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AUTHOR FINDS DIGNITY IN LONG LIFE

Author's novel invitation to home

A 93-year-old woman who has had her first novel published has bought a house in Devon so she can help friends stay out of nursing homes.

Lorna Page has moved from Surrey to the five-bedroom house in Weare Giffard, near Torrington. She has one friend staying with her already.

Her son, Robin, and his wife are also sharing the home and providing support. ***The author said she wanted to buy other properties so more people could live with her in dignity.***

She hopes the book's royalties will pay enough so her friends do not have to move into nursing homes, something she dreads.

'Not living'

She said: "It's pathetic. It seems to me that in those places people just spend their time alone in one room and people come in and give them food.

"Either that or they just go down to a room and sit at the edge of it."

"They don't seem to talk to each other at all, they're just sort of there. That's not living."

Mrs Page wrote her book, **A Dangerous Weakness**, three years ago. She did not get it published until her daughter-in-law found the manuscript, read it, and convinced her to send it to a publisher.



Lorna Page : planning to live with more retired friends

Submitted by a correspondent:

"You can still be a good soldier at 93 and think of others less fortunate. Shall we write to her and say thank you for bringing a bright note of sunlight in this world otherwise so dreary at times?"

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A Near Death Experience

(This description of a Near Death Experience was written by a correspondent, who is a wife and mother of three children.)

A surgeon's mistake in a hospital was the reason that I came across an amazing experience, for which although I had read a lot about in the past, I could not imagine its power and its extent.

So, during this event, I began to realize in the "Intensive care" of the hospital, that I was losing contact with my environment and I found myself in a peaceful and calm place.

Even though I could not see anyone nearby, I felt a presence that made me feel safe and urged me to look forward. So I found myself watching my life like in a movie, from the beginning. Even though I had the leading role, I confess I found it boring.

Then came a scene that upset me so much, a punch in my stomach, that took me out of the unconsciousness and the lethargy. It was the scene of my children and my husband. It was at that moment that I realized that I should not depart. At least not right now.

I should return. I wasn't ready to leave yet. I needed my family and they needed me. Somehow I had the feeling that the unknown presence by me also agreed with me and smiled happily with my decision.

I turned my head to the sky and started praying; I asked to come back to those who needed me; and then it happened.

I was covered by this wonderful light; the ultimate and "unconditional" love that filled my soul. So much light, so much kindness, I thought my heart would burst of happiness. So I was healed physically as well as spiritually.

Eight years have gone by and I feel blessed and lucky every day, ever since. I thank God for letting me know of this light that still follows me day and night, even into my dreams. I do consider myself lucky and I keep the light in my heart as a valuable treasure.

from C, a correspondent

(We are indebted to C for her account, Ed.)

Who are the Heathens?

True esotericism replaced by 'orthodoxy'

"While the Ebionites, Nazarites... and the many other earliest sects which wavered later between the varying dogmatisms suggested to them by the esoteric and misunderstood parables of the Nazarene teacher, whom they justly regarded as a prophet, there were men, for whose names we would vainly search history, ***who preserved the secret doctrines of Jesus as pure and unadulterated as they had been received.***

"And still, even all these above-mentioned and conflicting sects were far ***more orthodox in their Christianity, or rather Christism, than the Churches of Constantine and Rome.***

"It was a strange fate that befell these unfortunate people" (the Ebionites), says Lord Amberley, ***"when, overwhelmed by the flood of heathenism that had swept into the Church, they were condemned as heretics."***

A house of prayer for all nations

Yet, there is no evidence that they had ever swerved from the doctrines of Jesus, or of the disciples who knew him in his lifetime. . . . Jesus himself was circumcised. . . revered the temple at Jerusalem as ***'a house of prayer for all nations.'*** . . . But the torrent of progress swept past the Ebionites, and left them stranded on the shore.

"An Analysis of Religious Beliefs," by Viscount Amberley, vol. i., p. 446.

(copied from footnote from Isis Unveilled, ii 307)



One-ness of soul

... no Buddhist, whether southern or northern, believes in a "Soul" as a distinct self-existing entity.

The heresies of "Attavada" (belief in soul or self) and that of Sakkayaditthi (the delusion of individuality or personality, i.e., belief in a "I am" apart from Universal Existence)... are regarded by him (the Buddhist) as "primary delusions," the direct result of ignorance or Maya.

from 'The Philosophic Inquirer' published in The Theosophist, Vol. III, No. 11, August, 1882, pp. 278-79 attributed to H.P.Blavatsky.



A REPORT ON THE PHILADELPHIA THEOSOPHICAL GATHERING

(following some correspondence with an Editor a visitor to the conference kindly gave us this report so those who could not attend could have a flavour.)

