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December, and the latest addition to the on-line lecture archive is; *The Cycles of Heaven: Cosmic Influences on Human Behaviour* by Guy Lyon Playfair. *Cycles of Psychic Growth* by Liz Greene, is the latest addition to the article archive.

Avebury – Temple of the Goddess by Peter Knight

Hidden deep within the rolling downs and hills of Wiltshire is one of the wonders of the ancient world. The small village of Avebury stands within some of the finest engineering achievements of the Neolithic Age. The Avebury site contains the largest of all known henges, the largest prehistoric mound in Europe, as well as the vestiges of two avenues of stones, numerous round barrows, long barrows, dolmens and stone circles. The whole landscape was a place that our ancestors held sacred. The monuments of Avebury demonstrate several principles held as true by their builders. Its sacred sites were not built at random localities, but positioned very precisely and often with incredible subtlety, not just on the landscape but within it. The megaliths and mounds were seen as an inseparable part of the land, an umbilical link mirroring the spirituality of the people. Line of sight effects were produced the intervisibility of many monuments being of vital importance. The great megaliths themselves were chosen with great care regarding their size, shape and the symbolism expressed in their form. Simulacra (images that resemble something else) abound at Avebury, the huge stones exhibiting lasting testaments to the spiritual driving force that revolved around the sun, the moon and the Earth Mother Goddess.

Avebury also demonstrates wonderfully the art of ancient sacred geometry, the positioning of sites in relation to the landscape, ley lines and earth energies. Dowsing around Avebury's huge megaliths can be a breathtaking experience, with many major currents of serpentine energy flowing through the landscape. The famous St Michael Line, an alignment of sacred sites running from Cornwall to East Anglia passes through Avebury, and the energy currents associated with it pass through several of the Avebury monuments. The oldest sites at Avebury are the long barrows. The two at East and West Kennet are the largest and best known. The axis of the 330ft long earthen mound is aligned to the equinox sunrise, one of the astronomical festivals of the year. It was in use for over a thousand years between 3700-2500 BC, ample proof of the sanctity of the site.



Sorrell's reconstruction of the Avebury site.
Courtesy of: www.avebury-web.co.uk

As mentioned previously, the St Michael line runs through Avebury. The female Mary current associated with the alignment runs along the axis of the West Kennet Barrow, straight through the chambered tomb. This energy is readily dowsed and at times can be felt directly. Unexplained phenomena and spectral apparitions have been witnessed here, a common occurrence at places of powerful earth energies.

The tomb was closed around 2,500 BC just as the henge at Avebury was being constructed, perhaps demonstrating a change of emphasis from solitary communion to open tribal ceremonies and celebrations. The largest blocking stone at the east end of the barrow has a vertical gash, 1 meter long, down its centre which Dr Meaden interprets as symbolic of the vulva of the Goddess.

Two avenues of stones formerly ran in to the henge at Avebury one from the south and the other from the west. The Adam and Eve stones are all that remain of the latter now, much destruction having been caused in the proceeding centuries in the name of the Church and agriculture. Some stretches of the Western Avenue have survived time and man. West Kennet Avenue is arguably the finest megalithic avenue in Britain. It formerly had around 200 stones of which sadly, less than 30 survive today. One can walk up the mile long avenue, retracing our ancestors' footsteps, and dowsing the energies of the Michael current that flows down its length.

The avenue is sinuous as it twists and turns to follow the serpents of the land. Many of the megaliths

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Joyous Isle workshops
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Tel. 01823 665798

Wiltshire Crop Circle Study
Group www.wccsq.com

Inner Potential Centre
www.innerpotential.org

www.wrekinforum.org

FESTIVE GATHERINGS

Bournemouth 1 Dec
Christmas Social
South Coast Dowisers
Tel. Paul 08704280934

London 5 Dec
Open House
College of Psychic Studies
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Marlborough 6 Dec
AGM and Christmas Lunch
Wiltshire Crop Circle Study Group
Tel. Francine 01380 739966

Chingford 7 Dec
Gururaj's Birthday Celebration
FISU. www.fisu.org

Stroud 7 Dec
Advent Celebration: Film, Music &
Seasonal Refreshments
Hawkwood College
Tel. 01453 759034

Taunton 8 Dec
Traditional Yule Pagan Quiz
and Stampede Raffle
Taunton Pagan Moot
Tel. Yarrow 07974 649794

London 9 Dec
Social Evening and Open Forum
London Earth Mysteries Circle
lemc@ic24.net

Weymouth 10 Dec
Christmas Social
Weymouth & Dorchester WRG
Tel. Pat 01305 767242

Yeovil 10 Dec
Social Evening - Fledging
Mediumship with a Party
Atmosphere
Yeovil Psychic Society
Tel. Jan 01935 421161

