

What does Buddhism Offer the New Story?

The next meeting of the New Story Group is Monday, January 30, at 7:00pm. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship.

We will open with check-ins followed by a period of centering reflection introduced by a poem selected by Gwen Noyes.

Dave Damm-Luhr will facilitate as we learn what Buddhism offers the New Story conversation. Together we'll watch and share personal responses to short videos from Buddhist teachers Joanna Macy and David Loy. Come explore with us how this rich, 2600-year-old spiritual tradition can and does inform the emerging integrative new stories of our place in the universe.

Resources: Deepen your experience by having a look ahead of the 30th at

- Joanna Macy on [the Great Awakening the Planet Needs](#) (article)
- David Loy: [Ecodharma - a new Buddhist Path?](#) (article)
- Joanna Macy: [Climate Crisis as a Spiritual Path](#) (20" video)
- David Loy: [EcoDharma: Buddhist Teachings on the Precipice](#) (first 16" of video)

To participate in this event [click this link](#) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

For more information and list of resources, please visit the New Story [web page here](#). To be placed on the email list for New Story News and notices of future meetings contact Cornelia Parkes new-story@fmcquaker.org.

The Dharma of Social and Ecological Engagement

A Wisdom Academy On-Line Course with David R. Loy

In this course we discover the path of socially and ecologically engaged Dharma practice. Delving into core Buddhist teachings on non-self, suffering, and karma, we address issues such as consumerism, the commodification of our attention, war, and climate change. We learn to integrate our individual Buddhist practice with the engagement our world desperately needs—a modern bodhisattva path.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

New Story News

[Indigenous wisdom is on our minds as a possible topic for the February New Story meeting. We are inspired by two new books. Let me know if you are interested in joining this project!]

[Restoring the Kinship Worldview: Indigenous Voices Introduce 28 Precepts for Rebalancing Life on Planet Earth](#)

By Wahinkpe Topa (Four Arrows) and Darcia Narvaez, PhD. North Atlantic Books (2022)

Indigenous worldviews, and the knowledge they confer, are critical for human survival and the wellbeing of future generations. Editors Wahinkpe Topa (Four Arrows) and Darcia Narvaez present 28 powerful excerpted passages from Indigenous leaders, including Mourning Dove, Robin Wall Kimmerer, Winona LaDuke, and Xiuhtezcatl Martinez. Accompanied by the editors' own analyses, each chapter reflects the wisdom of Indigenous worldview precepts.

[Indigenous Continent: The Epic Contest for North America](#)

by Pekka Hämäläinen, Liveright (2022)

David Trueur writes: "I only wish that, when I was a lonely college junior, I'd had Hämäläinen' book at hand. It would have helped me see that there was indeed a larger story: that my civilization hadn't been destroyed; that my tribe's contribution to the past wasn't merely to fade away in the face of history; that Native peoples—for better or for worse—made this country what it was, and have a role to play in what it now struggles to be."

[Rez Life: An Indian's Journey Through Reservation Life](#)

by David Treuer. Paperback, Grove Press (2012)

Celebrated novelist David Treuer has gained a reputation for writing fiction that expands the horizons of Native American literature. In *Rez Life*, his first full-length work of nonfiction, Treuer brings a novelist's storytelling skill and an eye for detail to a complex and subtle examination of Native American reservation life, past and present.

[Bad Religion: How We Became a Nation of Heretics](#)

By Ross Douthat, Free Press (2012)

From the popular New York Times columnist, a powerful and original critique of how American Christianity has gone astray — and the deeply troubling consequences for American life and politics.

