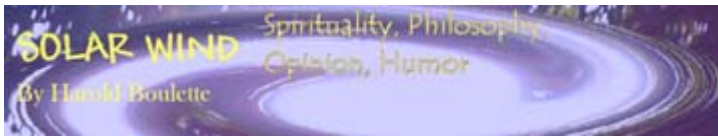


# "Mysticism, Occultism and Illumination"



*"In its essence, the whole subject under consideration is the extension of consciousness to planes of experience which are not available for the physical senses, and out of that extended experience comes the whole gamut of supernormal experience. Might we not agree, then, to denominate the whole field by the term ILLUMINISM and to subdivide it primarily into two branches—Mysticism, and Occultism? Into these two divisions it will be bound that all the different transcendental movements can be assigned as their affinities lean towards the one or the other. . . . MYSTICISM aims at the speediest possible attainment of the Divine Union of the soul with its source. In order to achieve this it eliminates all that causes separation." ~Dion Fortune*

"Actually, I think illumination applies more to mysticism than occultism, but let's not quibble. The area that is of primary interest to us is the part Ms. Fortune calls mysticism, although the two areas do overlap at times."

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# INSIGHT: Dream, Vision, and Paranormal Experience Forum: January 2014

*This is your forum to share higher-level experiences in Cosolargy through the images of your dreams and visions. All postings are anonymous. Send in verbal descriptions and, if you have them, drawings or paintings.*

*The primary value in these postings is simply to allow others to see that people do have relevant or meaningful dreams and visions. Another value is to see if others find that the dreams and visions we post are similar or identical to their own. This is why we ask for your comments.*

*Dreams are communications from the unconscious mind and sometimes the higher self. Some are simply compensation for attention directed elsewhere during the day; some are indications of bodily processes, and some help us work through conflicts. Occasionally, they communicate information from higher realms and thus have more than individual value.*

*As Cosolargists, we are learning to navigate higher realms. Dreams are part of these higher realms. The Worlds of Light, the realm of spirit, sometimes breaks through to the psyche and gives us information. What breaks through deserves our attention and analysis. In this section of the **Community Communique**, we offer Community members a forum for sharing*

*their dreams and visions for the edification of the Community and themselves.*

## **Vision No. 1**



When I began my studies in Cosolargy (some years ago), I remember receiving my fifth Academy text [*Science of Generated Existence*]. There was a technique involving deep light inflection in which an attitude of universal harmony with all things was the object. I went out one morning and sat down in a field waiting for the sun to rise. I sat in a lotus position, my eyes focused inward to the center of my forehead and was trying to imagine a state of being in harmony with all things. The sun came up over the horizon, and I sat there for a few minutes doing my technique and then, in a flash, I found myself in the center of the earth, in a lotus position. My body was a bluish white light encased in a sphere of colors. The earth itself had become this huge crystalline sphere, and I was in the center of it.

From the center of my being I began to expand outward toward the edges of the earth-sphere in all directions, 360 degrees. I was not, from a rational point of view, making this happen. I was not in control of the process; I was part of it. When I reached the outer edge of the earth I became aware of all the people in all the countries simultaneously. I observed them going about their various activities, and I could hear them speaking in all their different languages, and I understood them. I was not analyzing any of this; it was just coming to

me in a sense of acceptance. I was overwhelmed with the sense of compassion and unity with humanity. I kept expanding past the earth out into the cosmos. It was so incredible, this experience of oneness; a merging and unity with the cosmos. I really can't put words to it; I don't know how. The spectacle of it all was so incredibly beautiful.

There was no guide; nobody was directing me; there was no "presence." Then the strangest thing happened—how do I say this other than to say that I became aware of what was happening, my rational mind came into play, analyzing. At that moment I instantly found myself back in my physical body. I felt this incredible peace, my body felt weightless. When I got up and started to walk I couldn't feel the ground beneath my feet. For days I was in another world, trying to put it all together. The experience had such a profound affect on me that it completely changed the way I viewed life, and of course myself. I tried for years to experience that again but was never able to. The memory of it is always there, though. Perhaps once is enough.