Totnes 13 Dec
Festive Musical Gathering and
Social Evening
Totnes Group
Tel. Jeffrey 01803 868744

Beaconsfield 14 Dec
AGM & Christmas Lunch
Thames Valley Dowisers
Tel. Susan 01494 813214

Wootton Bassett 15 Dec
Christmas Social
Wyvern Dowisers
www.wyverndowsing.freemove.co.uk

Glastonbury 21 Dec
Winter Solstice Gathering
Chalice Well
Tel. 01458 831154

Marlborough 22 Dec
Winter Solstice Celebration
Wiltshire Crop Circle Study Group
Tel. Francine 01380 739966

RETREATS

Stroud 29 Dec
New Year Retreat
Hawkwood College
Tel. 01453 759034

Glastonbury 29 Dec-1 Jan
Openhand Spiritual Retreat
Tel. 01458 830443

TALKS

Bournemouth 1 Dec
An evening consisting of three
presentations: Dowsing with
Wands, Dowsing at Knowlton
Henge and Dowsing at Corfe
Castle
Tel. Paul 08704280934

Bournemouth PLG 1 Dec
Auras and Chakra Balancing
Donna Maxine
Tel. Sue 01202 581898

Winchester 2 Dec
the Wessex Astrum
Peter Knight & Toni Perrott
Tel. Peter 01258 489798

Brighton 2 Dec
the Galaxy Song
Dave Molz
info@theantiquariansociety.com

Glastonbury PLG 3 Dec
Vortex Healing and the Angelic
Earth Bridge
Max Goodwin
Tel. 01458 833128

Frome 3 Dec
the Gnostic Gospel of Judas
George Wood
Tel. Marina 01373 466391

London (Forum) 4 Dec
Climate Change and
Consciousness. What is
Changing?
Peter Taylor
Tel. Margaret 0208 671 5417

Axminster 5 Dec
Clairvoyance
Pauline & Harry Alldritt
Tel. 01297 32331

Bristol 7 Dec
Developing Your Minds
Healing Powers
Mhairi Kent
Tel. Lea 01225 722963

East Woodlands 7 Dec
the Planet of Love –
Interactive Healing with Pure
Sound
Tel. Marina 01373 466391

London 7 Dec
the Christ: Cosmic, Solar
and Planetary
Christina Bodhi
Tel. 0207 563 9815

Bridgewater 10 Dec
Pagan Discussion Group
Tel. David 07974 588268

Glastonbury PLG 10 Dec
Interculture - An Eco-
Communitarian way
Morgan
Tel. 01458 833128

Glastonbury 12 Dec
the Seven Aspects of Time and
Space
Martin Keitel
Stargaia
Tel. 01458 835506

London (CPS) 12 Dec
An Evening of Trance
Elizabeth Roberts
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Bath 15 Dec
Bath Story Telling Circle
Tel. Kevan 01225 334204

Glastonbury PLG 17 Dec
Know Thyself : Be a Doormat
or be a God / Goddess
Cassandra Campbell
Tel. 01458 833128

Bristol 19 Dec
Dowsing for Treasure
Peter Stewart
Tel. Jason 0117 9498933

WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Global Meditation Event
1 December at 9pm
www.networkoflight.org

Iton 1 -7 Dec
Angel and Ascension
Teacher Training Course.
Ascension Module
Margaret Merrison
Tel. Margaret 01460 53699

Tiptree 2 Dec
Spiritual Friends Service, Guest
Medium, Healing, Workshop and
Discussion
Tel. Carole 01621 869567

Sturminster Newton 3 Dec
Reiki Share Group
Jane Williams
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Bishops Lydeard 3 Dec
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Roy Snelling
Tel. Roy 01823 430959

Dorchester 3 Dec
Introduction to Psycho
Spiritual Development
Jo Macrae
Tel. 01305 756000

Welshpool 6 Dec
Islam and Sufism
Thomas Daffern
Tel. 01938 820586

London 6 Dec
Working Physically Working

Mediumistically
Tuula Jukola
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Cullompton 6 Dec
Enneagram Part 2
Veronica & Chris Croft
Tel. 01884 855759

London 7 Dec
Atlantan Crystal Healing
Valerie Pitts
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London 7 Dec
Mantra Chanting
Marianne Brady
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Glastonbury 7 Dec
the Ghost Dance: An Ancient
Shamanic Dance Ceremony
Emma Skellern
Tel. 01458 830277

London 7 Dec
Introduction to Psychic Ability
Using Art
June Elleni Laine
Tel. 0207 589 3292

London 7 Dec
Becoming Psychic
Simon Bacon
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Stroud 8-12 Dec
Citadel of Light
David Goddard
Tel. 01453 759034

West Mersea 9 Dec
Spiritual Friends Service, Guest
Medium, Healing, Workshop and
Discussion
Tel. Carole 01621 869567

