heart_of_religion). >

link submitted by Michael McIntyre

“Spiritual Places”



“Places also exercise an important influence in occult operation; some spots upon the earth’s surface are naturally highly magnetic. These have usually been discovered of old time by the ancients and their possibilities developed, and according to the type of development employed will be their influence at the present day. There is a very great difference between a place which has been used for evocatory rites involving blood-sacrifice.

“Occultists having the necessary knowledge avail themselves, as far as they can, of places with magnetism already developed; but failing this, they magnetize a place for themselves, but it takes considerable time and work to do this.” ~Dion Fortune

Substitute spiritual for occult, and this quote remains essentially true. While it is debatable that magnetism is the key factor, there are places that are good, great, and not good for spiritual activities. Unfortunately, it is impractical for most of us to travel all over the country or the world seeking spots of good energy to practice our spiritual techniques, and the results may actually be disappointing. When a group of Cosolargists visited Israel some years ago, they found that whatever positive energies

once were there are long gone. On the other hand, we were surprised to find on our 2009 trip to Greece that the sun was quite mellow in Athens, which is very unusual for an urban area. Also, as Ms Fortune points out, strong energy or magnetic forces in a place isn't necessarily a good thing. Those energies may be very negative or of low frequencies that harm rather than aid spiritual growth.

In some cases these energy vortexes formed naturally, but most often are the result of spiritual people, especially highly developed ones, conducting spiritual activities there over a long period of time. But again, it isn't really necessary to travel to such places. In most cases, you can find a place of reasonably positive and high-frequency energy close to home. The basic rules are:

- Generally, urban areas are not good
- Mountaintops are usually good, unless there is a lot of commercial development on or around the mountain
- Seashores are also good spots, but with the same rules on development
- Forests and parks are generally good spots if there are few people around
- A garden is usually a good spot.

The main idea is to find a place where higher frequency energies are found, or can grow. If that isn't possible, at least try to avoid a place that is probably full of negative or very materialistic energies such as Wall Street or a prison yard. If you can't go to such areas every day, try to do it at least a few times a month.

And last but not least, when you practice spiritual techniques with others, the positive energies of the group can help raise the energy of the location.

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In Support of International Community of Christ



Reno resident Tom Fee sent in a brief testimonial of his experiences with the Church. We thought we would share it with you. Here it is:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a 71 year resident of the Reno-Sparks area and served this area for 37 years as a special education teacher, a special education administrator, and as a school psychologist.

I've been interested in Religion and The Spirit since my discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1959 at the age of 20. I've attended services of a variety of groups, including The First Church of Religious Science, now known as The Center for Spiritual Living. In fact I was a member from 1977 to early 2008. I've also attended Unity Services, off and on , for a number of my younger years. These churches are somewhat philosophical and believe in the power of the mind and the power of thought. There is rare mention of Jesus Christ or the Spirit of God. They are not God centered or spirit centered, in my mind, although they have a wonderful philosophy of using affirmation, clear thought, and positive thinking to better themselves personally and financially. Yet God and Spirit does not seem to play a part in it.

As a psychologist, I do a great deal of observation. In my association with the International Community of Christ, I've noticed a heavy and consistent emphasis in their services on God, the Christ, the Christ Spirit, the Christ Light, and the Light. I've never experienced any other church with a greater emphasis on God, Christ, Spirit, and The Light.

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas S. Fee

“Gene Savoy, le veritable Indiana Jones”

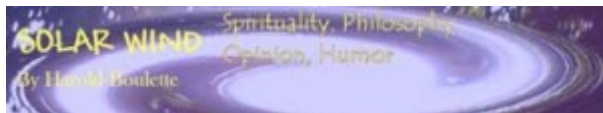


Posted on YouTube are four 10-minute excerpts from the 2001 documentary made on the Andean Explorers expedition to Peru that year. (Gene Savoy Sr. was 74 years old at the time.) The four-part series presents the entire television documentary. The documentary was originally made by the German film group ZDF for Discovery International. This YouTube posting credits neither the film makers nor the producers.

The original documentary was translated into several languages, including French. This series of four YouTube postings is in French and titled “Gene Savoy, le veritable Indiana Jones.”

