

Steamboat Hot Springs is Mentioned in an Article in the Tahoe Newsletter



The Lake Tahoe This Week Newsletter has a Valentine's Day report on romantic places to go to for Valentine's Day. They mentioned our Steamboat Spa as a place to "indulge in tranquility". ([Click here to read the article](#)).

Steamboat does have a Valentine's Special this month. Here is what it says.

Indulge in the enchanting embrace of our Love in Bloom special, a curated experience designed to elevate your senses and rejuvenate your connection.

Enjoy a day of self-love or enjoy as a pair.

This special includes:

- *90-minute Signature Massage with an Argan Oil Scalp Massage, Hot Towels, and a Soothing Foot Massage*
- *60-minute Private Mineral Bath with our Elixir of Love Aromatherapy Blend*

(Grapefruit, Bergamot, & Roman Chamomile)

- *Free gift of R&R Retreat Grapefruit & Bergamot Bath & Body Products*
- *Take home a sweet non-alcoholic Blush beverage & Ghirardelli Milk Chocolate Hearts*

A package valued at \$230, for only \$195 a person!

Available now through February 29th, 2024.

Contact the front desk at (775)853-6600 to reserve your spot today!

Wishing you a month filled with love, relaxation, and cherished moments.

We can't wait to welcome you at Steamboat Hot Springs Healing Center & Spa!

The International Community of Christ inherited Steamboat Hot Springs in 1986 by gift deed and has been operating it ever since as a health and wellness center. The history of Steamboat Springs, Nevada is told in the book ***A Steamboat in the Desert***, written and compiled by Church member Reverend Roger Bowen Weld in 1998.

[You can read or download the book in PDF format here.](#)

Spiritual Enlightenment is

not achieved by Memorizing Scripture



“As the husbandman governs a yoke of oxen and tills the ground, so Jesus, the fair true husbandman, yoked the apostles two by two and sent them forth, tilling with them the ground of those who hear and truly believe. Only this is worth saying, that the Kingdom of God and the preaching of the apostles is not in the word of hearing only, like one who knows a set of words and rehearses them to others, but the Kingdom is in the power and the effective working of the spirit. This was the sad case of the children of the Israelites; always studying the scripture, and in fact making the Lord the theme of their study, and yet not receiving the truth itself, they parted with that inheritance to others. So those who rehearse to others words of the Spirit, while they do not themselves possess the Word in Power, part with the

inheritance to others."

-St. Macarius the Egyptian

As the Husbandman Governs

Many don't know that a husbandman is not someone who helps women find husbands. A husbandman is an outdated term for one who cultivates the soil, or quite simply, a farmer. In the time of St. Macarius, farmers didn't have tractors, but usually used draft animals such as oxen to pull the plow and till the field. Macarius is comparing this to Jesus sending out the Apostles to teach the true knowledge of God, and the practice of spiritual development necessary to reach the Kingdom of God.

Memorizing and Repeating Words

Parrots, Macaws, Ravens, and some other birds can memorize and repeat words. If the words they hear come from scripture, that is what they will repeat. They will not become enlightened as a result. St. Macarius tells us that the Israelites of Jesus' time liked to memorize and repeat scripture, but that did not bring them to the Kingdom of God. Today, many Evangelical Christians do the same thing and are proud of the fact that they can quote from much of the Bible. The image I used to illustrate this post was from an article titled "*The Importance of Memorizing Scripture*" and is one of many promoting the idea to Christians. The article promotes the practice because the Bible tells us to learn the Word of God, but the Word of God is not static and locked up in any book of scripture. The word of God is dynamic and must be learned directly. But a Parrot can be taught the same words, but it does not comprehend their meaning. Likewise, those Christians who memorize Bible passages, without understanding their actual meaning, or practicing the spiritual development teachings that were key to the teachings of Jesus, are not moving any closer to God. It is also important to understand

that scripture is often written in allegorical language, so memorizing the words is meaningless.

Possess the Word in Power

What St. Macarius is implying here is that one must practice the teaching of holy ones like Jesus, not simply memorize their words. It is in practicing spiritual development techniques that we develop our own spirit. You don't get the benefits of a healthy diet by reading about it but eating junk food instead. You don't get strong, healthy muscles by reading a workout plan, but only by putting the plan into practice. Likewise, knowing that the realm of Spirit exists doesn't make you a spiritual person. You must practice spiritual development methods regularly and develop your spirit, not just read about it, or memorize scripture.