Stroud 12 Dec
Stones and Stars (where
heaven and earth meet)
John and Caitlain Matthews
Tel. 01453 759034

Glastonbury 12 Dec
Uncover Your Sacred Quest
Louise Langley
Tel. 01458 831154

St Leonards 12-15 Dec
Exploring the Wonders of
Shamanism
Les Fuller
Tel. Lorraine 01424 729518

Glastonbury 13 Dec
12 gates into 2012
Martin Keitel
Stargaia
Tel. 01458 835506

Tekels Park (TS) 13 Dec
Healing and Spiritual Guidance
from Sacred Texts
Edi Bilimoria
Tel. 0207 563 9815

London 14 Dec
the Alchemy of Voice
Stewart Pearce
Tel. 0207 589 3292

Glastonbury 14 Dec
Mayan Calendar
Stargaia
Tel. 01458 835506

Sturminster Newton 16 Dec
Meditation Group
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Glastonbury 19 Dec
the Ghost Dance: An Ancient
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Emma Skellern
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Glastonbury 19 Dec
Pure Sound Resurrection at the
Gate of Ascent II
Dean Carter
Tel. 01935 389655

Welshpool 20 Dec
Greek and Roman Philosophies
Thomas Daffern
Tel. 01938 820586

Glastonbury 21 Dec
Pure Sound Resurrection at the
Gate of Ascent II
Dean Carter
Tel. 01935 389655

Badbury Rings 28 Dec
Way of the Mystic Warrior.
Legion of Michael Initiation
Mysticklight
Tel. David 01202 429300

LIGHTWORKER GROUPS

Dorchester 2, 16 Dec
Lightworker Circle
David Hand
Tel. David 01202 429300

Boscombe 3, 10, 17 Dec
Lightworker Circle
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Lamyatt 7, 21 Dec
2012 Study Group
Tel. Andrew 01749 812610

Portsmouth 14 Dec
2012 Study Group
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TOURS

DEMG at Stapehill 4 Dec
Ghost Walk in Christchurch
Michael Hodges
Tel. Dave 07977 144147
or Peter 01258 489798

London 21 Dec
London Sacred Sites Winter
Solstice Tour
John Giles and Dee
www.worldhealingproject.com

Book Review: *The Holy Book of Mary Magdalene: The Path of the Grail Steward* by Jennifer Reiff

The Holy Book of Mary Magdalene is a spiritual handbook for a Magdalene-Jesus mythos. It celebrates Mary and her beloved Jesus with passionate prayers, magical ceremonies, and seasonal festivals. From the Festival of the Sacred Marriage, "O Lady of Earth and Heaven, whose being is bathed in glittering light, through you the vine and the pomegranate grow rich like royal blood. Flowers burst from ready boughs, and verdant meadows wake. All rejoice, for the Bride has come."

Many have discovered and been entranced by Mary Magdalene the Bride. While we may not have intentionally sought her out,

she has certainly arrived with a most captivating presence. Through her we are taken on a journey to find something greater than ourselves, something precious and eternal. We cross into territory ancient and new, and are led into the depths of a spiritual mystery.

Our quest begins with the unfolding process of love and adoration. What does it mean to love Mary Magdalene? Many have been drawn to her, and for them she has taken a place far beyond the limited status accorded to her in the New Testament. Her message may have more to do with the real teachings of Jesus than with much of the church doctrine that followed him. Perhaps she has stepped forward to free us from the judgment of condemning priests and the quarrelsome spirit of certain Christian theologians, to

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the London Forum.
Tel. 02086715417

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www.powerofpositiveliving.com

www.body-spirit.co.uk

www.fire-in-the-head.co.uk

Chalice Well
www.chalicewell.org.uk

Unicorn Centre, Chard.
www.unicorncentre.co.uk

Mysticklight.com

www.thamesvalleydowers.org.uk

www.libraryofavalon.org.uk
Tel. 01458 832759

Glastonbury PLG
www.shiny-happy-people.co.uk

www.theosophical-society.org.uk

www.fisu.org/en

www.theantiquariansociety.com

South Coast Dowers
www.healthyandwise.co.uk/south_coast_dowers.htm

www.Loveandlight.co.uk
www.hospiceoftheheart.org

www.openhandweb.org

www.stargaia.com

www.white-elk-woman.com

www.holisticchannel.co.uk

www.thehouseoflife.co.uk

R.I.L.K.O.
<http://members.aol.com/rilko/>

www.Psychic-Sanctum.co.uk

www.Enneagram-uk.com

www.sacredconnections.co.uk

Serapis Bey Mystery School
www.revolutionof2012.net

www.networkoflight.org

www.megalithictours.com

www.iamfoundation.co.uk

www.saahera-centre.org

www.gauntshouse.com

www.educationaid.net

Sea Spirit Centre
<http://spiritual-courses.co.uk>

www.collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

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The simple teachings of a Juean heretic called Jesus.