< [Click here to watch the first in the series.](#) >

“To Save the World, Serve God”



"I do not deny you your rituals and ceremonials; worship Me if you will as you will, but bear in mind that this cannot substitute for your obligations. Ritual and worship cannot be an adjustment or payment for the things you have failed to do, or be an apology for your own shortcomings. Neither do they compensate for iniquities against your fellow men. ... Never let your duty and obligations be neglected because you worship Me diligently, following a formalized ritual and ceremonial. Let this not be an excuse for not failing to share your bread with the hungry or for neglecting the needs of the destitute or weak. I am not deceived. A life dedicated to Me is not one preoccupied with worship; that is more the life of a coward trembling before the unknown. He who dedicates his life to Me gives shelter to the homeless and succors those in distress, but even those are not the ultimate in goodness, for they are passively accepted. The ultimate in goodness is to actively combat all the root causes of evil." ~The Kolbrin Bible GLN:15:8

There are many people who think that by attending some religious service once a week for an hour or two, they have completed their obligation to God and what they do the rest of the week is not relevant. Likewise, there are those who think that if they are generous in their donations to their church, God will be merciful toward them and forgive all their behavior the rest of the week. Both are wrong. It is not that attending services is wrong, or making donations are wrong, but rather that they are not sufficient. We need to get serious about spiritual development, not just for ourselves, but for all people and for the very world we live in. This means we can't be total materialist six days a week and think we can fix that by going to a church or temple on the seventh. This means that giving money to the church won't really benefit you if you got your money by ripping off others. The quote tells us that we need to be generous and help others by feeding the hungry, giving shelter to the homeless, etc. But it then tells

us that those things are not that important, that the most important thing is to fight evil by combating the root causes of evil. So what are the root causes?

The primary cause of evil in the world is that it is a fallen world. Fallen from it's original spiritual state. The story of Lucifer is an allegorical tale of this great fall, as is the story of Adam and Eve. When the fallen angels "created" the material universe, they created something that did not have the perfection of God's creation. As a result, it is a place that has evil in the form of death, disease, struggle, and negative emotions. While well-meaning people often tell us that we simply can change the way we thing, and become loving and peaceful, history shows us that such an approach simply doesn't work for very long. You cannot change the nature of matter as long as it remains matter, so the only permanent solution is to change matter back into spirit. Spirit doesn't die, doesn't get sick, doesn't turn on it's brother. So the true servants of God do not offer him dead animals, or piles of money. They offer Him themselves by working with the angels and other Being of Light to turn this fallen world back into a spiritual world. And we need to work quickly because time is running out.

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Stephan Fuelling Delivers Omnia Society Lecture



Dr. Stephan Fuelling PHOTO:
Stephan Fuelling

Dr. Stephan Fuelling, longtime Consociate of the Community, delivered his first lecture before members of the Reno branch of the Omnia Society on Monday, June 23, 2014.

Dr. Fuelling is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Nevada, Reno and he is involved in experimental plasma physics. However, this is not his only passion. He has a great interest in alternative health.

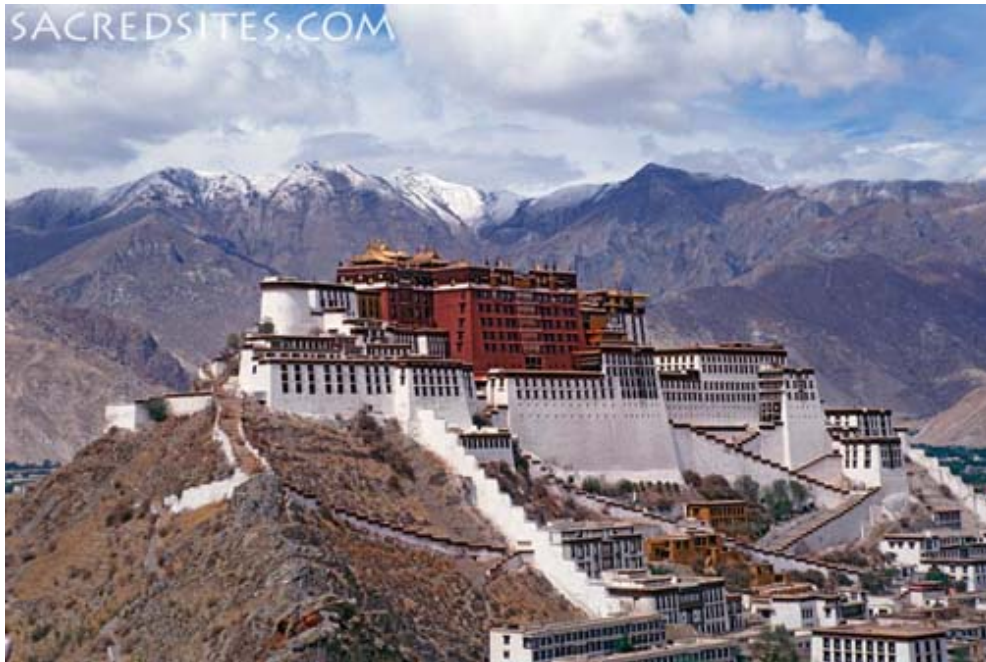
Dr. Fuelling opened his talk with a discussion of the two “states” of water in the human body. He first discussed the highly structured water in the cells, discovered by Dr. Gilbert Ling, author of many books, including *Life at the Cell and Below-Cell Level* and further studied by Prof. Gerald