### **Paranormal Experience No. 1 : "Lapsense"**



PHOTO: Rebecca Willis

It is late spring, just after Pentecost Sunrise Service. Most

everybody is already at the Outdoor Refectory, having their coffee, chatting, and chomping.

Two of us are lagging behind, almost there, walking up the last leg of the pathway. Both of us are silent with each other. We are listening only to the wave of conversation coming from the Refectory. It is fluttering but not particularly dense. We arrive there, in the crowd, and something very peculiar happens: I can't understand a single word anyone is speaking. The breaks between individual words are distinguishable. The cadence and melodic forms are easy to hear, but there is no content. In fact, for about five seconds I could make out no relevance in this sound activity. Why would people be doing such a thing? It all seemed without reason. Why is this murmuring so substantial for these engagements? These are the thoughts I'm having, but they are thoughts without the use of words. Slowly the meaning of a few words in the conversations begin to have meaning, and within 10 seconds my entire language recognition returns.

What was all that? Ah, probably just a neural glitch or momentary lapse of reason.

Several months go by. It happens again. Same setting. Refectory after Sunrise. Same format of perceptual events. A year goes by. It happens again in exactly the same place, manner, and setting. Ok. This can't be just a coincidence—never happens anywhere else and at no other time. Hmmm, maybe others have experienced this? I found one other, and it happened for them at the same location. It happened immediately after Sunrise and occurred nowhere else.

So, what is this phenomenon? (Comical comments, also welcome.)

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# “Introverts, Extroverts & Energy Centers”



*“Psychologists sometimes divide men into the two extreme classes of extroverts and introverts. The extrovert is the typically active; always leaning out the window and setting up contacts with the outside world. His thinking is mainly realistic. That is to say, it deals with the data of sense. The introvert is the typical contemplative, predominantly interested in the inner world. His thinking is mainly autistic, dealing with the results of intuition and feeling, ... and instinctively obedient to the mystic command to sink into the ground of the soul, ... he seems able to attend to the messages which intuition picks up from other levels of being.”*  
~Evelyn Underhill

“What the psychologists say is reasonably true, but it isn’t that simple. Most people are not purely extroverts or purely introverts, they are somewhere between those extremes. What the psychologists don’t know is that spiritual schools can tell which category a person leans toward without even talking to them. This can be done by studying their color bodies which reveals which of their energy centers, or chakras, are strong and which are weak.”

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## **“The Mystery of the Essenes”**



Ted  
Nottingham

This illustrated presentation by Ted Nottingham traces Essene origins to ancient Egypt, highlights surprising connections to Christian teaching, and offers images representing the life and perennial wisdom of these little known and mysterious practitioners of holy living.

Consociate Robert Anderson thinks this lecture is “quite relevant to our Teachings” and the lecturer’s voice “wonderful to listen to.”

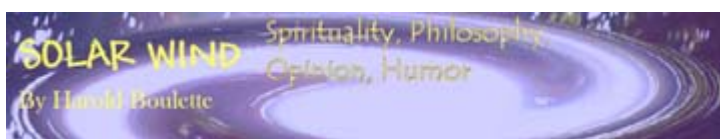
< [Watch the 57-minute lecture by Ted Nottingham uploaded on November 15, 2010 on YouTube.](#) >

**Theodore J. Nottingham** is an author and translator who works in a variety of genres, including non-fiction works on spirituality, historical and metaphysical fiction, children's books, and plays. He is an ordained minister and currently the pastor of Northwood Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. His focus is on the personal and transformational dimensions of spiritual teachings.

link submitted by Robert Anderson

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## “Mobs vs Communities”



*“The much advertized herd instinct may weld us into a mob at the mercy of unreasonable passions; but it can also make us living members of the Communion of Saints. The appeals of the prophet and the revivalist, the Psalmist’s ‘Taste and see.’ the Baptist’s ‘Change your hearts,’ are all invitations to an alteration in the direction of desire, which would turn our instinctive energies in a new direction and began the domestication of the human soul for God.*

*"This, then, is the real business of conversion and of the character building that succeeds it; the harnessing of instinct to idea and its direction into new and more lofty channels of use, transmuting the turmoil of man's merely egoistic ambitions, anxieties and emotional desires into fresh forms of creative energy, and transferring their interest from narrow and unreal to universal objectives."* ~Evelyn Underhill

"We often hear stories in the news about mob behavior by a crowd or group of people. We hear of folks getting trampled to death at a Black Friday sale. We hear of people getting attacked by a mob at a soccer or football game. We hear of crowds attacking and killing a person without even knowing what offense that person committed.

