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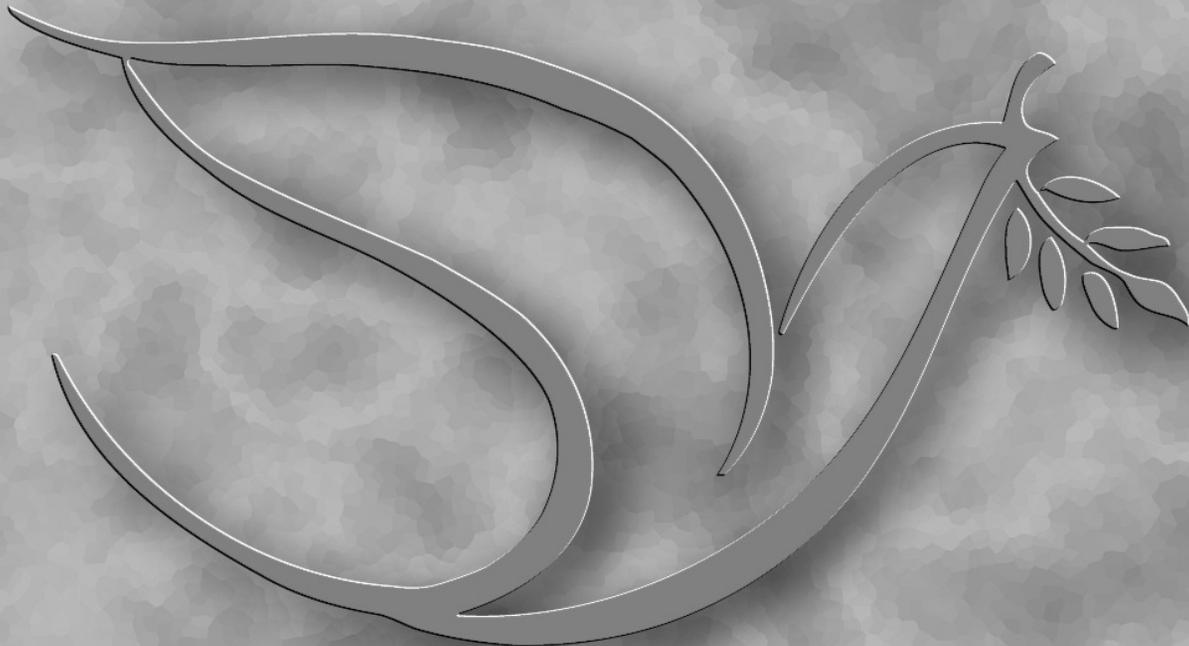
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WINTER 2013 BULLETIN

AWAKENED WORLD 2012

This past October, Common Ground played a key role as an extraordinary group of visionaries and activists gathered in Rome and Florence, Italy. The Association for Global New Thought (AGNT), the International Interreligious Peace Council [ICPC], and CG's own Interreligious Engagement Project [IEP21]) came together to convene "Awakened World 2012: Engaged Spirituality for the 21st Century." The purpose of the meeting was to explore the evolution of religion and spirituality in the 21st century as a significant challenge and opportunity for the world. Every participant played a key role in an assembly of religious, spiritual, and cultural leaders who collaborated with committed global citizens to shape a vision for religious and spiritual activism in the 21st century.

The event's Co-Directors were Jim Kenney and Barbara Fields. Jim's long-time colleague and an early participant in Common

Ground, Barbara heads AGNT from California. Jim directs the Peace Council and IEP21 (now merged with CG and active as a Common Ground global initiative).

Fifty global leaders from all faiths and cultures gathered with two hundred activists committed to peace, justice, and sustainability. But the amazing thing was that they "came together" in collaborative partnership. "Awakened World 2012" was not the usual conference of "talking heads." The conference design called for participants' personal engagement with global leaders from all faiths and cultures. And then, there was the extraordinary topic. We convened to consider a most remarkable premise. That ours is an age of dramatic religious and spiritual evolution.

We're delighted to note that several current CG resource persons (and one satellite director) took part. They included: Fatima Imam, Georgene Wilson, Rosemary Hurwitz, Cetta Kenney, and Dan Wiseman. In addition, several past guest lecturers were at the confer-

ence (including a number of our annual Marjorie Lindsay Reed Symposium speakers): Levi and Paul Weiman-Kelman, Gonzalo Ituarte, Kamran Mofid, James Quilligan, Marcus Braybrooke, Joseph Elder, Joan Chittister, Paul Knitter, and Alan Race.