Pollack, University of Washington, author of the books *Cells, Gels, and the Engines of Life* and *The Fourth State of Water*.

He then discussed the other state of water in our bodies, the highly specialized liquid of our blood. Blood is a stabilized colloidal system and its stability is determined by the Zeta Potential. The strength of the Zeta Potential has tremendous consequences for cardiovascular health, as first discovered by Thomas M. Riddick, author of the book *Control of Colloid Stability through Zeta Potential*. Dr. T.C. McDaniel, author of the book *Disease Reprieve*, who celebrated his 100th birthday this May, has used the concept in relation to cardiovascular disease in his practice for over 40 years.

Another cause of cardiovascular disease lies with 'bad dentistry,' and Dr. Fuelling discussed problems with root canals and also dental amalgam. He then described the use of 'MMS' (Miracle Mineral Supplement), a mixture of sodium chlorite and citric acid, to keep the gums and teeth healthy as well as its effect on arthritis and other health issues.

“Sacred Sites: Places of Peace and Power”



The Potala Palace, Lhasa, Tibet PHOTO:
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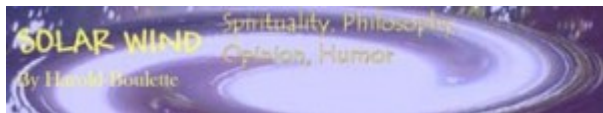
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The web site “Sacred Sites: Places of Peace and Power” provides a way to travel through the world region by region and visit specific sites by map and illustrations. Each specific region and site is also provided with links to topical books and blogs. The site offering is selective, but what is offered is done with style.

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link submitted by Frieda Nelson

“Man Before Matter”



"According to the ancient doctrines, the soulless elemental spirits were evolved by the ceaseless motion inherent in the Astral light. Light is force, and the latter is produced by the will. As this will proceeds from an intelligence which cannot err, for it has nothing of the material organs of human thought in it, being the superfine pure emanation of the highest divinity itself—(Plato's 'Father') it proceeds from the beginning of time, according to immutable laws, to evolve the elemental fabric requisite for subsequent generations of what we term human races. ... our 'ignorant' ancestors traced the law of evolution thought the whole universe. As by gradual progression from the star-cloudlet to the development of the physical body of man, ..." ~H. P. Blavatsky

It is not by accident that in the Bible's Book of Genesis, God starts the creation of the world by saying, "Let there be light!" even though this creation tale is more allegory than literal truth. Creation must start with light and eventually return to light. And as I have pointer out in several recent posts, science now backs up this idea with the revelation that the supposedly very firm and real universe of matter is actually just a hologram made of light. In the remainder of the quoted section, Blavatsky goes into something a little different: an alternative to Darwin's evolution. It is not that she, or any other spiritual person, is denying that evolution does indeed take place and explains the progress of material beings, but that it is a very incomplete picture much like looking only at the part of the iceberg that is above water. Basically, what she is saying is that we will never find the earliest version of man by digging in the ground for bones. All we can find by that method is the earliest material man, and that is not the same thing. Man was a spiritual being long before he descended into material levels of being. Exactly why our ancestors made such a stupid choice millions of years ago, I do not know, but it likely wasn't intentional. The allegorical tale of Adam and Eve in the Bible give a good clue to what happened. By choosing to "eat" from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil,

which is not a tree in the usual sense at all, they triggered an event that led to them becoming material beings.

