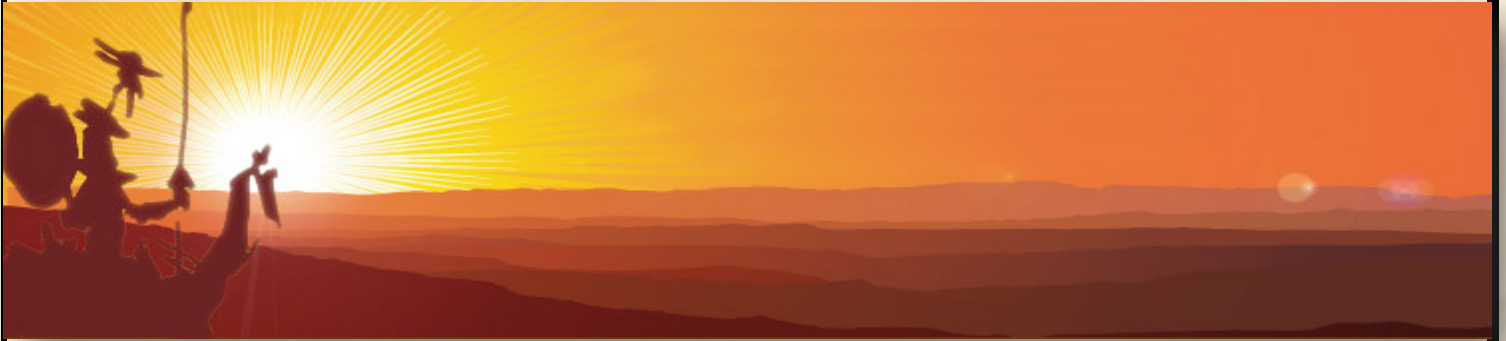


The Gatherings Newsletter of L/L Research



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It is really hard to believe that a full year has gone by since we put out the last *Gatherings Newsletter*. This past year seems like the busiest year of our L/L lives as Carla left behind such a legacy to work with. It is likely that we will be busy for quite some time getting all of her writings and channelings available in as many forms as possible for people to use in their spiritual seeking. And with a full new season of channeling meditations completed, our biweekly podcast, and Gary's Interview Project now taking the form of the *Tilting At Windmills* book, we continue to generate new material as well. Take a look at the contents of this newsletter and rejoice with us at the great amount of good work that we have to share with you.

Homecoming Gathering 2016

A Gatherings Newsletter in May can only mean one thing: this year's Homecoming is officially announced! Homecoming is truly one of the most exciting weekends around here, and making the announcement fills us with a buzz of anticipation. It's a chance to come together with old friends, make new friends, and join as a group to celebrate this journey upon which we have all found ourselves. This year, Homecoming will fall on Labor Day weekend.

Beginning: **Friday, September 2**

Ending: **Sunday, September 4**

(With optional, additional time to on Monday to come help clean up and hang out for a little bit.)

Format

For the past several years, the standard format for Homecoming has been to hold an open space for sharing, where we invite attendees to give their own presentation within a 30-minute timeslot. Attendees are welcome to come and participate without giving a presentation, but offering a presentation is highly encouraged if you have anything close to your heart that you'd like to share.

There is no strict format or set of guidelines for presenting. Examples of presentations may include:

- Sharing an important event or aspect of your life, whether challenging or positive.
- Offering a presentation or reading a paper on a particular subject.
- Giving a 30-minute jazz-infused interpretive dance explaining the second distortion.
- Facilitating a group discussion by presenting a question or topic, either to gain insight or simply to have a lively discussion.
- Playing or performing music, reciting poetry, or other creative expression.
- Offering a live presentation of interesting & exotic animals from all over the world a la Jack Hanna.

We ask only that your presentation be in some way related to spirituality/philosophy/personal growth, and of course not be heinously offensive to other attendees. Within those parameters the possibilities are limitless.

Registration

As much as we would love to hold an event with unlimited attendance, the practicalities of our space/time realities require us to set a limit of attendance at 40 people.

For more logistical information please click [here](#).

