

Mystics and Scientists 30 Spirit and Cosmos: an Undivided Whole

BOOKING DETAILS

Venue University College, Winchester (formerly King Alfred's College) is set in attractive surroundings overlooking one of the oldest cities in Britain. One hour by train from London Waterloo.

Accommodation

On site - in single rooms with some twins available. Please indicate if you require special accommodation considerations due to a physical disability.

Off site - we have a list of hotels and bed and breakfasts at the office.

Fees Fees include accommodation, lecture programme, and all meals. They are payable in full on booking. Vegetarian meals provided. Please take advantage of early bird rates.

Cancellations A fee of £25 will be retained, or £75 after 10th March; after 18th March, no refund.

Booking *Places are strictly limited so early application is essential.* Send cheque for full amount, payable to "Scientific and Medical Network". Detailed information about the venue and another copy of this leaflet will be sent with the booking confirmation.

WE CANNOT GUARANTEE BOOKINGS MADE AFTER 31st MARCH

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BOOKING FORM

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Vegetarian Vegan

Special requests (dietary etc.):

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CHAIR:

DR. PETER FENWICK is Emeritus Consultant Neuropsychiatrist, Maudsley Hospital and Honorary Consultant Neurophysiologist, St. Thomas's Hospital. He is President of the Scientific and Medical Network and President of the Horizon Foundation.

THE ORGANISER

The Scientific and Medical Network was founded in 1973 by George Blaker, Dr. Patrick Shackleton, Dr. Peter Leggett and Sir Kelvin Spencer. The founders believed that neither orthodox religion nor conventional science was sufficient to answer pressing questions about human existence and the cosmos, and that new ways of thinking were needed.

The Network provides interdisciplinary education exploring the frontiers of science, consciousness and spirituality. It draws on a worldwide community of scientists, doctors, psychologists, engineers, philosophers and theologians to provide events, publications, and courses that link insights from the spiritual traditions and the arts, with the study and application of science and medicine.

Delegates' comments from previous conferences:

"An uplifting and heart-filled weekend"

"Very, very enjoyable and nourishing"

"I feel rich and inspired by my experience"

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 The Scientific and Medical Network

MYSTICS & SCIENTISTS 30th Anniversary Conference

*Spirit and Cosmos:
an Undivided Whole*

13th - 15th April 2007
University College, Winchester

CHAIRS: Dr. Peter Fenwick, David Lorimer

SPEAKERS: Prof. Christopher Alexander, Dr. Margaret Colquhoun,
Dr. James d'Angelo, Alain Forget, Prof. Keith Ward FBA,
Dr. Lawrence LeShan, David Lorimer, Prof. Eric Priest FRS

Spirit and Cosmos: an Undivided Whole

2007 marks the 30th Mystics and Scientists conference, which has been held every year since 1978. The conferences are dedicated to forging a creative understanding of the complementary roles of scientific and mystical approaches to reality. The initial conference was organised jointly by the Scientific and Medical Network and Wrekin Trust and was one of the first pioneering initiatives in interdisciplinary dialogue between scientists and mystics, representing the outer and inner aspects of human experience. Over the years, the conference has brought together many leading figures including Sir John Eccles FRS, Sir Fred Hoyle FRS, Prof. David Bohm FRS, James Lovelock FRS, Prof Richard Gregory FRS, Fr. Bede Griffiths, Dr. Kathleen Raine and Fr. William Johnston.

This year we are inviting speakers to reflect on their life and work in their respective fields over the last thirty years and to look forward to possible developments over the next thirty. This period has seen the emergence of the anthropic principle, chaos and complexity theory, and experiments in non-locality. There has also been a rise of interest in the scientific study of meditation, mystical states of consciousness and near death experiences. This has led to the formulation of new worldviews where unity and integration are key concepts. It now looks as if the incorporation of these new insights will lead to a new and expanded science of consciousness. The Mystics and Scientists conferences have been at the forefront of these exciting developments and have played an important role as a forum for those seeking a deeper understanding of the nature of life.