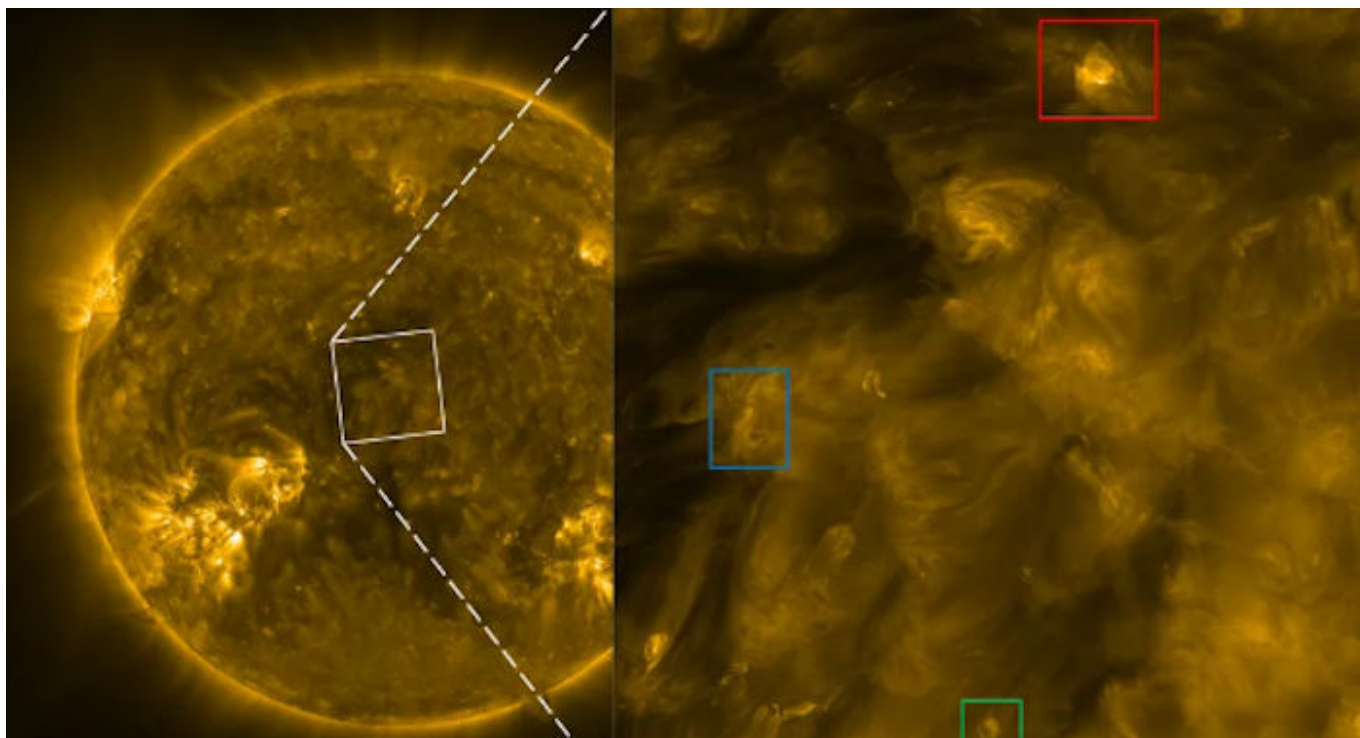
“Where Did It All Come From?”

Why are we here? Where did it all come from – the laws of nature, the stars, the universe? Humans have been asking these questions forever, but science hasn't succeeded in providing many answers – until now.

As a young boy I found myself playing on the center of God's stage; from some hidden celestial vantage point, so I thought, I was being scrutinized and watched by the Supreme Creator, perhaps almost as narrowly as I, as a medical student with a microscope, would one day scrutinize the cells growing in a petri dish. If, indeed, God had made the world, then who made God?

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

“Mysterious waves of magnetism may explain why the sun's atmosphere is hotter than physicists thought possible”



High-frequency magnetic waves surging through the sun may explain why the temperature of our star's atmosphere is 200 times hotter than its surface.

The temperature of the upper atmosphere of [the sun](#), called the corona, can soar to over 2 million degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 million degrees Celsius), while 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) closer to the core, the photosphere – the sun's visible surface – simmers at a relatively chilled 10,000 F (5,500 C).

[Read the complete story here.](#)

“Webb telescope captures

iconic Ring Nebula in unprecedented detail | CNN”



Astronomers have used the James Webb Space Telescope for a fresh perspective of an iconic celestial favorite called the Ring Nebula.

The new image captures never-before-seen details within the colorful nebula, located in the Lyra constellation about 2,600 light-years from Earth.