To register, please click [here](#) and/or send an email to us at contact@llresearch.org.

If you would like to discuss the upcoming event with other seekers and perhaps look into the possibility of carpooling and/or room sharing and/or couch surfing, please visit Homecoming's thread on the Bring4th Forums in the "Meet-Up Area" forum [here](#).



What a Homecoming event would look like if we didn't have to limit registration to 40 spots, probably.

Tilting at Windmills:

An Interview with Carla L. Rueckert and Jim McCarty

In June, 2014, nine months before Carla's transition to spirit, Carla and Jim granted Gary an interview that spanned seven consecutive days and consisted of over 400 questions. The interview's objective: document the biography of L/L Research, examine spiritual principles and channeling, capture their reflections on their extraordinary life's work, and explore for a moment the personal and shared journeys of Don, Carla, and Jim.

Thanks to generous volunteer effort, the interview's recordings have moved through their own evolution during the past two years from mp3, to transcript, to book. We are in the final stages of its publication. Expect to see it on your local bookshelves . . . or rather, our website, by summer, 2016!

Public Meditations and Channelings Resume

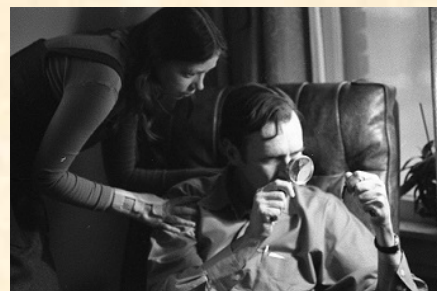
The Saturday Meditations were begun again in September of 2015 after a five-year hiatus that Carla spent trying to recover from her back surgeries. We hold channeled meditations on the first and third Saturday of the month and silent meditations on the second and fourth Saturday. We very much enjoy keeping this L/L legacy going as it had its origin in 1961. We take the summer off and look forward to beginning with the same schedule after Homecoming this year. A transcript from each of the channeled meditations is available in the Transcripts Library on our [archive website](#).

Trove of Treasures Discovered

This past winter Jim was rummaging through the closet in Carla's upstairs office and found two boxes that had become lost to the years marked, "L/L Archives." The finds were quite amazing. He found Don's 3-ring notebook in which he listed questions and notes for sessions with those of Ra. Jim also found cassettes of two local radio interviews with Don and Carla from 1977 and 1978 that had never been transcribed or published. The 1977 interview was the same one that Jim heard on his battery-powered radio while alone on the land, prompting him with a desire to meet the two people he had just heard.

Then there was a cassette of a lecture which Don gave in 1978 on the topic of metaphysics that no one knew existed. And he finally found the four dozen other pictures that he remembered were taken of the Ra contact, room, and accoutrement, but he had not seen them in years. Then he went to the basement and found the old cedar chest that he knew contained items from the L/L past. He found numerous awards and promotion citations for Don dating from his days in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In that same chest were the garments that Carla wore during the Ra contact. We couldn't have been more excited if he had found the actual burial site of King Tut!

Also stashed away in binders of negatives were hundreds of pictures of Don and Carla from the 50s onward all the way up to and through their meeting with Jim. We purchased a high-quality flatbed scanner that can produce hi-resolution color images from the negatives. Austin has been gradually working through those



negatives, opening to us, for the first time, an entire world of life lived before the Ra Contact.

Among the new finds along with some other past material never published, we've published to the archive website the following treasures:

- [1977: WKQQ Radio Interview feat. Don and Carla](#) (*transcript*)
- [1977: WKQQ Radio Interview feat. Don and Carla](#) (*audio*)
- [1978: Don Elkin's Introduction to Metaphysics](#)
- [1985: Carla's interview with Lee Horstman](#)
- [1985: Jim and Carla's Speech at the Psychic Forum](#)
- [1985: "Doubt and Faith" Speech by Carla](#)
- [1993: "Meditation for CWU"](#)
- [2008: Carla's speech at the International UFO Convention](#)
- [2010: Carla's speech at the Earth Transformation Conference](#)

New Publications

Quixotic Quest

Don Elkins initiated his intensive, lifelong search for answers in 1955. He saw tantalizing clues and puzzle pieces all around him, and he intuitively knew they pointed to a greater reality, and told a greater story, but what was that story? What great truths remain hidden behind the curtain?

