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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is now twelve months since the terrorist attacks on the American people. It is a time for much thought, reflection and opinion.

Most of our opinions are derived from newspapers, TV news and comments from friends and those we respect. How much of our opinion, is our opinion? If we have an opinion about a recent film it is of little consequence whether we truly hold an opinion or not but in the world's affairs today, when we are on the brink of war, our opinion is very important.

Presidents and Prime Ministers express opinions for us because they have the ear of foreign countries and they are presumably aware of more facts than ourselves. Their opinion will decide whether to war or not. How are we to form an opinion on these matters of war or no war and how will our opinion count?

Among the more sublime disclosures through Swedenborg, few are more important in a practical point of view, than his doctrine concerning Divine Providence. The author shows with a clarity unequalled by other writers, that there is no such thing as blind chance; that the universe in general and in the particular is governed by infinite Love which is guided in all its operations by an infinite Wisdom. It teaches that infinite Love never forsakes one human soul, not even in that soul's darkest hour. This Love pursues every individual through all their devious wanderings - sometimes with warning and entreaty, sometimes with rebuke and chastisement - always yearning to save or bless. We do not know what will happen in the future. We can be sure that whatever happens, it will be for our greater good.

I believe, though, we need to have an opinion about these events. I would feel comforted to think none of this world conflict was my fault but experience and reason suggests fault lies on both sides. We have to stand back from the uncontrolled thoughts that drop uninvited into the mind. We have to say No to many of the thoughts which are not ours and accept only those to which we have given deep consideration. We may come up with the same response as our leaders but it is vital we have our opinion. There may very well be war, there have been wars all through history, but my limited knowledge of history shows that civilisations with long periods without conflict were those which held the Divine above the self and looked to the greater Good in all things. I pray that both opposing ideologies can learn to respect the other and in addition that the world's Abundance can be recognised and shared.

Agape,

John Brogan

Science and Religion

An edited version of an address given by Geoff Forster to the Swedenborg Association of Australia Ltd Melbourne Group meeting on 27th July 2002

A Swedenborg Association meeting is an eminently suitable venue to explore such a topic, in view of Swedenborg's major contributions to science, and then his subsequent enrichment of religion as a result of his visionary experiences. Several areas will be explored.

The Anthropic Principle

This can be expressed as follows:

Human life and consciousness on planet earth is closely connected with the fact that various parameters in physics have values in extremely narrow ranges. Numerous examples can be given.

Hugh Ross¹, Canadian astrophysicist, lists 32 parameters in the galaxy-sun-earth-moon system which must be "just right" for carbon-based life to exist on earth. Examples include axial tilt, rotation period, age of earth, magnetic field strength, oxygen to nitrogen ratio in the atmosphere, and carbon dioxide level in the atmosphere.

However, some of the quantitative data are staggering.

According to **Paul Davies**² the ratio between the gravitational force and the weak nuclear force is incredibly fine tuned, to an accuracy of 10^{60} (i.e. a million repeated 10 times). An increase of that infinitesimal magnitude either way would have respectively led to:

- (a) an explosive expansion so that no galaxies would have been formed, or
- (b) a corresponding decrease would have led to a catastrophic collapse.

If in a lottery of a million participants, the same person won it 10 times in a row, one would strongly suspect a rigging!

Elsewhere Davies³ writes: "*There is for me powerful evidence that something is going on behind it all . . . It seems as though someone has fine-tuned Nature's numbers to make the universe . . . The impression of design is overwhelming.*"

Of course, despite all these remarkable physical constant data, one could say that with all these conditions human life and consciousness just happened to emerge, and that "*life is just a fluke among the stars*" (**H. G. Wells**). But surely that strains credulity!

Neo-Darwinian Evolution

Eminent authority on world religions, **Huston Smith**⁴ has endorsed the view that belief in this idea is the greatest factor underlying religious belief.