The Philadelphia experience is over and without being present you were absolutely correct describing the modest gatherings of the past becoming a big feature of the summer program.

The conference was literally packed with various topics from 8:00 am to 10:30 pm in the evening with any topic under the Sun.

Maybe it was intentional however, it reminded me of the crash summer courses in college.

Transportation and lodging was quite expensive even for people who had chosen to stay at the dorms.

Some stayed in hotels, as college accommodations do not agree with them anymore.

Per your request, I am sending you my personal feedback regarding my experience from the conference.

I will like to make clear that it is my personal assessment which might not be the one shared by the rest of the participants therefore I would appreciate it if it is taken as such and not as a criticism of the conference per se.

Some of the lecturers were absolutely charismatic, inspirational, and extremely knowledgeable of the subject matter presented however, due to the very heavy schedule there was no adequate time for some informal talk and exchange of ideas afterwards.

I should make clear though that there was an open forum for audience general discussion. It was scheduled though each day from 9:00 to 10:30 pm.

Personally I had no more energy left to stay and participate. At the end of each day, not that many people were present anyway.

I would have preferred much less topics, more focus on some of the existing ones and closing of the day not later than 9:00 pm.

Although you might be aware of the topics presented during the conference, I am sending you the link in order to understand better my comments regarding above.

<http://www.theosconf.org/08%20CONF/program.html>

In general, I left with the feeling that it was a wonderful opportunity as you very well mentioned in your letter, to meet other students from USA and abroad and share ideas and means of work.

I have enjoyed this opportunity very much and took full advantage of it.

Discussions have been made regarding the next international conference in Holland next year. Depending on my schedule and time of the year, I certainly hope to attend and get more involved in this international Theosophical discussion.

I feel though that such international meetings should be advertised efficiently and way in advance in order to properly qualify as international conferences.

Also, locally, each Theosophical lodge should made a conscious effort to promote participation. A line of communication should be

open between the various lodges at each state within USA and abroad, for, there is the only way for people to come out so to speak, get to know each other and promote the Theosophical teachings assuming of course that this is the purpose of the Theosophical Society in general.

If not, Theosophy will remain the best kept secret of times past and future.

... I assuming of course that (some of) the comments have something to offer to the Theosophical community and Theosophical conferences in the future.

Best Wishes,
from a contributor.



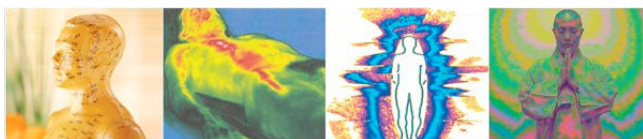
**Quantum Energy
Medicine Conference**
København, d. 19-21 september 2008

European Quantum Energy Medicine Conference

This year's unique "European Quantum Energy Medicine Conference" is being held in Copenhagen – and you are invited!

The terms "Quantum Medicine" and "Energy Medicine" include a very broad range of therapy forms, which are either wholly or partly based on measuring or manipulating the body's energy and information systems.

Some examples are acupuncture, homeopathy, bioresonance, healing, reflexology, treatment with sound, light, electro-magnetism and so on. Options are manifold, and developments in quantum physics are opening even more new exciting treatment methods.



www.quantum-medicine.co

Yes - we ARE beings of light!

Meet Prof. Dr. Fritz Albert Popp (Germany), who is world famous for his discovery of biophotons – i.e. light in the body! Popp has shown that all living things emit light and communicate via light, and that healthy cells emit light with a far different intensity than diseased cells. Popp's work is a real milestone for the understanding of people as bioenergetic beings.

Sit back and enjoy!

The world renowned Dr. Mae-Wan Ho is one of the conference's hottest Speakers!

A radical biophysicist, Ho is able to describe complex biological, quantum and energetic processes with relation to health and sickness, in a highly inspiring and life-affirming fashion.

Ho has the gift of making people dream!

Distance healing with "informational medicine"

Is it possible to treat a client located in another country? Theoretically, time and space has no influence on informational medicine, and therapists from the British EduTherapy program seem to confirm this in practice. They treat over 300 children with ADHD and learning difficulties – without seeing them – with documented and impressive results! Is it possible? And if so what then?

Can sound heal?

Get answers from the well-known Norwegian Dr. Audun Myskja who researches the effect of sound and music on people.

Homeopathy and AIDS

Dr. Jeremy Sherr explains results with AIDS treatment.

Other subjects on quantum energy will be covered

Registration at www.quantum-medicine.com

(The conference is non-profit, with possible proceeds being donated to charities: Alliance for Natural Health, Tibet Charity and Homeopathy for AIDS in Africa)

CORRESPONDENCE

Anarchy or order? K-PAX – a planet without formal laws

Dear Editor,

I have attached the final version of the review... Please feel free to use it in the next AT.