Don held a peculiar confidence that he could gain those answers. Consequently, he gave himself completely to the quixotic quest of investigating the leads on the far edges of human understanding, leads that conventional thinkers utterly ignored and dismissed, and pursued them unrelentingly year after year."

Written by L/L Research's Director, Gary L. Bean, *The Quixotic Quest: The Story & Identity of L/L Research* is a book that provides a sense of who and what L/L Research is, where it's been, how it came to be, and where it may be headed. It is the first time this has been attempted in a cohesive, streamlined, and integrated fashion.

Available in PDF here [here](#).

Light/Lines Channeling Audio

At the start of each of Earth's four seasons, L/L Research publishes its quarterly *Light/Lines Newsletter* featuring the best of L/L Research channeling. The audio from those channelings will now be made available for listening on L/L's YouTube channel. You can listen to the latest [here](#).

Translations

L/L's work is now translated into nine different languages! In most of these languages, translators are still active getting the Confederation's message of love, light, and unity into their native language,

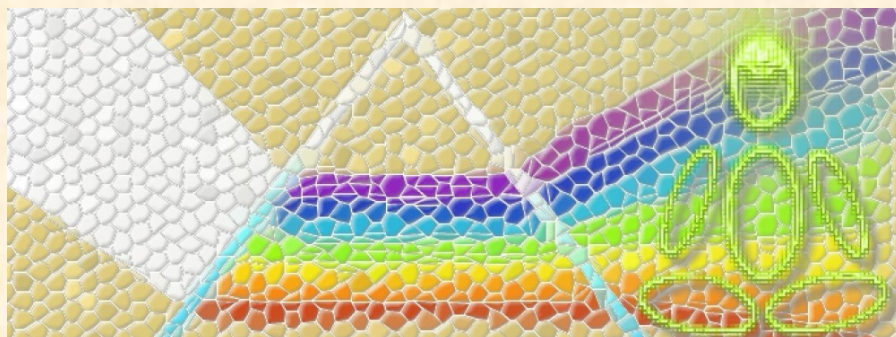


including Terry for Chinese, Misha for French, Jochen for German, Laszlo for Hungarian, Daniel for Portuguese, and Nikolai for Russian. Brand new translations are currently underway in Italian, Czech, and Bulgarian. And thanks to a German friend and volunteer, Andi, much of the translations generated in the past two years have been formatted for publication to the website.

Das Gesetz Des Einen

In a category all his own, Jochen Blumenthal of Germany is building a small satellite station to L/L Research in order to translate, publish, and print L/L's work into German and, in collaboration with Misha, French. Their beautiful collaboration continues apace!

German: <http://dasgesetzdeseinen.de> | | French: <http://laloine.eu>



Upcoming Projects/Publications

The Ra Contact

Within the next year or so we hope to be offering a new edition of *The Law of One* books made from the original recordings which will be titled *The Ra Contact: Teaching the Law of One*. This became a possibility when Tobey Wheelock's Re-listening Project went back to the original cassettes and found 60 questions and answers that Jim had somehow omitted from the original transcriptions of the 106 sessions with Ra 35 years ago. A new Introduction will be written, and dozens more pictures of the Ra sessions will be added to a new Preface, new Endnotes, and a new Dedication. The index has been massively expanded to create an Index of nearly 500 topics. Currently Tobey and Jim are editing the *Lightly Edited* version of the 106 Sessions with those of Ra. We shall keep you posted.

Audiobooks

In the fourteen months since Carla's transition into larger life Jim has made audio books out of all of her written and channeled work. This includes the 106 sessions of the Ra Contact, *A Wanderer's Handbook*, *A Book of Days: Channelings From the Holy Spirit*, *Living the Law of One 101: The Choice*, *A Channeling Handbook*, *Secrets of the UFO*, *The Crucifixion of Esmerelda Sweetwater*, *The Aaron/Q'uo Dialogues*, and he is currently recording *The Poetry of Carla Lisbeth Rueckert*. When the printed version of *The Ra Contact* is a more final form, we will publish the first audiobook of the Ra sessions.



