

# COMMON GROUND

## WINTER 2019 BULLETIN

### CONSPIRACY VODOO — TWO CULTURES

Why do so many people believe such unbelievable things? How can anyone be persuaded that hundreds of people conspired to hide the Kenyan birth (and Muslim sympathies) of Barack Obama; that tens of thousands of scientists lie every day to prop up the liberal hoax of climate change; that the entire U.S. space program, including the moon landings, was faked to hide a Russian triumph; that childhood vaccinations cause autism; or that the Earth is flat.

We hear constantly about how deeply polarized our nation has become. I personally believe we're closer to 65%-35% on critical issues than the polarization pundits' imagined 50-50 split. But it's true that there are at least two major value clusters in our popular and political discourse. I think they explain a great deal.

#### THE CONSPIRACY CULTURE

##### Ignorance

Denying the value of education, while celebrating the nebulous and often inconsistent "wisdom of the common man"

#### resource persons

**Jim Kenney**, CG Executive Director, Executive Director, Common Ground; former Global Director, Parliament of the World's Religions and Project Coordinator, the Peace Council; author, *Thriving in the Crosscurrent*.

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**Carl Jerome**, regular CG faculty; founding teach-

##### Superstition

Looking to unseen causes to explain anomalies, mysteries that puzzle the unreflective

##### Credulity

Being easily persuaded without proper reason to believe; lacking the ability to reason from evidence; using "shotgun" argumentation (in the fallacious belief that more arguments – no matter how ridiculous each may be – somehow make a stronger case)

##### Paranoia

Fear and resentment of hostile "others" and/or "elites," a term much more likely these days to refer to "experts" than to the "wealthy"

##### The Mythos-Logos Error

Confusing humankind's two great faculties, *mythos* and *logos* the inability to distinguish between "mytho-poetic" statements and historical/scientific arguments.

#### THE REALITY-BASED CULTURE

##### Education

Having the necessary information to understand a situation or an issue properly and to make deductive decisions

##### Critical Thinking

Recognizing anomalies – unexpected outcomes – as indicators of models and assump-

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**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* and his recent translation of the *Shanameh* (the *Persian Book of Kings*).

**Pauline Viviano**, regular CG faculty; Ph.D., Biblical Languages and Literature, St. Louis University; Associate Professor of Theology, Loyola University, Chicago; recently completed a commentary on the Books of Jeremiah and Baruch.

**John Wasik**, regular CG faculty; M.A., the University of Illinois-Chicago; author of 13 books including his latest, *Lightning Strikes: Timeless Lessons in Creativity from the Life and Work of Nikola Tesla*.

tions that need revising

##### Logicity

Drawing on healthy skepticism, considering all available evidence, and relying on logical reasoning and deductive analysis

##### Social Engagement

Respecting the intentions and opinions of others, while rationally assessing them; understanding and valuing expertise

##### Mythos-Logos Clarity

Appropriately employing the mythic and logical faculties; distinguishing between the rich content of song, story, poem, or dream and the logical structures of history or science.

I'm sure you've noted that the values and skills that undergird the Reality-Based Culture are those that make up the very fabric of a "Common Ground education." We're proud of that and grateful for the many supporters who prize it.

*Jim Kenney, Executive Director*

**COVER:** Our traditional holiday dove returns this season. The citation is from Jim's book, *Thriving in the Crosscurrent*.

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# MORNING LECTURES

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

## TUESDAY MORNINGS

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 8-15

9:30-11:30 AM (2 WEEKS) \$26

JIM KENNEY

### DIGGING DEEP – THE GREATEST NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES

It's been a tremendous few years in archaeology and we'll take a close (slide-illustrated) look at some of the most interesting and important discoveries. Here's just a sampling of topics we'll touch on: the mysterious "skull cult" at Göbekli Tepe (c. 8,500 BCE); the discovery of the US heavy cruiser, Indianapolis, sunk in 1945; the unearthing of an Aztec warrior wolf; the discovery of the oldest gold hoard in Great Britain (dating from the Iron Age, c. 400-250 BCE); the dawn of Egyptian writing; unlocking the genetics of the cave dwellers (Neanderthals and Denisovans); hidden monoliths at the Avebury henge (UK); and much more.