The gathering was a celebration of the promise and possibility of evolving religion and spirituality in the 21st century. And, we're proud to say, it offered rich testimony to the global reach of Common Ground.

This winter, several programs at the CG Center in Deerfield will reflect on various aspects of the event. Jim will offer a 3-week Wednesday morning workshop in January on the themes and the extraordinary process that made the event a success. His first Wednesday evening lecture will address the controversial topic of the evolution of religion. And a Sunday Special Event in February will bring together several of the CG faculty who took part in "Awakened World 2012."

resource persons

Jim Kenney, Doctoral work, Comparative Religions, Northwestern University; Executive Director, Common Ground; Executive Director, Interreligious Engagement Project (IEP21); Project Coordinator, the Peace Council; author, *Thriving in the Crosscurrent: Clarity and Hope in a Time of Cultural Sea Change*.

Lauri Kamm, Administrator, CG; BS, Business Management, Husson College, Bangor, Maine; licensed real estate broker; Certified Property Manager (contact@cg.org).

Laura Bernstein, MA, University of Chicago; rabbinical studies, Hebrew Seminary of the Deaf; leader and composer of interfaith chants; author of poetry and articles on spirituality; co-author of *Healing the Jewish-Christian Rift*.

Herbert W. Bronstein, regular CG faculty; Senior Rabbi Emeritus, North Shore Congregation Israel; editor, *Liturgies for the Reform Movement*; lecturer, Lake Forest College; scholar of comparative religions; Trustee, Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions.

Joseph Elder, Chair, International Interreligious Peace Council; Professor of Sociology and Languages and Cultures of Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison; long active in non-official mediation, Quaker Peace Service (London).

Tom Hoberg, regular CG faculty; Ph.D., Literature, University of Chicago; Professor of English, Northeastern Illinois University.

Rosemary Hurwitz, MA, PS, Loyola University; twenty years experience in career consulting and in leading retreats for Discovery weekends; over ten years studying the Enneagram, receiving her certification in 2001; www.spiritdrivenliving.com.

Fatima Ahmad Imam, Ph.D., University of Toronto; M.Phil, History, Aligarh University, India; Assistant Professor of History, Lake Forest College.

Kenneth James, diplomate Jungian psychoanalyst in private practice in Chicago; he received his Ph.D., Northwestern University; Diploma in Analytical Psychology, C.G. Jung Institute of Chicago; holds the rank of professor emeritus after thirty-three years of university teaching; currently the Director of Student Services at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools.

Carl Jerome, founding teacher, North Shore Meditation and Dharma Center; Lay Renunciate and Senior Dharma Teacher, Mid-America Buddhist Association; meditation teacher, Cancer Wellness Center, Northbrook; blog: <http://northshoremeditation.blogspot.com>.

Ellen Katz, MS, Columbia University and California State University; psychotherapist, co-producer and creator of the documentary/educational video, "When Healing Hurts: A Guide for the Co-dependent; past consultant, children's program, Betty Ford Center.

Jerrol Leitner, M.A., Theology, St. John University, Collegeville, MN; M.A., English, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL; retired; 40 years teaching English and Theology; former English department chair, St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights.

Jeff Mishur, owner of Art Excursions, Inc., providing art-related tours and lectures in Chicago and nationwide; member, Illinois Humanities Council's Road Scholars Speakers Bureau; has taught Art History and Art Appreciation at the university level for more than fifteen years.

Evan Moffic, regular CG faculty; Stanford University; Hebrew Union College; Senior Rabbi, Congregation Solel.

Ahmad Sadri, regular CG faculty; Ph.D., New School for Social Research; College Professor of Islamic World Studies, Lake Forest College; author of several books, in Persian and in English, including *Max Weber's Sociology of Individuals*.

Nancy Tuchman, Ph.D., Aquatic Ecology; Vice Provost and Professor of Biology, Loyola University Chicago; special focus on human impacts on aquatic ecosystems,

global climate change, and environmental sustainability.

Madeleine Van Hecke, regular CG faculty; Ph.D.; licensed clinical psychologist; former professor of psychology, North Central College, Naperville; author, *Blind Spots: Why Smart People Do Dumb Things* and *The Brain Advantage* (Prometheus Books, published 2010).

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MORNING LECTURES

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at the Deerfield Center.