With regard to your question, I think the film did shed some light on how order could be sustained on K-PAX without laws. In the first instance, as beings who disregard possessions K-PAXians would be unfettered by those prime causes of wrong-ownership and self-interest. Secondly, their understanding of the law of cause and effect would cause individuals to actively seek out the good.

However, Prot says that all beings, not just K-PAXians, know right from wrong.

I do find myself understanding this, but it waxes and wanes a little - I find it hard to express. I dwell on the question though, and I think some faint outline of an idea is starting to form. Now how's that for avoiding the question!

Please could you send me the next edition of the AT?

All the best,

MF

Dear M

... In your earlier mail on 22 July you mentioned that in an anarchy people may 'know' what is right and wrong without the need for laws. Did you get anything on that after seeing the film?

Ed

(See review of K-PAX film opposite. Ed)

FILM REVIEW

A visitor from another society

www.k-pax.com

K-PAX, directed by Iain Softley, is a film adaptation of the book by the same name.

Central to the story is Prot (Kevin Spacey), a character who finds himself incarcerated in a psychiatric hospital after claiming that he is a visitor from another planet. Prot soon strikes up a friendship with his fascinated psychiatrist, Dr Powell (Jeff Bridges), and the film follows Powell's attempts to understand Prot and cure his apparent delusion. As this process unfolds, however, **Dr Powell is impressed by the healing effect that Prot has on his fellow patients**, and seems to experience some uncertainty as to Prot's true origins.

Prot claims to have travelled from an otherwise unknown planet called K-PAX, many light years away. On K-PAX, Prot tells Powell, **society consists of a peaceful anarchy; there are no laws, there are no possessions, people want for nothing.**

K-PAXians have come to understand both the interconnectedness of all things, and have discerned an eternal, cyclical expansion and contraction of the universe. They have 'been around for a while', and seem to be spiritually evolved beings that can travel to other worlds to help others who can benefit from their wisdom. The spiritual nature of K-PAXians is indeed evident in Prot himself; his serene yet enthusiastic demeanour and understanding of human suffering enable him to have a healing effect on patients where the hospital's treatments have failed.

It would be difficult to say much more about this film without spoiling the storyline in some way. K-PAX is an intelligent and beautifully realised film that deals sensitively with some difficult and complex themes. On one level it is a drama about a doctor's personal struggle to understand and help a patient he believes to be deeply troubled. **On another level, however, it**

seems to be an allegorical tale about causality, spiritual evolution and the interconnectedness of all things. Throughout the entire story is, of course, the question: does Prot really come from K-PAX?

The answer to this is, I believe, to be found in the subtle clues that the film offers. Whatever the answer, however, by the end of the film Prot has touched the lives of his doctor, his fellow patients and, I imagine, many of those who are lucky enough to uncover this surprisingly hard-to-find gem.

(MF, a correspondent)

Public Ethics Radio

A New Venture Uniting Philosophy and Politics

www.publicethicsradio.org

Launched in August 2008, Public Ethics Radio is an innovative online audio broadcast that features scholars and thinkers who engage with ethics in public life. Each episode connects vibrant debates in philosophy with real-world politics, on issues such as military intervention, international trade, and political corruption.

"The idea behind the show is to get careful thinking about political problems out into the world in a new way," says host Christian Barry.

"Many of our discussions will be with people who call themselves philosophers, but we hope to be both intellectually rigorous and engaging for non-philosophers at the same time."

PER's inaugural guest is the philosopher Thomas Pogge.

(On a new ethics for medical patents, WELL RECOMMENDED. MP3 download is below.)

http://www.cappe.edu.au/media/thomas_pogge_on_pharmaceutical_innovation.mp3

... followed by Leif Wenar on the resource curse, Jessica Wolfendale on so-called torture lite, and Larry Temkin on extending human lifespans.

Public Ethics Radio is a production of the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics (CAPPE) in Canberra, Australia—the world's largest concentration of applied philosophers—in association with the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs in New York City.

The Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, established in 1914 by Andrew Carnegie, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing understanding of the relationship between ethics and international affairs.

HEALING IRAQ

There are many efforts at healing individuals through the use of subtle energies including efforts to heal from a distance. It may also be possible to heal a large number of people - a whole country - from a distance with the use of creative visualization and psychic energy.

I have suggested below such an effort for Iraq where violence and repression, starting at least with the 1980-1988 Iraq-Iran war have created a deep, negative energy field. Some two million refugees have left, most for Jordan and Syria but live there in difficult conditions. About the same number have been uprooted within Iraq.