What is at issue here is not "microevolution", which is generally accepted, but "macroevolution", i.e. large-scale changes and developments, as illustrated in the following quotation from **Marjorie Greene**⁵, an Irish philosopher:

"The colour of moths or snails or the bloom on the castor bean can no doubt be explained by mutation and natural selection, but the origin and persistence of great new modes of life, such as photosynthesis, breathing and thinking, and all the intricate and coordinated changes to explain them, are not conceivable on the Darwinian view. How from single-celled and for that matter from inanimate ancestors there came to be castor beans and moths and snails, and from these emerged llamas and hedgehogs and lions and apes and men - that is a question Darwinian theory leaves unasked. With infinite ingenuity it elaborates microscopic conditions for such macroscopic occurrences, but it provides no conceptual framework in terms of which they can be admitted to exist, let alone an 'explanation' of their descent from lower forms."

Sydney scientist, **Michael Denton**⁶, with no religious axe to grind, is severely critical. He maintains that the fundamental axioms of Darwin's macroevolutionary theory - the concept of the continuity of nature, and the belief that all the adapted design of life has resulted from a blind random process - have not been validated by one single empirical discovery or scientific advance since 1859 when Darwin's theory first emerged. His chapter on "**The Puzzle of Perfection**", outlining the staggering complexity of living organisms as revealed by modern powerful microscopes, is devastating as regards this belief system.

Pierre Grose, who held the chair for evolution for 30 years at the Sorbonne, wrote:

"The probability of dust carried by the wind reproducing Durer's 'Melancholia' is less infinitesimal than the probability

of copy errors in the DNA molecules leading to the formation of the eye; besides these errors have no relationship with the function that the eye would have to perform or was starting to perform.”

In other words, mutations - usually negative in effect - have virtually no role leading to the formation of the eye, nor in any case would they be cumulative enough for any feature such as the eye to emerge.

W. Macneile Dixon⁷ believed that the eye should be a greater source of wonder to us, than the stars.

Overall, at the very least, there seems some justification for Bergson's idea of creative evolution.

The Mind

Briefly, the issue here is whether the mind is simply the functioning of the brain, or whether it exists in its own right (dualism). Although the former is very fashionable in medicine, psychology and philosophy, a strong case can be made for dualism. (Of course materialistic monism is antagonistic to religion.) Nobel Prize winning neuroscientist **Sir John Eccles**⁸ lists a considerable array of phenomena that are far better explained by dualism rather than materialistic monism.

Incidentally, **David Lorimer**, who is President of The Swedenborg Society in Britain, has just edited a book "*Thinking beyond the Brain*", containing a series of essays by various specialists, and endorsing dualism.

The Interaction of Science and Religion

The great successes of the scientific method, together with the technological applications, have been all very obvious. However, these successes have been obtained by concentrating on certain aspects of human experience, notably those subject to quantitative measurements, and usually neglecting others.

There have been various moves to apply the scientific approach to areas usually covered by religion. For example:

- ◆ Physiological measurements demonstrating the value of meditation.
- ◆ The Religious Experience Research Unit, Oxford, set up under the naturalist **Alister Hardy**, where the methods used in natural history, zoology etc. are applied to the study of religious experiences, though Hardy stressed that this approach is only marginal to the real core of religious experience.

◆ The San Francisco "Cardiac" experiment, where a group of hospital patients was randomly divided into two subgroups: one was prayed for by various prayer groups, the other was "the control". Overall, on average, the former subgroup members made a significant recovery. One can of course question the ethics of this venture; however, it was undertaken, so perhaps we should make the most of it!

◆ Then there is **Lawrence LeShan's** list of quotations⁹, where the reader is to decide whether they originate from a physicist or a mystic. Very difficult!

The core of religion itself is however, I suggest, as follows: *the insights of, or disclosure to, a suitably developed and receptive person.* This must ultimately rest on some experience of the divine. For Christians, Jesus Christ is the window into ultimate reality. The recently emerging term Christpower refers to the transforming, regenerative influence available to humanity since Jesus Christ appeared in human history.

To conclude: science and religion are really complementary, each needs the other, but they should not improperly trespass on the other's territory, as has unfortunately occurred in the past.

Finally, from **Einstein**: "*Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind.*"



- ¹ Hugh Ross, "Creator and Cosmos." Table 15.1, 1993.
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- ⁴ Huston Smith, "Beyond the Postmodern Mind." 1982.
- ⁵ Marjorie Greene, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, 1960.
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- ⁷ W Macneile Dixon, "The Human Situation." 1937.
- ⁸ Sir John Eccles, "The Human Psyche." 1980.
- ⁹ Lawrence LeShan, "The Medium, the Mystic and the Physicist." 1966.