Voices of the Confederation

In 1975, Don and Carla prepared a manuscript for a book called *Voices of the Gods*, a collection of channeling excerpts arranged by subject. It was meant as an introduction to the spiritual philosophy

of the Confederation as received through channeled sources. They used transcripts from sessions in 1973 and 1974, the period where Don taught Carla how to channel. After several rejections from publishers, they decided to take a different approach and wrote *Secrets of the UFO* and put *Voices of the Gods* upon the shelf.

It collected a layer of dust before it was rediscovered and resurrected in 2009. The volume contained many portions of channeling which were lost to the L/L Research archives, since some tapes were recorded over, and many transcripts were cut into pieces during the process of preparing the original manuscript. And so Carla took up the project once again, editing the entire manuscript and filling in a couple of gaps and retitling the book *Voices of the Confederation*.

Then again, for unknown reasons, it was set aside, only to be revived once more just several months ago. In a near-completed state, Jim gave it one final edit and we sent off to our formatting volunteer who will make it shipshape and ready for publication in the near future, 31 years after the project was started by Don and Carla.

New Website Progress and Current Website Updates

In the past two Gatherings Newsletters, you may have seen a mention of a new website in the works. The project had turned out to be more ambitious than we realized, and our volunteer webmaster was delayed by the need to reinforce his knowledge of the ever-evolving world of web coding and design in order to create a site as complex and intricate as we envision. We're happy to report that the heat has been turned way up recently, and webmaster Steve E. has been slamming away at his keyboard to get everything in order for this ultimate redesign. We have been able to interact with the new site and work with Steve to get a clear and tangible sense of the future of L/L Research's online presence. And we are excited.

We should have learned our lesson about predicting a date of launch for the new site, but the anticipation is just too great for us to quell our excitement. With all fingers crossed, we hope to go live with the new site by this summer of 2016.

In the meantime, the current archive site (or as we like to call it, "Old Reliable") has celebrated its 20th birthday! While the design has changed, it is still the same basic site that launched back in 1996, and has served admirably ever since then. And it continues to thrive with activity and new updates.

We recently created an ["About Us" page](#) to clarify who L/L Research is and give a peak behind the curtains. We have also, for the first time, fully defined our [Copyright Policy](#) online, helping to clarify the nature of how we share our material freely. New publications, transcripts, translations, and much more have been added, all of which can be seen on our [Recent Updates](#) page.

Documentary

A filmmaker from New York City has signed on to do a documentary film about Don Elkins. About 15 people who knew Don have been contacted for interviews within the next couple of months. Potential funding for this project has been offered by an L/L supporter, but the final details remain to be worked out.

Other Events in Time and Space

Ra Contact 35th Anniversary

January 15, 1981 started out a day like most others for Don, Carla, and Jim. While Jim was out picking up groceries, Carla was moving through a familiar routine of teaching channeling to one of her students.

Nothing marked the day as special until Carla received a surprise knock, you might say, on her inner door during the channeling session. A new source wished to speak. Carla challenged the source with all her integrity in the name of her sacred teacher, Jesus Christ. The challenge was passed and this voice began speaking:

I am Ra. I have not spoken through this instrument before. We had to wait until she was precisely tuned, as we send a narrow-band vibration. We greet you in the love and in the light of our Infinite Creator.

We have watched your group. We have been called to your group, for you have a need for the diversity of experiences in channeling which go with a more intensive, or as you might call it, advanced approach to the system of studying the patterns of the illusions of your body, your mind, and your spirit, which you call seeking the truth. We hope to offer you a somewhat different slant upon the information which is always and ever the same.

Serving as the instrument, Carla had, for only the second time in her life, slipped into a trance, what she described simply as falling asleep. While unconscious she was unaware of what had transpired or what information was received or that Jim had returned. She awoke to discover Don pacing the room, making a rare visible show of excitement.