There are real dangers that tensions grow concerning Iran and with Turkey concerning Kurds in northern Iraq. Thus I invite those interested in healing from a distance to make a dedicated effort directed toward Iraq.

Thank you, Rene Wadlow

Iraq: The Need for Healing Light

Peace

"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil"
(Psalm XXIII)

At least since 1980 and the start of the Iraq-Iran war, Iraqis have lived in the shadow of death, repression, war, the decay and destruction of the economy and social services, the growth of religious sectarianism and crime. Such events have created deep karmic currents and thus have drawn to Iraq non-Iraqi military troops, irregular fighters as well as those who try to help and heal.

We must help through thought, meditation, creative visualization, and prayer to hold all those in Iraq in a Healing Light. Such Light will help scars to heal and divisions to be overcome through a knowledge of the unity of all life.

As the Chinese sage Seng Ts'an wrote:

"In the one, there is all. In the all, there is the one. If you know this, you will never worry about being incomplete."

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Invisibility cloak a step closer

Scientists in the US say they are a step closer to developing materials that could render people invisible.



Researchers at the University of California in Berkeley have developed a material that can bend light around 3D objects making them "disappear".

The materials do not occur naturally but have been created on a nano scale, measured in billionths of a metre.

The team says the principles could one day be scaled up to make invisibility cloaks large enough to hide people.

Stealth operations

The findings, by scientists led by Xiang Zhang, were published in the journals Nature and Science.

The light-bending effect relies on reversing refraction, the effect that makes a straw placed in water appear bent.

Previous efforts have shown this negative refraction effect using microwaves—a wavelength far longer than humans can see.

In order to have the 'Harry Potter' effect, you just need to find the right materials for the visible wavelengths.

Professor Ortwin Hess of the Advanced Technology Institute at the University of Surrey

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Light is neither absorbed nor reflected by the objects, passing "like water flowing around a rock," according to the researchers. As a result, only the light from behind the objects can be seen.

There could be more immediate applications for the devices in telecommunications... what's more, they could be used to make better microscopes, allowing images of far smaller objects than conventional microscopes can see.

And a genuine cloaking effect isn't far around the corner.

"In order to have the 'Harry Potter' effect, you just need to find the right materials for the visible wavelengths," says Prof Hess, "and it's absolutely thrilling to see we're on the right track."

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/7553061.stm>

WISDOM IN ACTION

ON LEAVING RESULTS TO THE LAW

YOU, yourself, have taken a step by your own internal determination to know the truth for the sake of the truth.

Your real self is by your trend of thought finding a channel for expression, and this will grow. Right thought must precede right speech and right action, as you know. This has been stated in many ways, the most familiar of which is, perhaps, "Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven (which is within you) and all other things will be added unto you."

Do not let conditions which surround you, contrasted with what you can see, weigh upon you. Of course you know that whatever conditions exist were produced by you—so far as they affect you—and whatever conditions are to be will be in accordance with your own determination.

All that is necessary is for each one to do his duty by every duty. None is small or unimportant.

You know, of course, that attachment to things or results comes by thinking about them. You can have no attachment for a thing you do not think about; neither can you have any dislike for a thing you do not think about.

While doing the best you know in every act and present duty, ***do not attach yourself to any particular form of result. Leave results to the law***—they will surely come in accordance with it.

Having done your duty as you see it, resign all personal interest in the results. Whatever the results, take them as that which your true self really desired.

Surely, for the individual, it is the motive alone that marks the line between black and white.

But what is needed in the world is knowledge. Good motive may save the moral character, but

it does not ensure those thoughts and deeds which make for the highest good of humanity.

Good motive without knowledge makes sorry work sometimes. All down the ages there is a record of good motive, but power and zeal misused, for want of knowledge. Theosophy is the path of knowledge. It was given out in order, among other things, that good motive and wisdom might go hand in hand.

If it is remembered that the purpose of life is to learn and that it is all made up of learning, the ordinary duties of everyday existence are seen to be the means by which we learn many things.

"Do thy duty by every duty leaving results to the law."

Theosophy was once happily stated to be "sanctified common-sense," and I am glad that you perceive it.

The Theosophical Movement is greater than any society or organization.

The latter are but temporal, changing with the nature and understanding of those who constitute them and influence their policies and ideals; they correspond to our physical bodies, whereas the Movement corresponds to the Soul.

There are many kinds of bodies, and work has to be done in each, in accordance with the possibilities afforded by its nature. Those who pin their faith to any body are choosing a transitory guide, a frail support; most of them are looking for "authority."

The human weakness that makes priestly domination possible leads to spiritual darkness in course of time.

From "The Friendly Philosopher" p 2 - 3

Next month:

On the TS and the Theosophical Movement