TUESDAY MORNINGS

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 8-FEBRUARY 5
9:30-11:30 AM (5 WEEKS) \$65

JIM KENNEY

A HISTORY OF THE SUPREME COURT

As we gaze ahead to a new Court season likely to be marked by portentous decisions, it's a good time to ask, "how did we arrive at this Court, this judicial climate, and this level of political and cultural disagreement about the role of the judiciary and the Supreme Court? This workshop will take a broad view of the history of the modern Court. Along the way, we'll touch on some of the most significant cases, justices and chiefs, and landmark decisions. We'll talk about "originalists" and "living constitution-alists," but we'll always have one guiding question in mind, what might the immediate future hold?

TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 12
9:30-11:30 AM (4 WEEKS) \$52

JIM KENNEY

CUBA IN TRANSITION?

Cuba watchers love to speculate about the health (or even the life/death status) of Fidel Castro. But regardless of his current situation, Cuba is already moving into its post-Fidel period. Hatred for Castro has spawned a powerful political culture in the state of Florida and the proper US relationship to the island nation is one of the most contentious issues in Washington. But much of the discussion misses the real point: Cuba is changing. This workshop will explore several key dimensions of that change and ask, what lies ahead for the last "socialist paradise?"

TUESDAYS, MARCH 19-APRIL 9
9:30-11:30 AM (4 WEEKS) \$52

JIM KENNEY

OUR FOUNDING SAGE— BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

He was a scholar, and inventor, a bon vivant, and a man of profound political courage and wisdom. Ben Franklin was among the oldest of the Founders (he died in 1890 after presenting two landmark anti-slavery bills to a reluctant Congress). Often regarded as a moralizing gadfly, he nevertheless retained the deep respect of most of his peers. But what were some of Franklin's unique contributions to the new nation, and his views of its greatness and its greatest challenges? How important were his cultural links to Europe, to France and to Great Britain? Join us for a look at one of the most beloved and least known of our founders.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS "PERSPECTIVES ON THE HUMAN SEARCH"

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9-23
9:30-11:30 AM (3 WEEKS) \$39

JIM KENNEY

AWAKENED WORLD 2012

Page 1 of the CG Winter 2012 Bulletin describes a remarkable recent conference, "Awakened World 2012," held this past October in both Rome and Florence, Italy. The theme of the event was the evolution of religion and spirituality in the 21st century. But what most delighted participants was the rich process of engagement, discussion, and movement toward action that shaped the event. In this workshop, Jim – who was one of two Co-Directors – will guide participants through the process (as though we were present and taking part in the conference itself). We will explore four "Domains" of religious/spiritual evolution in our time: Reconciling with the Other, Transforming Society, Embracing the Earth Family, and Rediscovering the Sacred. It's an amazing model and a powerful process. You'll want to know more about it.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 6
9:30-11:30 AM (2 WEEKS) \$26

JERROL LEITNER

SPEAKING CHRISTIAN

In his 2011 book, *Speaking Christian*, Marcus Borg argues that modern Christians are mired in a religious language so distorted that it becomes a stumbling block to faith. He states that Christianity's essential vocabulary, and the sacred texts in which it occurs, have been misinterpreted and misused. He writes *Speaking Christian* to reestablish the original and radical meaning of words such as God, Bible, faith, redemption, sacrifice, and savior. This two-part series follows Marcus Borg as he works to redeem Christian language.

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9:30-11:30 AM (3 WEEKS) \$39

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY MARCH 6
9:30-11:30 AM (1 WEEKS) \$15

FATIMA IMAM

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EVAN MOFFIC

TWO MODES OF JEWISH SPIRITUALITY

Abraham Joshua Heschel and Mordecai Kaplan are the foremost Jewish thinkers of the twentieth century. Their writings capture both different modes of Jewish living – one focusing on culture and ethnicity, and the other on spirituality and mysticism. Yet, they deeply respected each other, and their personal stories mirror their philosophies. We will explore each of them in turn, discussing and showing the way they continue to shape American Jews.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27-APRIL 3
9:30-11:30 AM (2 WEEKS) \$26

KENNETH JAMES

SHADOW AND ANIMA/ANIMUS: THE EGO'S COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS

Swiss psychologist C.G. Jung devoted his professional and personal life to the understanding of the psyche. His writings on the archetypes have become part of mainstream culture, if not mainstream psychology. In particular, he wrote extensively about a trio

WEDNESDAY AM WORKSHOPS CONTINUED...

of psychological companions, which he called the Ego, the Shadow and either the Anima (for men) or the Animus (for women). In this series of discussions, participants will explore the attributes of each of these phenomena and ways in which they interact with each other to contribute to the inner and outer life of the individual.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
9:30–11:30 AM (1 WEEK) \$15**

**JIM KENNEY
AMERICA'S 21st-CENTURY
RELIGIOUS LANDSCAPE**

Over thirty years ago, Ron Miller first wrote about "America's 20th-century religious landscape. Over the years, he returned often to this conception, modifying it to fit changing religious realities. Now Jim re-shapes the model once again to fit the fascinating new patterns in modern American religion.