The mysteries of the Bride and Bridegroom bring a renewing and perfect love. As we discover this experience, we are guided in to a compassionate life. Then the Holy Grail lives on and we become stewards fulfilling an ancient quest, living to bring a little more of heaven to earth. For more information about the book email the author at jennrosemar@juno.com

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display simulacra, such as heads, vulvae and phalluses. One can just imagine the torchlit processions that wended their way up the avenue thousands of years ago, the images of the ancestors becoming animated by the flickering flames.

The avenue proceeds north to the Neolithic henge. The sheer scale of this construction can take one's breath away. A huge bank and ditch were constructed, inside of which around 200 megaliths were raised. 100,000 tonnes of chalk and earth were moved (circa 3.2 million feet) to create the ditch and banks, 60 times greater than at Stonehenge. This is in addition to the 4000 tons of stone needed for the megaliths: a truly immense undertaking by a culture in possession of nothing more than axe heads, antler picks and the human spirit! It has been estimated that the whole project may have taken up to 600 years to complete, the monument being dated between 2,800-2,200 BC. Within an outer ring of megaliths two inner circles were erected. Inside these megaliths of astronomical significance were positioned. In the northern inner circle there are two huge stones called the Cove. There was formerly a third stone nearby, together forming a sacred enclosed area. Meaden suggests this was symbolic of the womb of the Earth Goddess. At summer solstice a shadow cast by another recorded stone (also now lost) just NE of the Cove would reach the "womb", a "marriage / consummation of the Gods" being played out with the dramatic sense of light and shadow. It is interesting that both the male and female currents of the Michael Line converge at the Cove, after travelling separate ways from Windmill Hill in the North.

It was in the southern inner circle that Avebury's tallest megalith, called the Obelisk once stood. This phallic shaped stone was a colossal 20ft high. During the festival of Beltaine (early May each year) the shadow cast by the huge phallus stretched across the ground, the tip of it penetrating a vulva shaped cavity on stone 106 nearby. Again we have the marriage of the gods being acted out between stone, earth the sun and Man. The male / female currents of the St Michael line remain together at the Obelisk site, confirming the importance of the locality to our shamanic ancestors.

Hours can be spent following the flow of earth energies around the henge. Hairs stand up on the back of one's neck at places and stones tingle beneath our hands. Pendulums swing enthusiastically in many places and rods twitch as we follow the meandering serpent currents. The megaliths themselves are like an open art gallery – horses, human heads, vulva cavities, phalluses, and other fantastic images leap out of the

timeless rocks, inviting us into the world of the shaman, the world of sanctity, imagination and legend that is Avebury.

Recent research by Peter Knight and Toni Perrott has revealed that Avebury is located where five points of the Wessex Astrum (a pattern of sacred geometry encoded into the Wessex landscape) converge. Further information about Avebury and the Wessex Astrum can be obtained from Peter or Toni by emailing stoneseeker@waitrose.com

Book Review: Cosmic Laws by Nada Yolanda

Discover the building blocks for all spiritual growth. Based on channelings of ascended masters via Nada Yolanda, this masterwork reveals 23 laws of God, the fundamental principles of the cosmos. Cosmic Laws correlates New Age teachings with major philosophies and religions, plus scientific principles.

No matter what our spiritual pathway, none of us can attain enlightenment without knowing and applying the universal laws which govern our lives and relationships throughout eternity.

Basic spiritual principles are the keys to leading a productive, abundant life. Understand how to align yourself with God's will, how to evaluate and overcome your challenges, how to interact with all life forms and how to conduct your life in harmony with the cosmos. With the wisdom of the ages at your disposal, apply these laws and demonstrate your cosmic consciousness now.

Laws of God include: Oneness, individuality, polarity, love, creation, integration, transmutation, sacrifice, equality, give and take, free will, non-interference, order, cause and effect, reincarnation, growth, and evolution, attraction and repulsion, righteousness, example, balance and harmony, compensation, life, perfection. For further information about the book log on to www.thenewearth.org/markage.html or email iamnation@aol.com

Book Review: The Big Book of the Soul: Our Many Lives as Holographic Aspects of the Source. by Ian Lawton

A marvellous book for anyone who is interested in the concept of the Soul; what it is, how it originated and what happens to it after death. The author explores the evidence from near-death and out-of-body experiences, from children who remember past lives, and evidence from past-life and inter-life regression.

Ian then examines the universal message of all transcendental experiences, the idea that 'we are all One'. Can it be squared with the idea of the individual, reincarnating soul, or is this merely an 'illusion' in itself? Perhaps the answer lies in a theory of total elegance and simplicity... that of 'the Holographic Soul'. For further information about the book log on to www.rspress.org

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