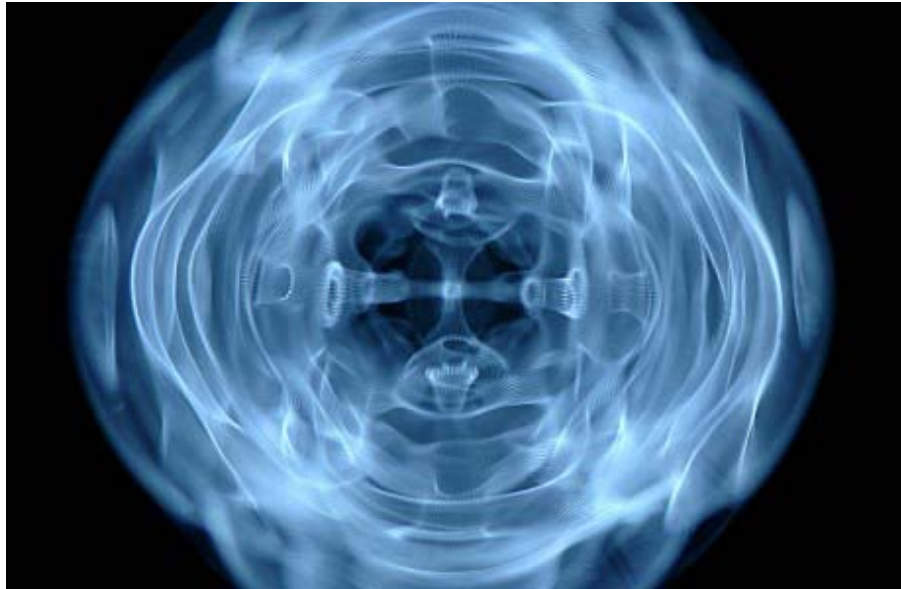
The good news though is that we still have a spirit and soul so we still can reverse the process with the help of God. God won't do it alone though. We have to make a concerted effort to fix it ourselves following the methods revealed to prophets and other holy ones. And we can't wait forever, time is running out.

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New Site for Sonatherapy Up and Running



Prana glyph PHOTO: Gary Buchanan

On June 23, 2014, Dr. Gary Buchanan announced the creation of a new Sonatherapy web site. The front page of the new Sonatherapy web site is posted at <http://www.sonatherapy.com/>.

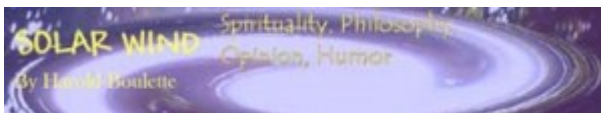
Developed by Dr. Gary Robert Buchanan and practiced at Steamboat Boat Healing Center in Nevada, Sonatherapy combines Light, Color, Sound, Water & Subtle Energies in the promotion of self-healing. A practicing Sonatherapist, Dr. Buchanan regularly meets with clients from around the world each month offering “self-healing” via light, color, sound, water, and subtle energy therapeutics.

On the new web site, links are active to several Sonatherapy videos and a general description of the therapy and its practice. Yet to come are pages on Dr. Buchanan himself and links to order his newest book, *Sonatherapy*.

We will keep you posted on new developments on the site as they occur.

Congratulations, Gary!

“Keeping Evil Thoughts Under Control”



“This is why the Lawgiver, symbolically commanding us to deny entry to sensual pleasure, told us to watch the head of the serpent, because it is watching our heel. Its aim is to bite our heel and so to poison us; ... This means that we should first learn to detect the attack of deceitful thoughts from premonitory signs and to watch their first beginnings, which they contrive to make attractive in appearance so as to attain their end; than we can expose the wickedness of these thoughts by comparing their first beginnings with the final results. ...

“To clarify what has been said, let us take two examples. Often the vice of unchastity has it’s first beginning in self-esteem; ... Under the influence of self-esteem, a man may perhaps enter the priesthood or the life of monastic perfection; ... his self-esteem makes him think highly of himself. ... So, by beguiling him with such thoughts, self-esteem draws him far away from the inner watchfulness that he should possess.” ~The Philokalia

“Perhaps the most important part of this quote is near the beginning where we are told that when the teacher or master tells us to give up sensual pleasures, it is an allegorical

way of saying that we need to watch our own thoughts and stop ourselves from thinking evil things, evil thoughts being anything that turns us away from doing God's work. It doesn't have to be thoughts of murder, or rape, or robbery to be evil. Any thought that encourages us to engage in more materialistic activities and cut back on our spiritual ones is an evil thought, but is often not recognized as such."

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