

New Story News August 2021

The next meeting of the New Story Group is Monday, August 30, at 7:00 pm.

Connecting issues of justice and the New Story: The poetry and writing of Drew Dellinger.

Come at 6:30 for check-ins. Program begins at 7:00pm. We will listen to and discuss the [Hieroglyphic Stairway](#), [Hymn to the sacred body of the universe](#) and watch portions of Drew's participation in [Deeptime Network's](#) course "Applying the New Cosmology in the World." The following publications by Drew are recommended reading in advance for those who are unfamiliar with his sources.

- ["Dr. King's Interconnected World,"](#) New York Times, 22 December 2017
- ["Change the World View, Change the World,"](#) Kosmos Journal, summer, 2018
- ["Gandhi's Vision, Earth's Future,"](#) post on Drew Dellinger's website

My Experience of Superposition

By Cornelia Parkes, July 29, 2021

I am lying in bed
Both asleep and not asleep
Within a dream and not in a dream
Both aware that it is time to wake up
And unaware of time.
Then my mind,
Both the observed and observer,
Cries out, "Wake up!"
And my superposition resolves
To the awake sitting position.

Further Musings on What is Reality

By Cornelia Parkes, August 19, 2021

I finished reading *Helgoland: Making Sense of the Quantum Revolution* by Carlo Rovelli (Rivershead Books, 2020). The first half of the book explains to non-physicists the notions of *interference* and *superposition*. The second half expands on his quote from my musings in the July New Story News:

"Instead of seeing the physical world as a collection of objects with definite properties, quantum theory invites us to see the physical world as a net of relations. Objects are its nodes." (p. 79)

[Click here to continue reading.](#)

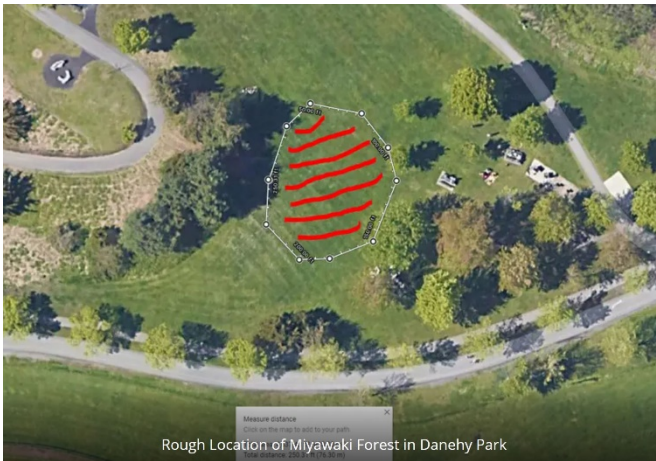
NEWS OF OTHER EVENTS RELATED TO THE NEW STORY

On Our Fundamental Need for the Natural World

With Lucy Jones. August 14

[Register here](#)

Many of us live indoor lives, disconnected from the natural world more than any other time in human history. Yet nature remains deeply ingrained in our language, culture, and consciousness. For centuries, we have acted on an intuitive sense that we need communion with the wild to feel well. Now, in the moment of our great migration from nature, more scientific evidence is emerging to confirm its place at the heart of our psychological wellbeing. So, what happens, asks acclaimed journalist Lucy Jones, as we lose our bond with the natural world? Might we also be losing part of ourselves?



[Cambridge, MA, Miyawaki Forest at Danehy Park](#), June 23, 2021, brought to you by [Biodiversity for a Livable Planet](#)

Extinction Rebellion (XR)

Gwen Noyes and **Sandy Sweetnam** in the Red Brigade and **Skip Schiel** as a photographer plan to join the next XR chapter-wide action on **August 28th at 6 PM** in the Boston Seaport. Sign up here:

<https://xrmass.org/seaport>. Despite knowing the dire impending consequences of the climate crisis, the City of Boston has invested over \$20 billion of public money (our taxes) into the Seaport District.

Deeptime Leadership & Personal Empowerment Program:

[Information Sessions](#) September 1

[Program](#) Full 9-month program starts September 22

“A Great Leap in Being”

By Brian Swimme, Science and Non-Duality Conference, December 22, 2021.

A planetary mind is screaming to come forth. We need to follow our inherent tendencies—the planetary mind is latent in us. —A clear and concise presentation of all that Swimme has said over the years. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXTJD3So2LQ>

Remake & Revitalize the Economy

Learn about a powerful new force for environmental change and economic justice at the [American Sustainable Business Council](#).

SUMMERTIME IS MOOVIE TIME!

Do you have a New Story favorite? Do you want to organize a watch party? Let me know and I will announce it. Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org

[The Sixth Extinction](#)

New Atlantis, April 23, 2014

Throughout the history of evolution, five major catastrophes have shaken the earth's surface. After them life had to reorganize from species that survived. Today 27,000 species disappear each year, an amount equal to or greater than that struck Earth during the previous extinction processes. Are we facing the Sixth Extinction? Are humans the cause of this ecological disaster? This documentary explores these issues to provide lines of inquiry that will lead us to the answers.

Facing Adversity: Choosing Earth, Choosing Life

[Facing Adversity: Choosing Earth, Choosing Life](#), offered by the DeepTime Network, is a 70-minute documentary that explores the speed, depth and magnitude of our growing planetary crisis, and the opportunity we must meet this crisis consciously – with eyes and hearts wide open. Through a broad, whole-systems perspective, the film examines key challenges (climate change, inequities, species extinction, overconsumption, and more) and explores the deeper transformation being called forth from humanity.

Breaking Boundaries

David Attenborough and Johan Rockström, Documentary

Breaking Boundaries tells the story of the most important scientific discovery of our time – that humanity has pushed Earth beyond the boundaries that have kept Earth stable for 10,000 years, since the dawn of civilization. The 75-minute film takes the audience on a journey of discovery of planetary thresholds we must not exceed, not just for the stability of our planet, but for the future of humanity. It offers up the solutions we can and must put in place now if we are to protect Earth's life support systems. **Available on Netflix.**

Surfing old emails, I found this link from **Steve Stodola**.

[State of Emergence with Terry Patton](#)

The New Republic of the Heart website has several podcasts of interest to the New Story Group. Please tell us if you find one that you would like to share with the group. I am fascinated by the transformation of a “State of Emergency” to a “State of Emergence” that is their by-line.

Also, from an old email from **Renate Rose**

I found [Rev. Barber's sermon, January 21, 2021](#), at the National Cathedral in Washington DC so moving and inspiring that for me it is part of the NEW STORY.