Don, Carla, and Jim would use the protocols given to them by Ra, along with every skill and piece of knowledge they had gained along the way, to repeat this contact 105 more times. The quality, profundity, and depth of the information was a quantum leap forward from anything that had come before, or perhaps, since.

To all who whose lives have been changed by this event, and to Jim McCarty, the remaining member of the Ra Contact, L/L Research wishes a Happy 35th Anniversary!



Forum Restructuring Project

After last year's Homecoming, volunteer moderator Garry F. stayed an extra day to meet with Austin and Gary about giving L/L Research's online community, Bring4th, a big breath of fresh air and revitalization. The forums had been online for 8 years, and through that time there have been additions, adaptations, and minor upgrades, but the time had come for a ground-up re-evaluation. Through those 6 years, we learned a lot about the limitations and strengths of this type of online community. This experience, combined with a great collection of feedback from the community

via questionnaire, allowed us to give Bring4th a massive overhaul to help bring it closer to our own vision for an online community.

The changes were extensive and reached all corners of the forums. Some major aspects include:

- Completely reorganized the forums into clearer and more distinct sections, creating a new division between Studies and Community, as well as created new forums, eliminated others, and shifted the purpose of others.
- Created the new role of Forum Organizer, filled by Jade.
- Updated the Community Guidelines.
- Created various architectural blueprint documents, including: Bring4th Principles, FAQ, Role of Moderator essay, and others.
- Revised and then made public the Moderator Handdocument, as well as revising internal moderator procedure.
- Changed up the forum team, with Gary stepping down from moderator duties.
- And much, much more.

To learn about the scope and specifics of this task, take a look at [An Overview of Changes to Bring4th](#).

Ongoing Services

L/L Research's Podcast, *In the Now*

Every other week, the home crew of L/L Research gathers to produce our bi-weekly podcast, *In the Now*. In this podcast, we discuss questions sent in from seekers in light of the spiritual principles shared within the *Law of One* and other L/L Research channeling. As of May, 2016, we have 36 episodes (of the new format) available on our [podcast page](#).

Camelot Journal

Carla began the Camelot Journal in 2005 as a record of her speaking engagements in England. When she returned she continued it as a means of letting readers know what our daily life is like at L/L Research. Jim took over writing the journal in 2011 after Carla's second back surgery and continued her overall approach in his journal entries.

Since Carla's transition Jim has added to that basic approach a beginning entry to the journal which serves as a teaching vehicle. He has quoted from and commented on all of Carla's books in sharing her wisdom and love with journal readers. He also has included four books in his quotes and comments section from the American mystic, Joel Goldsmith. Since last December he has focused on using questions and answers from the 106 Ra Sessions for his quotes and comments. The journal entry always ends with the channeled thought for the day from *A Book of Days: Channelings From the Holy Spirit*.

Basic Principles of *The Law of One*

The L/L Research group received the *Law of One* material in the early 1980s and it has since become a hidden classic in the field of consciousness research. However, it is not easy to read. In 2010 Carla wrote an entry-level book, *Living the Law of One—101: The Choice* to give seekers an easier run at the

material. On that book was built the course Basic Principles of the Law of One. Taught by Jim McCarty, L/L Research offers this class through the International Metaphysical University.

This class can be accessed at International Metaphysical University's course catalog page [here](#). This page also includes an introduction video to the class.



Social Media

We share L/L's work and the Confederation's wisdom through social media outlets, including:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/llresearch

Tumblr: <http://llresearch.tumblr.com/>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/ll_research

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LLResearch101>

Staff & Volunteer Notes

We expanded the Author's page on the archive website into an official About Us page in order to identify for the first time all the massive effort that goes into this wavelength of love and light.

<http://llresearch.org/aboutus.aspx>

As the page mentions, many are the volunteers we could thank. We wish to use this newsletter to highlight several. Garry F. for his never-failing work on the Bring4th forums; Steve E. for his candle-burning late nights in building the new website; Aaron T. for her always faithful work in transcribing all the Q'uo channelings; Mary A. for serving as the primary transcriber of *In the Now* podcasts; Kristin Y. for her very intensive work in editing and formatting the *Tilting at Windmills* material for a professional publication; and Michelle H. for doing the same, helping us to build our first articulated House Standard document, and offering helpful and needed counsel.