For many years **Geoff Forster** was Managing Editor of two of the twelve Australian Journals of Scientific Research published by the CSIRO and the Australian Academy of Science. Now in active retirement, Geoff teaches various University of the Third Age classes in Melbourne in which he incorporates ideas from Swedenborg's Teachings.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members

We welcome

Ian Arnold, SA

Klaus Drevermann, VIC

Faramehr Farnoosh, NSW

Paul Nugent, QLD

Ian Stell, VIC

Swedenborg Quotation from the Secretary

"Woe unto you Scribes and Pharisees ... for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and the platter that the outside of them may be clean also." Matthew 23: 25, 26

In this passage the Lord spoke by similitudes and comparisons, which at the same time are correspondences ... Therefore to cleanse the inside of the cup and the platter signifies to purify the interiors of the mind ... "That the outside may be clean also" signifies that thus the exteriors may be purified; and the exteriors are deeds and words, for these derive their essence from the interiors.

True Christian Religion 215:2

Since our last (June 2002) issue of *Candela*, the Association has been busily engaged in its usual administrative functions and scheduled activities. The past few months has evidenced the SAA's regular quarterly Board Meeting (conducted 23rd July), the Annual General Meeting (conducted 16th August), and the regular monthly meetings in Melbourne and Sydney as reported elsewhere. Special mention should perhaps be made of the Annual Celebration of Spring event at North Ryde at which there were 60 present.

The Board Meeting brought with it a number of matters for consideration including Membership/Renewals, Group News, both local and interstate and the Tenth Birthday of the SAA in Australia. Please see page 7 for a report on this very important milestone. One disappointing piece of news was the current cessation of the Gold Coast Group, primarily due to the unavailability of premises for meetings.

Details of the pre-AGM evening are given in the North Ryde Group report on page 5. Pleasantries aside, it was down to business and salient points from the Meeting included the tabling of the 2002 Annual Report of the Directors, which had been sent to Members prior to the Meeting; tabling of the audited financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2002 and the decision for Annual

Subscription rates to remain unchanged.

Another important item on the Agenda were elections and resignations to and from the Board. Louise Brogan regretfully advised the Board of her decision to step aside as Hon. Treasurer and Board Member after a four-year tenure, being elected to the Board in 1998. Board Member Kirk Holst, elected to the Board in 2001, stood and has been appointed as the new Hon. Treasurer, a decision warmly welcomed by the Board. Board Member Bronwen Kretz, elected to the Board in 2000, has also reluctantly stepped aside after a two-year tenure. Warm thanks and appreciation were expressed to both Louise and Bronwen for their consistent efforts, hard work and dedication to the Association. Having served on the Board previously and after a year-long hiatus, Chris Skinner accepted nomination again and was warmly welcomed. Current Board members are: John Brogan (President), Michele Knight (Secretary), Kirk Holst (Treasurer). Kevin Attwater, Julian Duckworth, Neville Jarvis, Wayne Kasmar, Chris Skinner. This does leave two positions unfilled, which may be filled by the Board during the year. If you are interested in joining the Board, please call me on (02) 9888 1066.

Remember, Board meetings are open to all members. The next is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd October, however this is subject to change. Would those members planning to attend please contact me to confirm details and to receive an Agenda.



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GROUP'S NEWS

North Ryde, Sydney:

On June 28th **Michael Chester** presented a talk titled *The Interaction of the Soul and Body*. The focus of the night were Swedenborg's experiences of the interaction of the soul and body published in Volume 8 of the *Arcana Caelestia*. These insights come under the title *Influx and the Interaction of the Soul with the Body*. It deals with the influx of the spiritual world into the natural world. There are 5 parts interspersed between Genesis 46-50 (n. 6053-6058, 6189-6215, 6307-6326, 6466-6495, 6598-6626). Two big ideas presented were Swedenborg's wholistic view of people with everything coming from the One Source and, secondly, the Lord governs man by means of spirits and angels. 21 people attended the presentation, many providing comments and questions resulting in a very informative and enjoyable evening.