The structure of the Ring Nebula can be glimpsed through amateur telescopes and has been observed and studied for years.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

Link contributed by Gene Savoy, Jr.

A Quote from the Book of Isaiah with Commentary



A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding , the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and reverence for the Lord.

His delight shall be in the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear.

But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide

with equity the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall destroy the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them...

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nation shall inquire of him, and the dwelling shall be glorious.

*On that day the Lord will extend his hand **yet a second time** to recover the remnant that is left of his people... He will raise a signal for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts, and gather the dispersed from the four corners of the earth.*

– ISAIAH 11: 1 – 6, 8 – 12

The Book of Isaiah

Isaiah was one of the greatest of the Bible writers and prophets, but his writings are ignored by most modern Christians because it is written in such an allegorical way that little of it is understood. He was an Essene, the real spiritual people of Israel and Egypt.

A Shoot from Jesse

This is an allegorical reference to Jesus, the Messiah. The branch coming out of the shoot refers to what Christians call "The Second Coming." This one who comes as Christ will council with the wisdom and understanding of God. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes or hears with his ears because the physical senses can be deceiving. He will know what is in the hearts and minds of people, and from that will he judge.

Extend His Hand a Second Time

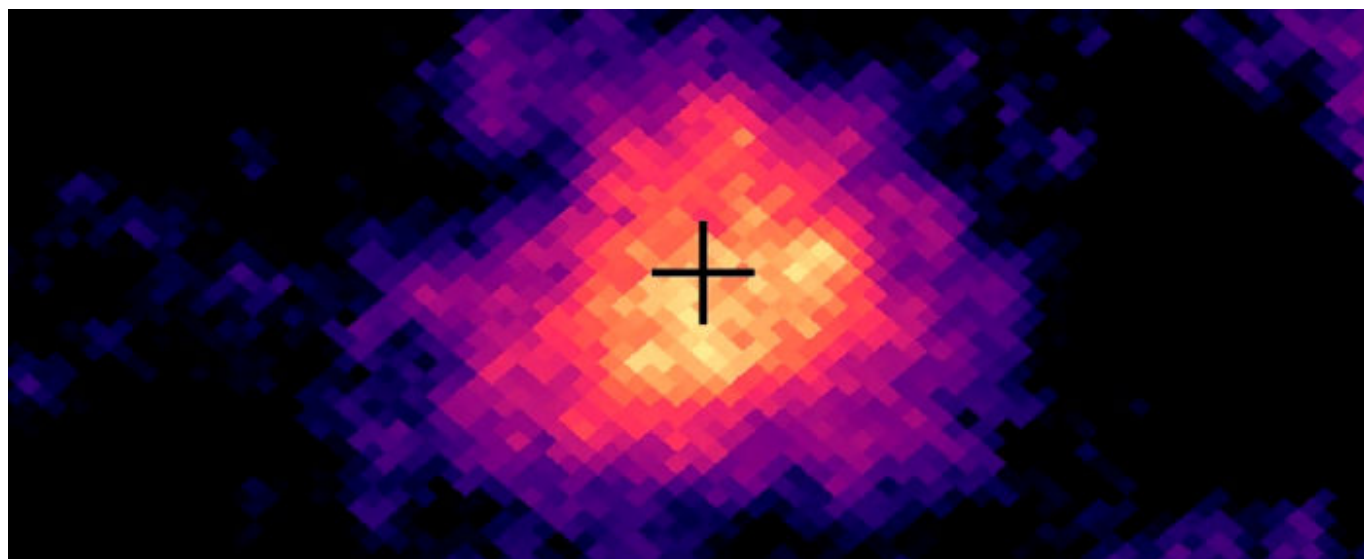
When the Second Coming happens, it will be a return of Christ, not Jesus. As all humans come into the world, he will be born an infant, not a great warrior as some expect. He will come to bring peace, not war, but it will be at a time when there is much war. War between groups of humans, war of Nature against Man, and war of the Cosmos as the Realm of Matter tries to stop the takeover of the Realm of Spirit. Yet he will not bring more war, but a promise of peace, love, and harmony for those who listen. He will bring about that promised day when the lion and the calf will lie together, and that will mean that peace has come to humanity, in thought as well as deed, for it is the thoughts of Man that cause other species to be violent.

They Will Not Hurt Those on The Holy Mountain

It doesn't seem like much of a hope to say that those who dwell on a particular mountain will be saved, but that statement is allegorical. It means that the materialists will, in the end, not be able to stop the spiritual people from bringing God's Truth, Wisdom, and Love into the world. Unfortunately, before that day we will probably continue to go through much suffering and abuse at the hands of the materialistic people and the demons and dark forces that control them. But as Isaiah says, in the End Times, which are happening now, God will recover the remnants of His people. Those people are not from a particular faith, nationality, or

race. They are those who listen to God, who follow His Law, who awaken and develop their spiritual Self, and use the spiritual truth and wisdom they gain to help others.