The conference always provides a highly engaging and creative opportunity to come together with like-minded people in a spirit of exploration and dialogue. It is open to all and we greatly look forward to your participation.

SPEAKERS and PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 13th April

Opening Wine Reception followed by dinner, introductions and James d'Angelo

David Lorimer: *Science, Mysticism and Wholeness*



Although the search for understanding is also a search for unity, the western world-view since the 17th century has been characterised by a split between the inner and outer aspects of human experience. Some have tried to achieve unity by reducing mind to matter, and a few have attempted the opposite. A participatory world-view based on a real understanding of wholeness provides a way forward for the 21st century.

David Lorimer is Programme Director of the Scientific and Medical Network and Vice-President of Wrekin Trust. He is editor of *The Spirit of Science, Thinking Beyond the Brain and Science, Consciousness and*

Ultimate Reality. His book on the Prince of Wales's philosophy and work – *Radical Prince* - was published in 2003

Dr. James d'Angelo: *Resonances of the Cosmos: The Nature of Sound As Expressed in Music, Physics and Philosophy*



The Word or Logos, as announced in St John's Gospel, is the great resounding, the potent vibrational seed that spawns all the worlds and underlies the harmony of the uni (one) verse (word.) This harmony could be conceived as an infinite web of frequencies comparable to a cosmic harp. Their interplay forms a multitude of proportions and ratios, the very essence of music. Such a world view is synonymous with the "music of the spheres." Contemporary scientists and cosmologists, re-inventing the knowledge of the ancients, are suggesting that the physics of vibration (as in string theory) and thus

music itself are models of the universe. Such models as sacred sound have been applied to harmonising spirit, mind and body, acknowledging that the human instrument and its bio-energetic field are sets of frequencies which, through the principle of resonance, can remember their connection with the harmony of the universe.

James D'Angelo, PhD has had a multi-faceted career as a music lecturer, composer, pianist, organist, writer and workshop leader. Following 16 years as a professor of music in New York, he emigrated to England where he became a music lecturer at Goldsmiths College. A published composer, his works have been performed in London, New York, Milan, Helsinki and on BBC Television and have been recorded on the Virgin Classics label. Over the last twelve years he has developed workshops on the therapeutic value of sound through the voice and become an authority on various sound therapies. He is the author of *Healing with the Voice* and *The Healing Power of the Human Voice* and a member of the editorial board of the Caduceus Journal.

SATURDAY 14th April

Prof Eric Priest FRS: *Source of Life and Light: The Science and Symbolism of the Sun*



The Sun has been worshipped by many civilisations as the source of heat, light and life, and has also provided powerful symbols for spirituality. Today, much of modern science is not cold, rational and lifeless, but is instead enthused by imagination and creativity. This talk will describe many surprising discoveries from current study of the Sun and will give an account of perhaps the most awe-inspiring natural event on Earth, a total solar eclipse witnessed recently in Egypt.

Eric Priest is a mathematician in St Andrews who sets up mathematical models to understand the latest observations from space of the Sun. A Fellow of the Royal Societies of London and of Edinburgh, he was a past chair of the Science Committee of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council

and is currently Vice-President of the Royal Astronomical Society. He has written over 350 research papers and is the author of two monographs and editor of 15 other books.

Alain Forget: *the 4 Ds: a Path to an Undivided Whole (lecture and workshop)*



Alain Forget is a French philosopher working within the non-dualistic tradition who has developed a remarkably practical and rapid method that can usher in a more conscious life, liberated from fear and anxiety. This method, the 4Ds, which he presents in his book, *How To Get Out of this World Alive*, dismantles the illusory guilt-generating foundations on which the sense of identity is built. As he has repeatedly demonstrated to his own students, it is only if the individual dismantles these mechanisms that he can move from making unconscious losing choices to making conscious winning choices.