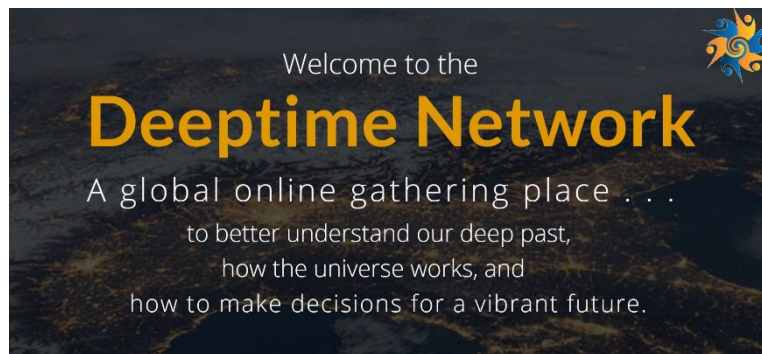
Review by author Ross Douthat, *New York Times*, Opinion, December 21, 2022.

"What the book proposed was that "secularization" wasn't a useful label for the American religious transformation. Instead, I wrote, American culture seems "as God-besotted today as ever" — still fascinated with the figure of Jesus of Nazareth, still in search of divine favor and transcendence. But these interests and obsessions are much less likely to be channeled through churches, Protestant and Catholic, that maintain some connection to historical Christian orthodoxies. Instead, our longtime national impulse toward heresy — toward personalized revisions of Christian doctrine, Americanized updates of the gospel — has finally completed its victory over older Christian institutions and traditions.

...This America has a church of self-love, with prophets like Oprah Winfrey preaching a gospel of the divine self, a "God Within" spirituality that risks making selfishness a virtue. It has a church of prosperity, with figures like Joel Osteen as its bishops, that insists that God desires nothing more for his elect than

American prosperity, capitalist success. And it has churches of politics, preaching redemption through political activism — a Christian nationalism on the right, by turns messianic and apocalyptic, and a progressive utopianism on the left, convinced that history's arc bends always in its favor.

...While wokeness is a variation on the Protestant social gospel, it's clearly the most-de-Christianized form yet; it's happy to find allies within the Christian churches, but its own spiritual projects are more likely to involve the elevation of indigenous, pre-Christian spiritualities.



[Deeptime Network](#)

[Book Launch Celebration! COSMOGENESIS: An Unveiling of the Expanding Universe](#)
by Brian Swimme

Thursday, February 23, 7:00 – 8:30 PM ET. FREE EVENT, Registration Required. A recording will be sent to all who register. [Register here](#)

So many of us on the Deeptime Network know and love Brian and were inspired by him to do the work we're doing. Bring your glass of wine, dinner/breakfast/lunch wherever you are in the world and celebrate with the one and only Brian Swimme.

"Cosmogogenesis is one of the most remarkable stories of our time--not simply a pager-turner, but a life-changer." -- Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

"We now live not so much in a cosmos as in a cosmogenesis; that is, a universe ever coming into being through an irreversible sequence of transformations moving, in the larger arc of its development, from a lesser to a great order of complexity and from a lesser to greater consciousness." — Thomas Berry

[The Worldview of Thomas Berry: The Flourishing of the Earth Community.](#)

Starts January 20, 2023.

This FREE Coursera course taught by **Mary Evelyn Tucker** and **John Grim** is a foundational course for everything we're doing on the Network. If you aren't familiar with the work of Thomas Berry, this is a great way to get started, and even if you are familiar with his work, this course will take you deeper.

Offered by the Deeptime Network. [Click here to register.](#)



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Change the Story, Change the World

Leading from the Future: Cultivating your capacity for radical innovation

Online Course with Robin Alfred. Starting 14 February 2023

4-month workshop. Early bird price: £550 (normally £795). [Click here to register.](#)

In this workshop you will develop the inner and outer competences that support your capacity to lead from the future and to distinguish the three ways we orientate ourselves to the future: thinking about the future (Imagination); sourcing what is already in the field (Intuition); and cultivating the capacity to receive fresh, new insights (Inspiration) which feel like genius or 'aha' moments.



Winter 2023 Program Lineup: January Through April

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YALE FORUM ON
RELIGION AND ECOLOGY

The January newsletter Yale Forum for Religion and Ecology ([here](#)) is chock full of opportunities to learn about the intersection of religion and ecology, and cuts across many different spiritual traditions.