“Scientists Detect Highest-Energy Light Ever Seen From The Sun”



The most energetic light ever seen emanating from the Sun has just been detected, creating a new puzzle for solar physicists to solve.

A 6-year observing campaign by more than 30 institutions across North America, Europe, and Asia has resulted in the first ever detection of solar gamma radiation in the teraelectronvolt (TeV) range.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

“New Clues on the Source of the Universe’s Magnetic Fields”



It isn't just your refrigerator that has magnets on it. The earth, the stars, galaxies, and the space between galaxies are all magnetized, too. The more places scientists have looked for magnetic fields across the universe, the more they've found them. But the question of why that is the case and where those magnetic fields originate from has remained a mystery and a subject of ongoing scientific inquiry.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

“Uncovering a lost Maya city in the jungle”



The first time I watched “Raiders of the Lost Ark” as a kid, it inspired me to explore the little forest behind my house.

Armed with a walking stick and a shovel in my best impersonation of Indiana Jones, I maneuvered through thick clusters of trees, my feet slipping on the waxy leaves from a massive magnolia.

I scanned the ground, thinking any minute I would spy some rock sticking up that had been used to build a long-forgotten city that held buried treasure.

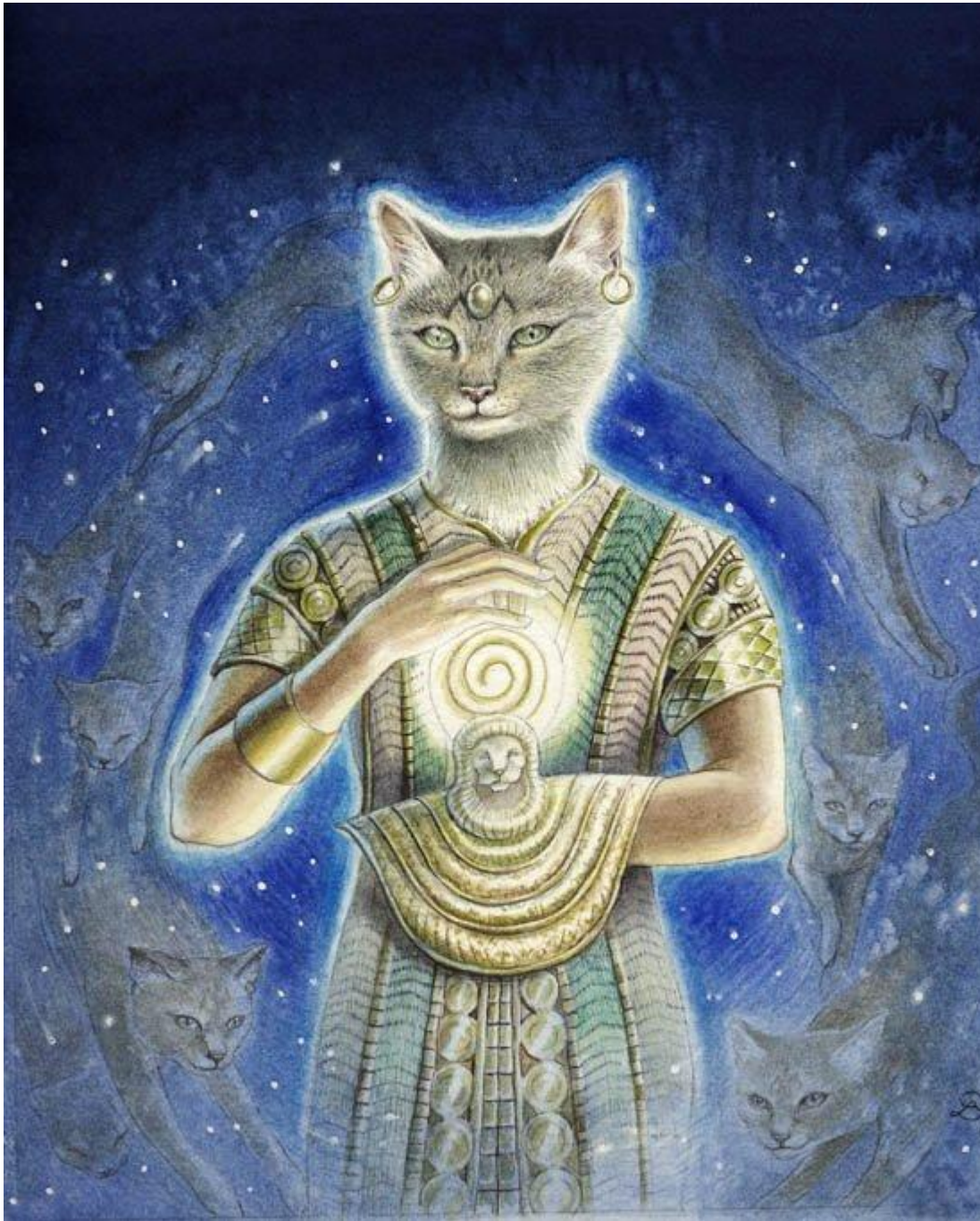
When no discovery emerged, I remember thinking there must be a