"These stories often seem to imply that being part of a group is therefore inherently dangerous and evil. They seem to imply that man can only function rationally as an individual, and will automatically go insane if he becomes part of a group. But as Ms Underhill points out, there are two sides to this coin."

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# **“Geothermal recognition: Awards given for contributions to the geothermal industry”**



Steamboat Hot Springs south of Reno received recognition for its use of the waters for more than therapy.  
PHOTO: Sage Leehey, RN&R

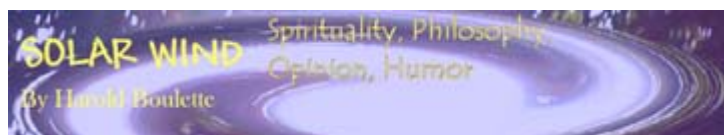
The Steamboat Hot Springs Healing Center in Reno is one of eight projects that has received special recognition by the Geothermal Energy Association (GEA). The GEA began recognizing companies and individuals who were doing great things in the world of geothermal two years ago, and this year has recognized 11 different projects in four different categories: technological advancement, economic development, environmental stewardship and special recognition.

The *Reno News & Review* published a short article in its “Green” section on the projects given special recognition.

< [Read the online article published January 2, 2014 in the Reno News & Review](#) >

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## “Realms of Existence and Climbing Higher”



*“There are Three Circles of Reality, three realms, three stages of existence. They are: Heaven, where perfection visualized on Earth may be realized ... it is the place where all the properly developed spiritual potential latent in man reaches maturity and fulfillment. Earth, the place of training, development and preparation, ... **It is here that the proper road must be wisely chosen.** Then there is the Realm of the Misty Horizon, the intermediate place, the place of spirits, where those above can commune with those below and where free spirits wander within their limitation.” ~The Kolbrin Bible (CRT:7:16) (emphasis, mine)*

“We have a somewhat more complex description of the structure

of existence with a total of nine dimensions. The lowest dimension is the Great Void, the place where nothing can exist, spiritual or material. The second dimension is the lowest dimension where beings actually exist and it is a place of total materialism. The third dimension is where we exist as intermediate beings, both physical and spiritual. The highest dimension is the Godhead, where only God exists as a complete whole.”

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## **Book on Ancient “Sun Cites” Promoted in Mother Earth News**



Priene, an ancient Greek solar city built on the southern slope of Mount Mycale PHOTO: Mother Earth News

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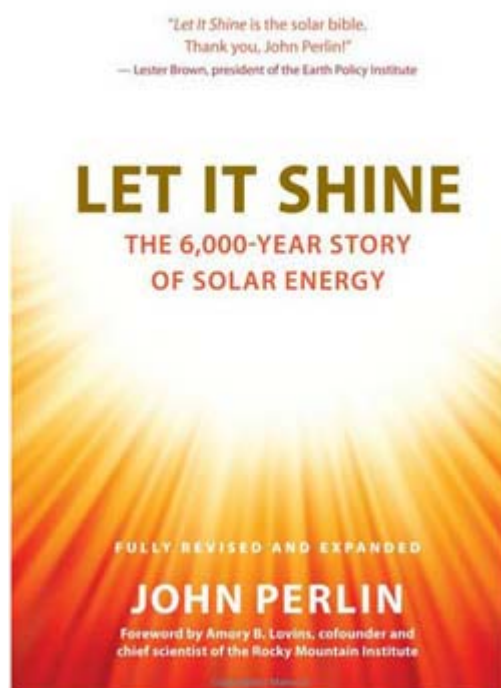
“In 1903, Charles Pope wrote *Solar Heat*. ‘The purpose of this book,’” the author stated, was that ‘some call to the people was needed...to arouse interest [in] ‘catching the sunbeams’ and extracting gold from them.’ To accomplish his goal, he tells his reader that he had endeavored ‘to trace the history of attempts and successes in the utilization of solar...discuss ways and means; and attempt to arouse his readers to give to the matter their energy and invention, their brain and capital; that we may very soon see solar enginery take its place by the side of steam enginery and electrical enginery and gas enginery in the public estimation.’