Bon Voyage!

Now that you have made your way through our wonderland of good works you can see that it's more than just keeping the legacy of Don and Carla going. Their lives certainly inspire us to work daily to be of service to folks like you, but it is seekers of truth like all of you that give us the daily doses of your love and caring responses to our publications, website, podcasts, and everyday emails that feeds us the energy that we can give back to you. It feels like that upward spirally line of light where all the parts of the Creator are going home. We've got a good thing going here and it is a great joy and delight to be able to share all that we have with you. We love every one of you.

The Gatherings Newsletter is written and performed by Jim McCarty, Gary Bean, and Austin Bridges. No discarnate beings were harmed in the production of this newsletter.



Other Law of One Study Groups

The following is a list of study groups forming or already formed around the world along with their contact information. Feel free to join them in study if you find yourself in their neck of the woods!

If you would like to see your group added to or removed from this list, please let us know.

The Bring4th Chatroom Meditation (weekly)

Gathering Point: Cyberspace/Chatroom

Contact: This forum thread is updated weekly

(<http://www.bring4th.org/forums/showthread.php?tid=12087>) or you can email Garry Fung (ggwfung@gmail.com) for further details and co-ordination.

We have been conducting a weekly meditation for over half a year now. A different topic is chosen each week, usually with a starting point in the Law of One material. Interested seekers gather in a chatroom on the Bring4th Website at 10am, eastern standard time, each Saturday. Because of time zone differences around the globe, we can help you determine what that time is, for your local area. There is a core group of 4 members who are steadfastly present each week, so you can count on being in good company!

The Chandler Law of One Study Group

Headed by Carole Manna caroleimanna@yahoo.com

Update: The Chandler Law of One Study Group has disbanded. Carole remains interested in forming a study group centered on the *Law of One* and asks that you please contact her if interested.

The Memphis Law of One Study Group – local and Google Hangout

Location: Prema Healing Meditation. 5658 S. Rex Rd, Memphis, TN 38119

Led by Dean Graves deanhalf@gmail.com

(901) 308-4599

"We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month (holidays excepted) from 2 to 4 PM CST. The group is small and varies in size, with some local to Memphis, TN and some participating via Google Hangout. The format for the meeting follows the session order, reading the current session and discussing various portions that are not well understood by everyone. It is an informal process but the participants tend to be quite familiar with the material. Seekers new to the material are always welcome though. For those not able to be physically present in Memphis, we can accommodate up to ten people on our Google Hangout connection. Please check with me to see if we have any openings. We would love your addition to our group."

L/L Research Law of One Study Group

Louisville, KY

Led by Jim McCarty, Gary Bean, & Austin Bridges

contact@llresearch.org

Public meditations will be held every first, second, third, and fourth Saturday from September through May. All are welcome!

Taichung LoO Study Group

The Seth Foundation, Headquater

Contact telephone/FAX: (04)22364612

We have been gathering once per month since 2007. We just finished a round of studying the Law of One books. Currently, as of May 2016, we have been studying the L/L Library monthly.

Taipei L/L Study Group

1F., No.4, Ln. 79, Jingren St., Wenshan Dist., Taipei City 116, Taiwan (R.O.C.)

The Law of One books are the subject of our study. Currently, as of May 2016, our progress is in the middle of Book2 (Session48). We gather regularly on the second and fourth Wednesday evening per month.

Talks with Scott Mandelker

Talks, Lectures & Interviews:

* [YouTube Channel \(Law of One, Soul Evolution\)](#)

* [Vimeo \(Complete YouTube Mirror\)](#)

* [Mp3 Podcasts \(YouTube audio mirror\)](#) || <http://talkswithscottmandelker.blogspot.tw/>

Essays, Archives & Compilations:

* [Ra Material PDF Compilations](#)

* [Writings in Japanese](#)

* [Writings in Spanish](#)

* Archives. Books & Blog Site: www.scottmandelker.com || <http://talkswithscottmandelker.com/>

Personal Counseling & Guidance:

* [Sessions by Skype](#)