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- Named Bulletin Sponsor: \$5,000/yr
- CG Chair Lectureship: \$10,000/yr (can be shared by several donors)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Lectures are held at the CG Center in Deerfield, 7:30–9:30 p.m. **\$15/lecture**

**JANUARY 9 • JIM KENNEY
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**JANUARY 23 • JIM KENNEY &
TOM HOBERG**

**THE DEVIL YOU SAY—
DANTE AND MILTON
IN HELL**

There is perhaps no more fascinating character in all of English literature than the Devil himself. But why? Where did our ideas about the Devil – and about Satan, Lucifer, Mephistopheles, and all his other avatars – come from? Tom and Jim will explore that question as they take up the very different approaches of two of the Devil's greatest literary expositors. How and why do their conceptions of Hell and its master so sharply disagree? What

are the theological and cultural underpinnings...and implications? It's fascinating stuff. Don't miss this one.

**JANUARY 30 • ELLEN KATZ
EMOTIONAL SHOCK
AND THE PAIN BODY —
WHAT DRIVES IRRATIONAL
BEHAVIOR?**

We live in what feels like a relentless stream of stimuli from media and entertainment sources – a barrage that keeps us exposed to high voltage emotional charges of shock, fear and a pervasive sense of powerlessness. Ellen Katz, psychotherapist and educator, will explain how the human brain reacts to these triggers, explore possibilities for why we seem to tolerate mass behaviors that seem less than sane, and offer a set of pro-active skills for identifying and counter-acting our own varieties of "emotional shock." References will be made to *We Are All in Shock* by Stephanie Mines, PhD, *The Buddha's Brain*, by Rick Hanson, PhD, and *A New Earth* by Eckhart Tolle.

**FEBRUARY 6 • JIM KENNEY
THE STORY OF AMERICA:
ESSAYS ON ORIGINS**

Jill Lepore, Harvard professor and regular contributor to the *New Yorker*, is one of the most prolific and most brilliant of modern essayists. We'll explore her latest collection, *The Story of America*, which combines twenty pieces on topics ranging from King Philip's War to the abuse of the Constitution in contemporary politics, and from Cotton Mather by way of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Paine, and Noah Webster to Chang Apana, the Hawaiian Chinese detective who provided the model for Hollywood's Charlie Chan. It's a fascinating account of the way the American narrative developed...how we gradually shaped the many versions of the American story.

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CG CHICAGO

77 West Washington at Clark, the Chicago Temple Building, 2nd Floor, James Parlor; usually the 2nd Friday of the month (occasionally Thursdays), 7:00–9:00 pm, refreshments, 6:00 pm. \$10. Presented in partnership with the Swedenborg Library. (For information: 312-346-7003)

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APRIL 12 • JERROL LEITNER FIVE INSIGHTS FROM THE WORLD’S RELIGIONS

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CG CRYSTAL LAKE

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JANUARY 24 • AHMAD SADRI THE STILLBORN GOD OF THE ISLAMIC REFORM

(See description under CG Chicago.)

FEBRUARY 28 • JIM KENNEY AND NANCY TUCHMAN

AFTER THE STORM — CHANGING VIEWS OF A CHANGING CLIMATE

Perhaps Hurricane Sandy, for all the heart-breaking devastation and death she wrought, has at last helped to inform and deepen the way Americans think about the complex realities of climate change. Recent polls suggest that that is indeed the case. Nancy and Jim are together again to present a complex topic in the light of strong science and solid political insight. This is a presentation at the very cutting edge of what may be the most critical planetary issue today.

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CG FLOSSMOOR

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MARCH 13 • JIM KENNEY RELIGION EVOLVING?

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APRIL 10 • JERROL LEITNER FIVE INSIGHTS FROM THE WORLD’S RELIGIONS

(See description under CG Chicago.)

CG GLENVIEW

CG Glenview is hosted by the Glenview Community Church, 1000 Elm Street, Glenview 60025. Park behind the church and enter through the Church Office door. Lectures are usually held on the 4th Friday of the month, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Fee: \$10.