On July 26th **Ruth Duckworth** presented a talk titled *Living for the Sake of Others* (a synopsis will appear in our next issue of *Candela*). She presented what true charity is, as outlined in Swedenborg's book *Charity: The Practice of Neighborliness*. There are 2 steps in practicing charity. Firstly, developing a pure intention by self-examination and repentance. And secondly, to do useful activity with the intention of serving the Lord. Ruth provided practical examples as she covered the different sections of the book. It was well received by the 20 people attending the presentation, with many providing comments and questions.

On August 16th the evening commenced with an Introduction by **Neville Jarvis** to the use of multimedia presentations at public meetings on Swedenborg's spiritual philosophy. A keynote address by **Rev. Erik E. Sandstrom** (of the New Church in Bryn Athyn, USA), entitled *Swedenborg: Statesman and Revelator* followed. He provided many examples of Swedenborg's contemporaries becoming aware of his ability to move into the spiritual realms by the revelations he was able to share with them. His talk was followed by the **Annual General Meeting**. One of the highlights covered in the meeting was the 10th anniversary of the Association which will be commemorated with a special edition of the *Candela* Newsletter.

The **2002 Celebration of Spring** on Friday 6th September was a very special event. About 60 people attended the evening, which began by voting on their choice for the **2002 Swedenborg prize for Spiritual Art**. There were 20 entries to the Art Exhibition with the theme being *Moulding the clay of the self*. After a welcome by **John Brogan** the program began with the **Peace Choir** singing wonderful harmonics. **Maryanne Heslop**, a skilful potter, presented a talk focussing on why, in sacred writings, the metaphor of us being likened to clay and being moulded by the Divine Potter is worth consideration. She helped us appreciate the special qualities of clay and brought our attention to various correspondences that are instructions to us, on the need for inner purification and transformation by loving. This was followed by **Marion Van Den Driesschen** recalling her spontaneous responses to the Art entries before announcing the People's Choice on the evening, which went to Laura Riddell with her painting *Exploration of Abundance*. **Lynne Heir** then

recited a poem by Rumi. As she paused between verses, **Eileen Rees** read meanings to help us appreciate its message. **Julian Duckworth** dramatised a *Spring Invocation* that was good fun and well received. And **Laura Riddell** invited everyone to participate in a *Labyrinth walk* which was set up in the adjoining room. The evening concluded with people socializing and enjoying a delicious supper provided by **Louise Brogan**. There were many lovely passages accompanying the art works reminding us of Springtime renewal. Here is the passage that Laura provided with her winning entry.

Abundance seems to exist best in the internal world of Self, in the sacred relationship of communion with my Soul. It is here that abundance lives and thrives and IS a State of Being. When my soul is fed and feels whole, I exist in what I believe to be .. True Abundance and anything becomes possible.

Michael Chester



Melbourne:

Our speaker in June was **Sylvia Eriksson** who spoke on the subject of *The Near Death Experience*. Sylvia is a committee member of the International Association for Near Death Studies in Melbourne and has documented many of these experiences for research. She gave a very interesting talk which demonstrated the many similarities that occur and also spoke from her own experience which gave the personal touch. There were 17 present at the meeting and healthy discussion and questions followed the talk.

In July our speaker was **Geoff Forster** who is a regular attendee at our meetings and he spoke on the subject of *Science & Religion*. A summary of his talk appears on page 2 in this issue. Geoff gave examples of the differing views of scientists and theologians on some issues and others where research demonstrated that empirical evidence could show trends that prayer and spiritual experiences can have a positive influence on people's lives. It was a very interesting and informative talk and questions and discussion was lively with 13 attending.

Due the unfortunate inability of the scheduled speaker to attend it was decided to arrange a workshop in August on the topic of *the relationship between the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms and their differences*. The evening was led by the Convenor **Chris Skinner** who introduced the topic and encouraged others to offer views on the relationship of the soul in each species and man. This topic expanded some points raised by Geoff in his talk the previous month. Although only 9 attended the meeting, partly due to bad weather and commitments of some of the members, an interesting discussion took place.

Chris Skinner

Directors Profiles



Continuing this series, we have brief autobiographical sketches for two more of our Directors to give members some idea of the “faces” behind these names. Thanks to John and Neville.