The 4 Ds – distanciation, discernment, disidentification and discrimination - are designed to send students towards the deepest parts of themselves. It is paradoxically by going to these depths that consciousness can raise itself, revealing the individual's talents and his ability to make them manifest. Only if individuals connect to a richer, happier and more abundant life can they surrender to a process of metaphysical enquiry that can in turn trigger awakening. This is the unconditioned freedom that the awakened Masters of the great philosophic and religious traditions have been discussing for millennia

Prof Christopher Alexander: *The Whole*



Christopher Alexander will discuss a view of the world in which God may be more deeply understood as the unbroken whole, and its continuous unfolding. This creates the possibility of a scientific understanding of our inner, and personal, relationship with the world, and a guide to action which is consistent with the needs of others, and of the earth.

Professor Christopher Alexander read mathematics and architecture at Trinity College, Cambridge and Harvard University. He was Professor of Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 1963-98; President and Chairman, Center for Environmental Structure since 1967; Chairman of the Board, PatternLanguage.com, Construction company and Planning firm since 1999. He has been a member of the Swedish Royal Academy since 1980. He has built works in four continents, including the 35 buildings of New Eishin College in Tokyo, the Linz Cafe, Linz, Austria, a village school in Gujarat, and prototype low-cost housing in Mexicali, Mexico, Santa Rosa, Colombia, and Lima, Peru. He is the author of sixteen books including the major work *The Nature of Order (four volumes): The Phenomenon of Life, The Process of Creating Life, A Vision of a Living World, The Luminous Ground*; and of over 200 articles in technical journals.

In the evening we will hold a special celebration to mark 30 years of Mystics and Scientists conferences. We will be joined by our special guest **Professor Keith Ward DD, FBA**, former Regius Professor of Divinity in the University of Oxford, who will explain why, in his view 'Consciousness is not a Problem'.

SUNDAY 15th April

Dr. Margaret Colquhoun: *Unfolding the Spirit of the Cosmos in Landscape*



Margaret Colquhoun is a Goethean Scientist specialising in Landscape, medicinal plants and evolution. She studied agricultural science and evolutionary biology at Edinburgh University, where she completed a Ph.D. in the Evolution of Small Mammals off the coast of Britain. In mid life she took a further three year training in the holistic Goethean Scientific Methodology at the

Carl Gustav Carus Institute in Southern Germany followed by a year in the National Science Research Laboratory at the Goetheanum in Dornach, Switzerland. Since 1989 she has been teaching freelance throughout the British Isles offering a participative environmental consultancy service and many different courses based on Goetheanism. She often works with artists, notably Axel Ewald, a German sculptor, with whom she wrote "New Eyes for Plants" (published by Hawthorn Press in 1996).

In 1992 she was co-founder together with Axel and several others including Christopher Day, the well known ecological architect and James Dyson founder of Park Attwood Clinic, of the Life Science Trust, in order to purchase Pishwanton Wood, sixty acres of marginal land in S.E. Scotland. Since then she worked for fifteen years with Prof. Christopher Day and many groups of interested people to develop a concept for the architecture embedded in a healing landscape. This is slowly coming into being. In her talk she will develop the Idea out of which this unique environmental project has grown: An Idea intimately connected with and springing from Goethe's notion of the Archetype and its embodiment in the natural world.

Dr Lawrence LeShan: *Beyond Wholeness: The Hope and Myth of a Unified Field Theory*



The question of whether the cosmos can be described in one language (cognitive map, world picture, etc.) or whether we need more goes back at least to Classical Greek times. A very brief history of the problem (Do we live in a Universe or a Pluriverse?) will be presented leading to the rather surprising answer of this brief period of history and the new challenge it leaves us with.

Larry LeShan is a research psychologist who has worked in a wide variety of fields in the social sciences. His latest books are *The Psychology of War and The Pattern of Evil: Myth, Social Perception and the Holocaust*. For the past ten years he has been working on the relationship of consciousness and the cosmos, of Inscape and Landscape.