more efficient way to investigate the past.

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False Theologies Based on Misinterpretation of Myths and Symbols



“When the false theologies disappear, then true prehistoric realities will be found, contained especially in the mythology of the Aryans – ancient Hindoos, and even the pre-Homeric Hellenes. One writer on mythology asserts that the Egyptians imagined a cat behind the sun, which is the pupil of the cat’s eye. But this imagining is all modern. It is the Mullerite stock in trade. The moon as cat was the eye of the sun, because it reflected the solar light, and because the eye gives back image in its mirror. In the form of the goddess Pasht, the cat keeps watch for the sun, with her paw

holding down and bruising the head of the serpent of darkness, called the eternal enemy. ...

The untiring research of Western, and especially German, symbologists, during the last and the present centuries, have brought every occultist and most unprejudiced person to see that without the help of symbology (with its seven departments, of which the moderns knew nothing) no ancient scripture can ever be correctly understood. Symbology must be studied from every one of its aspects, for each nation has its own peculiar method of expression. In short, no Egyptian papyrus, no Indian tolla, no Assyrian tile, or Hebrew scroll, should be read and accepted literally."

–[Helena P. Blavatsky](#)

False Theologies

The theologies practiced in most religions and churches today are far different than what was intended by the founders of those faiths. Partly, this is because certain people—usually politicians—have changed what they say, but also because the symbolic language of the original writers is misunderstood. We might understand the symbols used in recent writings, but those of ancient times are little understood except by the students of a few spiritual schools.

Symbols of Ancient Egypt

When we read the writings of ancient Egypt, we think that cats were worshipped by them, but that may not be true. The images of cats as gods and goddesses, such as the one illustrating this post showing the goddess Pasht with the head of a cat, are symbolic. I don't know the spiritual significance of the cat symbol, but I do know some of the others from ancient Egypt.

One famous work of Egyptian art shows the sun shining down on ancient Egyptian royals with the rays of the sun ending in

hands. This is an obvious symbolic way of saying the sun lends a helping hand to man, but there is more to it than that. This well-known image is actually symbolic of the Light of the Spiritual Sun lending a hand to awaken the dormant spiritual faculties in Man.

We know that it is well-accepted today that the Egyptian Ankh is a symbol of eternal life, but it is not understood that it symbolizes a sun with a cross under it, so another symbol of the Spiritual Sun.



Another important symbol was the solar boat. It is said that Ra, the Sun god, road this boat to carry the sun across the sky. It is also said that this boat carries the human soul to the afterlife, again relating the Spiritual Sun to eternal life.

An interesting recent discovery is that there was originally a moat around the Sphinx of Egypt with a solar boat in it, relating that monument to the Spiritual Sun.

Symbols of Ancient Greece

One Greek symbol that is well known is the Rod of Asclepius, which is a rod with a snake wrapped around it. This was a symbol of healing, both physical and spiritual. Alpha and Omega is another Greek symbol that has significant meaning. In the Greek alphabet, Alpha is the first letter, and Omega is the last letter, so It is like saying “everything from A to Z”. In the Book of Revelation, Alpha and Omega is used as a symbol of God, as God is the creator of all. The Minotaur, a creature half man and half bull is imprisoned in the Labyrinth. This represents a person who has become completely materialistic, and so is lost in the labyrinth of the realm of matter.

Christian Symbols

The most important symbol in Christianity is the Cross. The early Christians knew the cross with four equal-length arms to be a symbol of God, which was true even before Christianity. Later, Christians changed it to the Crucifix as a symbol of Jesus and his death. Another is a fish which represents Jesus or Christ. Bread and wine is said to symbolize the body and blood of Jesus, but on a deeper, more spiritual level, it represents the Spiritual Light that awakens and nourishes the Spirit.