JANUARY 25 • JIM KENNEY AND NANCY TUCHMAN AFTER THE STORM — CHANGING VIEWS OF A CHANGING CLIMATE

(See description under CG Crystal Lake.)

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(See description under CG Chicago.)

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(See description under CG Chicago.)

CG PALATINE

Countryside Unitarian Universalist Church, 1025 N. Smith Road, Palatine. \$10
THURSDAY, APRIL 4 • 7:00-9:00 PM \$10
JERROL LEITNER
CARTOON SPIRITUALITY
Artists have used cartoons to help topple governments, imprison corrupt politicians, win elections, address societal ills, rage against wars, and help people laugh at themselves. This talk explores how contemporary cartoons poke and prod religion and spirituality.



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MARCH 6 • MADELEINE VAN HECKE WITHOUT CONSCIENCE

Psychologists understand more today than ever before about people who wreak havoc in other people's lives – people who manipulate, lie, cheat, and sometimes murder - with no guilt or remorse. Usually labeled “psychopaths” or “sociopaths,” these individuals are apparently without conscience. They can be found everywhere from prisons to churches to corporate offices. What makes them behave as they do? What questions does our understanding of them raise about human nature, and about morality?

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APRIL 3 • HERBERT BRONSTEIN SHAKESPEARE'S VIEWS ON JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

We really know nothing about Shakespeare's own denominational religiosity (if any) – though there has emerged a good deal of contemporary controversy about it. Still, we can gather a lot about his religious outlook and spiritual values from his plays, particularly from *The Merchant of Venice* and *Measure for Measure*, in which he addresses the subject head on. Join us for some original ideas from our own local Shakespeare maven.

APRIL 10 • JIM KENNEY GLIMPING BEN FRANKLIN

In this lecture, Jim will condense his 4-week Tuesday lecture series on Benjamin Franklin (see Morning Lectures, page 2). We'll hit the high points of that series as we identify some of the most vital contributions made by “America's Sage” to the people and the new nation he loved.

THE 2013-2014 CG APPEAL

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Lauri Kamm at the CG Center

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- THE STILLBORN GOD OF THE ISLAMIC REFORM
- THE SUFI WAY—SEEKING NEARNESS TO THE DIVINE
- TWO MODES OF JEWISH SPIRITUALITY
- THE SHADOW AND ANIMA/ANIMUS
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- FIELD MUSEUM TOUR: MAHARAJA: SPLENDOR OF INDIA
- THE ART OF PABLO PICASSO—SCULPTURES AND PAINTINGS
- EVOLVING RELIGION—REFLECTIONS ON A MAGICAL GATHERING
- RON MILLER'S WORLD

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- EVOLVING RELIGION?
- SPEAKING CHRISTIAN
- THE DEVIL YOU SAY—DANTE AND MILTON IN HELL
- EMOTIONAL SHOCK AND THE PAIN BRAIN
- THE STORY OF AMERICA—ESSAYS ON ORIGINS*
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- TWO MODES OF JEWISH SPIRITUALITY
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- WITHOUT CONSCIENCE
- AFTER THE STORM: CHANGING VIEWS ON A CHANGING CLIMATE
- FIVE INSIGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS
- THE STILLBORN GOD OF THE ISLAMIC REFORM
- SHAKESPEARE'S VIEWS ON JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY
- GLIMPSES OF BEN FRANKLIN

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CG Chicago

- RELIGION EVOLVING?
- AFTER THE STORM: CHANGING VIEWS ON A CHANGING CLIMATE
- THE STILLBORN GOD OF THE ISLAMIC REFORM
- FIVE INSIGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

CG Crystal Lake

- THE STILLBORN GOD OF THE ISLAMIC REFORM
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- FIVE INSIGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

CG Flossmoor

- RELIGION EVOLVING
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CG Glenview

- AFTER THE STORM: CHANGING VIEWS ON A CHANGING CLIMATE
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- THE STILLBORN GOD OF THE ISLAMIC REFORM

CG Palatine

- CARTOON SPIRITUALITY

SPECIAL EVENTS

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

9:30 AM-4:30 PM \$65

JIM KENNEY

FIELD MUSEUM TOUR:

MAHARAJA—THE SPLENDOR OF INDIA'S ROYAL COURTS

We're delighted to begin a new year of CG Special Events with this wonderful lecture-tour of an extraordinary exhibition. "Maharaja" explores the world of India's rulers from the 1700s to the 1940s taking visitors through an era of great political change. As we read in the Field Museum's announcement:

Discover the dazzling world of India's legendary rulers in The Field Museum's latest exhibition, Maharaja: The Splendor of India's Royal Courts, from October 17 through February 3, 2013. The exhibition, organized by the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, presents over 200 rare artifacts including elaborate jewelry, ornate weaponry, royal costumes, and stunning artworks...from the pomp and circumstance of a royal procession to the inner sanctum of a courtly palace, Maharaja explores the world of India's rulers from the 1700s to the 1940s taking visitors through an era of great political change. The Field Museum is the final venue on this exhibition's world tour.