TUESDAYS, JANUARY 22-FEBRUARY 5

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

JIM KENNEY

### THIS IDEA MUST DIE!

Science writer and publisher John Brockman (host of the online science salon, [Edge.org](http://Edge.org)) has an astonishingly broad and diverse circle of scholarly friends, which includes some of the brightest lights in countless fields. Each year or so, he poses a question to the group, inviting each to contribute a page or two to a new volume exploring the key question. One of the very best in the series is *This Idea Must Die*, which includes over 160 truly unique and intriguing essays on how ideas outlive their usefulness, how old ideas fade, how new ones are born, and much more. Jim will provide participants a list of all the essays, choose several that he finds most interesting, and invite the group to nominate several more. We'll meet famous minds, brilliant ideas, and controversies worth reflecting on.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:30-11:30 AM

NO CLASS



TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 19-MARCH 12

9:30-11:30 AM (4 WEEKS) \$52

JIM KENNEY

### 100 YEARS OF KOREAN HISTORY —FROM THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION TO KIM JONG UN

On August 22, 1910, Japan invaded the Korean peninsula (not for the first time) and began a period of occupation that would not end until 1945. We'll trace some of the key events marking the end of the Korean empire and the political, military, and cultural dominance of the Japanese. We'll look into the turbulent period of the division of Korea and the Korean War (1945-1953). Next, we'll take up the rise of Kim Il Sung and his dynasty and the simultaneous slow development of South Korea from dictatorship to prosperous democracy. Finally, we'll speculate on the curious Trump-Kim story, the nuclear issue, and the future of the Korean peninsula.

TUESDAYS, MARCH 19-APRIL 9

9:30-11:30 AM (4 WEEKS) \$52

JIM KENNEY

### THE ELEVEN NATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA

Which of America's eleven rival nations do you hail from (Yankeedom, New Netherland, the Midlands, Tidewater, Greater Appalachia, the Deep South, New France, El Norte, the Left Coast, the Far West, or First Nation)? It's a vital and intriguing question. As author Colin Woodward (*American Nations*) suggests, "America's most essential and abiding divisions are not between red states and blue states, conservatives and liberals, capital and labor, blacks and whites, the faithful and the secular. Rather, our divisions stem from the fact that the United States is a federation comprised of the whole or part of eleven regional nations, some of which truly do not see eye to eye with one another."

## WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

### "THE HUMAN SEARCH"

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 9-16

9:30-11:30 AM (2 WEEKS) \$26

JERROL LEITNER

### DIVERSITY IN EARLY CHRISTIANITY

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en with only his feet still below the clouds. His disciples cry out, "Don't go yet, Lord—you didn't fix the details!" Without those details, the early community struggles to find its identity and its message. Who is this Jesus who surprisingly rose from the dead? How should we organize our community? What scriptures should we accept? The answers vary dramatically, and the first centuries of the church present a fascinating account of a believing community believing different things.

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 23-30

9:30-11:30 AM (2 WEEKS) \$26

AHMAD SADRI

### RELIGION IN A CHANGING WORLD

How has the function of religion in society changed? It used to represent the tribal spirit. Then it was dragooned to generate solidarity for empires and then for, nation states. In the thought of Rousseau it was a "civil religion," buttressing morality. Kant saw it as necessary to keep us from falling into despair. Hegel considered it the heart of the "spirit" and the soul of the society. Modern spirituality privatized religion, making it something to be chosen from a variety of creeds in a "spiritual supermarket." And finally, the fundamentalist reaction to modern society brought religion back to its tribal function, separating the saved from the dehumanized damned. It's been quite a journey. But what is true religion? here does it fit in modern society?

WEDNESDAYS, FEBRUARY 6-13

9:30-11:30 AM (2 WEEKS) \$26

KENNETH JAMES

### UNWITTING BODHISATTVAS: HOW POLITICS ENCOURAGES AWARENESS OF THE PERSONA / SHADOW DUALITY

In a recent lecture, Ven. Robina Courtin, a Tibetan Buddhist nun from Australia, provided an analysis of Donald Trump during which she said, "He may be a bodhisattva" (in Buddhist teaching, a being who leads others to enlightenment). She laughed with the audience, but then added very seriously, "You never know. Anything is possible." Our current political climate is filled with opportunities to continue our schizoid relationship to what C.G. Jung called "Persona" and "Shadow." But can we use this climate to heal the split, rather than make it more

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## WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

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permanent? We'll explore basic Jungian concepts of persona and shadow and apply them to current events. Our goal: transcending duality and seeing both persona and shadow as examples of attachment and aversion, which can be understood and released.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:30-11:30 AM (1 WEEK) \$15