John Brogan

If they have a place in the spiritual world for architects I wish to go to that place. My joys in life are working with people to improve their situation and I seem to be unable to resist a challenge.

I'm always pottering about with building about the house or helping others with their jobs. I'm impatient with slow results so tend to be lacking in the finer detail. I don't like cleaning up after myself and have tools lying everywhere. There, I've admitted it, so let that be the end of that!

Louise and I were married five years ago and moved into a house which is surrounded by the Ku-ring-gai National Park and Pittwater. We both work from home and have water-only access. It's not for everyone but we feel it is as close to heaven as one can get.

I have three off-spring (in their 30's) who have been very tolerant of their father's strange metamorphose from a conservative, predictable, breadwinner to being herbal and studying all these esoteric healing modalities. When my first wife was ill with advanced cancer I set out to find out about the body and the mind. I did courses in psychotherapy, remedial therapies, massage, kinesiology, Reiki, Physiology and Fung Shui and at about this time I came under the guidance of Dr Philip Groves. Dr Groves introduced me to Swedenborg and through the Writings my searching began to take a definite direction. What I had heard during my early Anglican lessons and reading started to make sense for the first time.

Dr Groves brought together three aspects of self-development. One was to increase knowledge in all of life's fields. Second was to develop the Self through the Gurdjieff teachings which leads naturally to the third aspect, that of spiritual growth through an understanding of the inner meanings of the Word through correspondences.

My present interests are in studying the linkages between The Ancient Church and the ancient Egyptian civilisation. Through the architecture of ancient peoples and relating correspondences to the built form I have found linkages from the present to the distant past. This is obviously very important to me because I spend the greater part of my life following this course.

I enjoy the contact through the Swedenborg Association with other people who have been stirred by the Writings. The diverse discussions and presentations when they share their journey are a continual delight for me.

Neville Jarvis

“If you say that you only intend to stay for two years, you will be rejected!” These words, spoken by an Australian Embassy official at an interview in London on my application for a £10 migration, still ring in my ears 31 years later. Whilst some can detect an accent, most new people I come into contact with these days are unaware of my country of origin. But I am proud to be an Englishman, a freeman of my birth-town, and at the same time a naturalised Australian. I really did come to this country as a young chartered accountant expecting to move on after the mandatory 2 years but I now see the Lord had other plans for me. Would I have come had I known of them?

The Swedenborg movement has been part of my life from its beginnings; my mother was on duty as organist at a Sunday worship service just hours before I was born! So I am a ‘Sundays child’ - *bright and blithe, and merry and gay*, something on which I will not comment! Family connections can be traced back to the very early days of Swedenborg organisations in Britain. Has this helped me? I feel deeply grateful for having been imbued with such a positive, loving and rational approach to religion and life. But for me, experience has certainly taught that such a wonderful spiritual philosophy still does not simply ‘work’ for “those in the know”. Spiritual knowledge still has to be taken into everyday life situations to become rooted in our soul, grow and give us direction. This is a process which never ceases; we clear one hill only to be challenged by the next. No easier for me than anyone else.

Not many days after setting foot in Melbourne, I was courting my wife, Alexis, also from a longstanding Swedenborgian family background. Within 11 months we were married. We have been blessed with three beautiful and talented daughters (one married, one working in UK, and the youngest about to enter the music teaching profession). Was it a quirk of fate that 20 years ago, I applied for the position to manage the Swedenborg Centre in Sydney, a significant change of career and family life upheaval? I am just thankful to have had the opportunity to be involved in the making of a small contribution to distribute and promote the precious teachings in Swedenborg's spiritual writings through the wider community, with administration being my forte.

Both at work and at home, I will often be seen with a screwdriver, hammer or such tool in my hand, perhaps up a ladder, as I set to as a Mr. Fixit. Being useful in this way gives me much satisfaction, as does gardening, dancing, singing and listening to music.

As one of first proponents of SAA, the achieving of 10 years is most heart-warming; I am sure the SAA will prosper going on to be of much more service to members and non-members alike.

