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**D**ecember, 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](http://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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[www.dorsetmysteries.org](http://www.dorsetmysteries.org)

School of Energy  
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[www.energyhealing.co.uk](http://www.energyhealing.co.uk)

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Joyous Isle workshops  
[www.joyousisle.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.joyousisle.fsnet.co.uk)

Axminster Awareness  
Centre  
[www.awarenesscentre.org.uk](http://www.awarenesscentre.org.uk)

[www.stoneseeker.net](http://www.stoneseeker.net)  
[www.dragonseeker.co.uk](http://www.dragonseeker.co.uk)

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The Martinsey Isle Trust  
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Taunton Association for  
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Tel. 01823 665798

Wiltshire Crop Circle Study  
Group [www.wccsq.com](http://www.wccsq.com)

Inner Potential Centre  
[www.innerpotential.org](http://www.innerpotential.org)

[www.wrekinforum.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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  
Tel. Jane 01258 471152

**Bishops Lydeard** 3 Dec  
Reiki Share Group  
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  
Tel. 0207 589 3292

**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  
Jane Williams  
Tel. Jane 01258 471152

**Glastonbury** 19 Dec  
the Ghost Dance: An Ancient  
Shamanic Dance Ceremony  
Emma Skellern  
Tel. 01458 830277

**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  
David Hand  
Tel. David 01202 429300

**Lamyatt** 7, 21 Dec  
2012 Study Group  
Tel. Andrew 01749 812610

**Portsmouth** 14 Dec  
2012 Study Group  
Tel. Andrew 01749 812610

### 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](http://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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Tel. 01225 334204

the London Forum.  
Tel. 02086715417

Bournemouth PLG  
[www.powerofpositiveliving.com](http://www.powerofpositiveliving.com)

[www.body-spirit.co.uk](http://www.body-spirit.co.uk)

[www.fire-in-the-head.co.uk](http://www.fire-in-the-head.co.uk)

Chalice Well  
[www.chalicewell.org.uk](http://www.chalicewell.org.uk)

Unicorn Centre, Chard.  
[www.unicorncentre.co.uk](http://www.unicorncentre.co.uk)

Mysticklight.com

[www.thamesvalleydowers.org.uk](http://www.thamesvalleydowers.org.uk)

[www.libraryofavalon.org.uk](http://www.libraryofavalon.org.uk)  
Tel. 01458 832759

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[www.shiny-happy-people.co.uk](http://www.shiny-happy-people.co.uk)

[www.theosophical-society.org.uk](http://www.theosophical-society.org.uk)

[www.fisu.org/en](http://www.fisu.org/en)

[www.theantiquariansociety.com](http://www.theantiquariansociety.com)

South Coast Dowers  
[www.healthyandwise.co.uk/south\\_coast\\_dowers.htm](http://www.healthyandwise.co.uk/south_coast_dowers.htm)

[www.Loveandlight.co.uk](http://www.Loveandlight.co.uk)  
[www.hospiceoftheheart.org](http://www.hospiceoftheheart.org)

[www.openhandweb.org](http://www.openhandweb.org)

[www.stargaia.com](http://www.stargaia.com)

[www.white-elk-woman.com](http://www.white-elk-woman.com)

[www.holisticchannel.co.uk](http://www.holisticchannel.co.uk)

[www.thehouseoflife.co.uk](http://www.thehouseoflife.co.uk)

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

[www.Psychic-Sanctum.co.uk](http://www.Psychic-Sanctum.co.uk)

[www.Enneagram-uk.com](http://www.Enneagram-uk.com)

[www.sacredconnections.co.uk](http://www.sacredconnections.co.uk)

Serapis Bey Mystery School  
[www.revolutionof2012.net](http://www.revolutionof2012.net)

[www.networkoflight.org](http://www.networkoflight.org)

[www.megalithictours.com](http://www.megalithictours.com)

[www.iamfoundation.co.uk](http://www.iamfoundation.co.uk)

[www.saahera-centre.org](http://www.saahera-centre.org)

[www.gauntshouse.com](http://www.gauntshouse.com)

[www.educationaid.net](http://www.educationaid.net)

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

[www.collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk](http://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](mailto:jennrosemar@juno.com)

### ***Avebury – Temple of the Goddess (continued).***

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](mailto: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](http://www.thenewearth.org/markage.html) or email [iamnation@aol.com](mailto: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](http://www.rspress.org)

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