HERBERT BRONSTEIN AND JIM KENNEY

### AMERICAN JEWS

#### FACE A CHOICE

In a provocative book-review article in *The New York Times*, review editor Gal Beckerman introduces readers to five books that address various dimensions of American Jewish identity and how it might be sustained into the future. He offers the reader a powerful and controversial mix. The range of topics includes assimilation, social justice and Jewishness, eclectic practice, matrilineal descent, and the challenge of Israel. Herb and Jim will touch on each of these (and a few more) in a discussion that will be compelling for Jews and non-Jews alike.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:30-11:30 AM (1 WEEK) \$15

CARL JEROME

### MAPPING YOUR WAY

#### TO HAPPINESS

In this session, participants will work with the presenter to draw a mind map that illustrates the path to happiness. Mind maps are diagrams used to visually organize information, showing relationships among pieces. The key, and physical center of the map, will be "happiness and pleasure." Defining and differentiating them and their attendant properties, then showing their organizational structure, will yield the map.

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 6-13

9:30-11:30 AM (2 WEEKS) \$26

PAULINE VIVIANO AND JIM KENNEY

### POPE FRANCIS AND A CHURCH IN CRISIS

As conservative columnist Ross Douthat, himself a Roman Catholic, writes, "(I)t should be stressed that Francis is not a theological liberal.... (and that) he plainly feels that the Church under John Paul and Benedict laid too much stress on issues like abortion and marriage and not enough on poverty, immigration, and the environment." The pope has, in a way, reopened doors long

thought closed, inviting something of a liberal resurgence in the Church. At the same time, however, he has fueled the deep resentments and animosities that many conservative Catholics have long nurtured. And now, Francis is under attack from bitter enemies in the hierarchy. Where is it all heading? Is a schism even imaginable? Is a healing?

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FORUM

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The CG Forum offers an opportunity for open and interactive discussion with Jim Kenney on a variety of timely topics. The format includes opening remarks by Jim and then a lively Q and A segment. There will always be time allowed for "off-topic" questions and discussion. **Forum Presentations will usually be held on the second Wednesday of each month at the CG Center (Deerfield)**

7:00-8:30 P.M. • \$15/FORUM

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ADVISED.

**This series features Jim Kenney and guests discussing a range of very timely topics.**

JANUARY 16

7:00-8:30 PM (\$15)

JIM KENNEY

### SO, WHERE ARE WE NOW?

The midterm elections did indeed bring a "blue wave." But what really happened? Why? And how do you feel about it? Now's the time to share your opinions, but Jim will have a few thoughts first.

FEBRUARY 20 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

7:00-8:30 PM (\$15)

JIM KENNEY AND AHMAD SADRI

### THE CHANGING GLOBAL STATUS OF THE UNITED STATES

One of most troubling things about our current political reality lies in the global impact of renascent "America-Firstism." What remains of our once-vital friendships and alliances in the West? Where does the U.S. stand now vis-à-vis China, Russia, and North Korea? Does NATO still matter? Does the U.S.?

MARCH 13

7:00-8:30 PM

JIM KENNEY AND JOHN WASIK

### THE CHANGING GLOBAL ECONOMY

This evening, Jim and John Wasik continue the exploration of America's eroding role in

the world with an examination of the global economy. What is the short-term and longer-term significance of the rise of China? How significant is the Brexit turmoil? And what are the most critical economic hot spots in our interconnected world? Asia, Europe, Africa, the Americas? Or all of them?

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## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE AT COMMON GROUND

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### MEDITATION

EVERY MONDAY, 7:00-8:30 PM

LAURA BERNSTEIN

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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: LJBernstein339@gmail.com.

### THE ENNEAGRAM

FRIDAYS

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

ROSEMARY HURWITZ

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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.

### BUDDHIST MEDITATION

NOW UNDERWAY, SUNDAYS 6:30-7:30 PM

CARL JEROME

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PAM MAYERS (EMAIL FOR SCHEDULE, PRICE, AND AND MORE INFORMATION: PAMMAYERS@HOTMAIL.COM)

# COMMON GROUND SATELLITES

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## CG CHICAGO

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77 West Washington St. at Clark, Chicago. Usually on the first Thursdays of the month, 7-9 pm, \$10. Presented in partnership with the Swedenborg Library. (For information: 312-346-7003.)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 • JERROL LEITNER**  
**DIVERSITY IN EARLY CHRISTIANITY**

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**THURSDAY, MARCH 7 • AHMAD SADRI**  
**SHAHNAMEH**

"The Epic of Persian Kings" was written one thousand and eight years ago. It remains the longest poem ever written by a single author, with four magnificent love stories and many world class tragedies. Come and hear the tale of this magnificent poem and the story of its most successful translation into English, told by the translator, Ahmad Sadri.