Tenth Birthday of the Swedenborg Association of Australia

The Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the SAA is a significant milestone in the Association's growth, development and presence in the community. During this ten-year period, many people have put in much effort and hard work involved with promoting Swedenborg's spiritual teachings, both at an administrative/ membership and community level. Membership, currently totalling 96, has fluctuated over the years. We have no expectations in terms of numbers; the Association exists purely as a "home" for anyone interested in getting to know Swedenborg's life, contribution and teachings in more depth. For many, that may well be simply a part of their wider spiritual journey and if the SAA can assist with that, it will be serving a real use.

The Annual Report for 2001/2002 highlighted, among others, two important items for the consideration of members. These were the **10th Anniversary Commemorative Issue of Candela** and **Internet Broadcasting of future meetings**. In view of the limited funds with which the Association operates, it was agreed upon by the Board to send a letter to all members seeking financial support for these projects.

It is with great delight that as a result of the generous donations from our members, to date, an amount of \$990 has been raised for these projects. While each donation has been acknowledged personally by the President of the Association, John Brogan, I would like to take this opportunity, and on behalf of the Board, to extend thanks and appreciation for your acknowledgement and support of the work being undertaken by the Association.

Final decisions with regard to allocation of funds between these projects, unless specified by the contributing member, will be made by the Board in the near future, with contributing members given the opportunity to comment.

Please note: the Appeal remains open and if you have been meaning to send your donation to the Treasurer (via the registered office), there is still plenty of time to do so. The causes are very worthwhile.

Michele Knight, Hon. Secretary

Asociación Swedenborg de España

For some months now, we have been in touch with our sister organisation in Spain - **Swedenborg Association of Spain**. It was formed in Sevilla during 2001 with the aim to spread Swedenborg's writings and comparative religion studies throughout Spain. A good anthology of Swedenborg was published last year; *Heaven and Hell* and *The White Horse* are almost finished. Much more translation work is required.

The President, Mr José Antonio Antón Pacheco, and co-President, Mr. Christen Blom-Dahl, are well-known Swedenborgian scholars. The secretary is Jesus del la Fuente Triguero and he has provided us with a very ambitious list of publishing activities being undertaken. It is really great to have this connection with yet another fledgling Association and we certainly wish them well with all their endeavours.



Remembering the Swedenborg Association of Australia Ltd. in your Will

Have you thought about doing this?

We do appreciate that donating regular amounts to organisations which you want to support as much as you can financially, can often bring strains on budgets. One option to show your support for the uses of the Swedenborg Association of Australia Ltd. is to remember it in your will. Many charitable operations have found this method adopted by members as a most valuable way of increasing its uses. It is possible to either bequeath an amount towards a specific aspect of work or alternatively, the legacy can be unrestricted allowing officers to readily direct the funds to current or proposed future projects. We just point out that simple changing of circumstances can cause projects to become no longer appropriate.

If you wish to remember the Swedenborg Association of Australia Ltd. in your will, we suggest that you discuss this with your solicitor. One form of wording that you might use is as follows:

"I bequeath the sum of \$ _____ to the Swedenborg Association of Australia Limited whose registered office is at 1 Avon Road North Ryde Sydney to be used by the Directors of the said company as they see fit."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

For Group activities, contact your nearest Group Convenor

- Gold Coast (currently not meeting but please direct any interest to Kevin Attwater on (07) 5545 2401 or Jack Benson on (07) 5545 4115)
- Melbourne (Chris Skinner on (03) 9435 8599);
- Sydney region (Michael Chester on (02) 9913 2421);

It would be good to see additional viable Groups established in new areas. If you can help contact Michael Chester.

Melbourne: Last Friday of the month (usually excepting December and January) at The New Church Hall, 426 High Street Road, Mount Waverley commencing 8pm.

September 27th ***Man, Myth & Mystery - Unlocking the Ancient Wisdom of the Ages*** by **James Edgar**

October 25th ***Ancient Egyptian Wisdom and Swedenborg*** by **John Brogan**

Sydney: Friday evenings at The Swedenborg Centre, 1 Avon Road, North Ryde commencing 7.45pm. Ring 9888 1066 for more details of each evening.

September 27th ***Carl Jung: Wounded Healer of the Soul*** with **Claire Dunne**

October 25th ***Teachings, Practices and Methods imparted by Gurdjieff*** by the **Gurdjieff Society**

November 22nd ***Revelation and the Missing Link*** by **John Brogan**