We'll gather at Common Ground at 9:30 a.m. for a lecture on the period and some of the key pieces featured in the exhibition. Then we'll board the bus for Chicago (at about 11:00 am). You're welcome to bring a brown bag lunch, although there will be time to get lunch in the museum café. Our tour will begin at 1:30 and will take about an hour. We'll depart at 3:30, so you'll have time to visit other permanent exhibits and the Museum gift shop before and/or after the tour. **Pre-registration is required. Call the CG Center at 847-940-7870.**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

1:00-3:00 PM \$15

JEFF MISHUR

THE ART OF PABLO PICASSO: SCULPTURES AND PAINTINGS

Timed to correspond with a Picasso special exhibition scheduled to open in Chicago in early 2013, this lecture looks at the artist's career-long pursuit of artistic innovation. From his arrival in Paris as a young artist, Picasso assimilated the styles of artists and periods that intrigued him in pursuit of establishing his own personal style. Art historian and professor Jeff Mishur presents this

look at Picasso's stylistic diversity through a series of masterworks spanning several decades of the twentieth century.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

1:00-3:30 PM \$18

PANEL DISCUSSION: JIM KENNEY, JOSEPH ELDER, FATIMA IMAM, CETTA KENNEY, ROSEMARY HURWITZ, DAN WISEMAN

EVOLVING RELIGION—REFLECTIONS ON A MAGICAL GATHERING IN ROME AND FLORENCE

As you can read on Page 1 of the CG Winter 2012 Bulletin, Common Ground played a major role in the remarkable "Awakened World 2012" conference held in Rome and Florence, Italy this past October. This panel discussion features several key CG faculty and friends who attended the event. We'll hear their reflections on an gathering that will indeed make a difference and on a theme – the evolution of religion and spirituality in the 21st century – that is unrivaled in importance in our troubled time.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

1:00-3:00 PM \$18

PANEL DISCUSSION: JIM KENNEY, AHMAD SADRI, HERBERT BRONSTEIN, ROSEMARY HURWITZ, LAURA BERNSTEIN

RON MILLER'S WORLD

The list of people touched personally by CG's late Co-Founder, Ron Miller, is huge. The list of those influenced by his intellectual vision is larger still. This discussion brings together some of his closest friends and colleagues. We'll remember our own experiences with Ron and reflect on the ideas and insights that each of us most valued in Ron. It promises to be an informative and heartwarming conversation. We're sure that Ron will be with us in spirit.



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SPIRITUAL PRACTICE AT COMMON GROUND

MEDITATION

EVERY MONDAY, 7:00-8:30 PM

LAURA BERNSTEIN

Free-will offering goes to CG.

Eknath Easwaran was one of the 20th century's great meditation masters. Our ongoing satsang (spiritual community) studies his profound, pluralistic teachings (known as the 8-point program) and practices "passage meditation," a unique method of stilling the mind and translating spiritual ideals into daily living. Contact Laura before attending: LJBernstein@comcast.net.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

EVERY THURSDAY, 7:00-8:30 PM

CARL JEROME

(When CG is in session; email Carl if you have questions: carljerome@gmail.com)

Free-will offering goes to Carl and CG.

A weekly drop-in class. Everyone welcome. Each class includes a period of mindfulness meditation and meditation instruction. Also, there will be a discussion of the insights that arise from watching our breath and about how to apply them directly to relieving our daily stress.

THE ENNEAGRAM

WEEKLY

11:00 AM-12:30 PM

ROSEMARY HURWITZ

(When CG is in session; check with Rosemary: rosepetalmusic@aol.com.)

Free-will offering goes to Rosemary and CG. What is the Enneagram? The term is derived from the Greek and refers to the "nine-pointed" star-like figure within a circle which represents 9 universal personality types. Left to us by seekers and mystical thinkers well over two thousand years ago, it has within it, a powerful compass which leads us to our essence, and can help us know and anchor our purpose. In this ongoing course, you will gain an in-depth understanding of your own type and of the profound "wellness map" that lies within.