“Despite the vintage of Pope’s book, many still believe that solar energy is a late twentieth-century phenomenon. Hopefully, *Let It Shine* will change this misconception. *Let It Shine* shows, for example, that six thousand years ago the

stone-age Chinese built their homes so every one of them made maximum use of the sun's energy in winter. So begins the story of the genesis of solar energy told in *Let it Shine*, the world's first and only comprehensive history of humanity's use of the sun. Page after page the story brings to light information never before unearthed. 2,500 years ago, for example, the sun heated every house in most Greek cities. Years later ancient Roman architects published solar self-help books to show people how to save on fuel as firewood became scarce, and fleets scoured the known world for much needed supplies."

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< [Read the full article "Let It Shine: The 6,000-Year Story of Solar Energy" posted online October 25, 2013 online at motherearthnews.com.](#) >



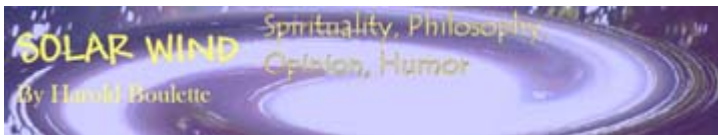
< [Read more about the book \*Let It Shine\* at the author's web site.](#) >

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# “Spiritual Initiation”



## Spiritual Initiation

*“It is the aim of Initiation to bring about the illumination of the soul by the Inner Light; therefore, before embarking upon a consideration of the best means of preparation for that undertaking, it is necessary to explain what is meant by Initiation... An Initiate, therefore, is one whose Higher Self it is that looks out at us through his eyes. The personality is reduced to a set of habit-complexes of living, leaving the Higher Self free to carry on its work... No ritual confers it, though ritual may have, and in the Western Hemisphere usually*

*is, employed in order to train consciousness in preparation for this transcendent experience. ... We are often asked if it is possible to be initiated without knowing it. To this question we return an emphatic negative. ... It frequently happens, however, that a Master has accepted someone as his pupil without that person being immediately aware of [his being on the path of enlightenment].” ~Dion Fortune*“I’m sure many people who see this will say that initiation isn’t always spiritual in nature, but when Ms Fortune speaks of Initiation (note the capitol) she is only referring to that type of initiation. I think a better term for this might be awakening. Another term often used is a seeker; one who is seeking for something beyond the materialistic world around him without really understanding what that something is. Or it might be someone who kind of feels something awakening in herself and wants to find out what it is.”

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# **“Quantum Experiment Shows How Time ‘Emerges’ from**

# Entanglement”

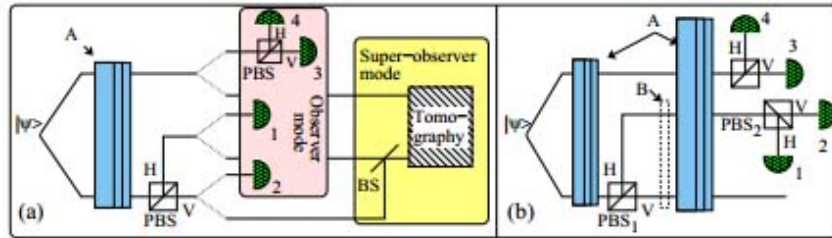


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This interesting article opens with discussion about an experiment that confirms that time emerges out of quantum entanglement:

“Time is an emergent phenomenon that is a side effect of quantum entanglement, say physicists. And they have the first experimental results to prove it.

“When the new ideas of quantum mechanics spread through science like wildfire in the first half of the 20th century, one of the first things physicists did was to apply them to gravity and general relativity. The results were not pretty.

“It immediately became clear that these two foundations of modern physics were entirely incompatible. When physicists attempted to meld the approaches, the resulting equations were bedeviled with infinities making it impossible to make sense of the results.

“Then in the mid-1960s, there was a breakthrough. . . .”

< [Read the entire article online at The Physics arXiv Blog.](https://medium.com/Physics) >

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