## COMING UP

In the 2019 Spring-Summer session, Jim will be doing a Tuesday morning workshop inspired by **Joseph Ellis's remarkable new book, *American Dialogue—The Founders and Us***. With characteristic insight and deft prose, he brings the wisdom of four of our most important founders to bear on our modern situation. Ellis discusses Thomas Jefferson and racism, John Adams and economic inequality, James Madison and constitutional law, and George Washington and foreign policy. Each of the four sections of the book is divided into two essays: *Then* and *Now*. The work offers an extremely useful lens through which to view our time.

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## CG CRYSTAL LAKE

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First Congregational United Church of Christ, Pierson and Florence Streets, Crystal Lake; usually on the second Monday of the month, 7:00–9:00 pm, \$10. Follow Rte. 14 (Northwest Highway) to Florence St., one block southeast of Dole Ave. Go south on Florence for one block. Parking behind the church. Enter through west side door.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14 • CARL JEROME**  
**MAPPING YOUR WAY TO HAPPINESS**

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**MONDAY, MARCH 4 • JIM KENNEY**  
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## CG GRAYSLAKE

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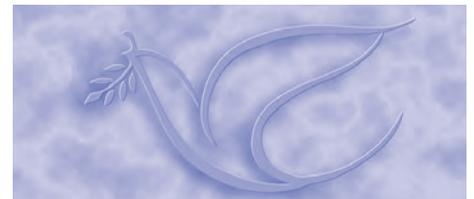
Wildwood Presbyterian Church, 18630 W. Old Gages Lake Road, Grayslake, IL 60030. Park in the lot and use the main entrance. Lectures will be held on occasionally Fridays, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, \$10.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 • AHMAD SADRI**  
**RELIGION IN A CHANGING WORLD**

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 22 • JIM KENNEY**  
**THE ELEVEN NATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA**

See description under CG Crystal Lake.



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## CG HIATUS

**APRIL 15-29**

Common Ground will be on hiatus from Monday, April 15 through Monday, April 29. Classes will resume on April 30th.

## Ancestors (A prayer from Africa)

From *Interreligious Insight*, Vol. 4, No. 1, January 2006

SOBONFU AND MALIDOMA SOMÉ

*We call upon our Ancestors,  
Spirit of the earth we walk upon,  
Spirit of the universe.  
We have come to a crossroad,  
to a time when everything matters,  
to a time when we must reevaluate ourselves and  
our actions.  
Our heart is fragile  
our body is shivering in front of the unknown  
our back is heavy with past burdens  
burdens we do not know how to be rid of.  
We ask that you shower us once again with love and  
compassion  
make peace rain on our heart and soul  
teach us how to see each other with a brand-new eye  
help us to appreciate and welcome each other.*

*We need your blessings to move on,  
we need your strength to make it through this time  
of turbulence.  
Ancestors, hold us in your peace and warmth.*



*Sobonfu and Malidoma Somé are teachers and ritual guides in Burkina Faso, Africa. This prayer is taken from Prayers for a Thousand Years, Edited by Elizabeth Roberts and Elias Amidon (San Francisco, Harper, 1999.) Used with permission of the Editors. Photo: "Crossroads, Kenya," by Cetta Kenney.*

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## FEES & REGISTRATION

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### Program Fees

#### Lecture Series

2-, 3-, 4-, 5-, 6-week Lecture Series:  
Entire series \$26, \$39, \$52, \$65, \$78;  
single session \$15

#### Single Lectures

Single evening presentations \$15 or \$13  
with CG Pass;  
Satellites: \$10/lecture (no discounts)  
Student discount: \$8 for all 2-hour  
lectures  
(No other discounts)

#### Lecture Passes

“Lecture Passes” may be used for all  
CG Deerfield and CG Satellite (except  
Naples) lecture programs and workshop  
sessions. They are not valid for “Special  
Events” offerings.

Passes may be purchased at the CG  
Center

or by calling or writing.

Passes: 5 Sessions/\$65; 10 Sessions:  
\$130.

If you have questions about the pro-  
gram, please contact Linda Kimball  
at the CG Center

([linda@cg.org](mailto:linda@cg.org) or 847-940-7870).

Unless otherwise noted, programs are held  
at the CG Center (adjacent to the Christ  
United Methodist Church, at 815 Rose-  
mary Terrace, just north of Deerfield Rd.).  
It is one block east of Waukegan Rd. and  
two miles west of Route 41 at the Deer-  
field Rd. exit. You can pre-register for class-  
es online, at the CG web site, [www.cg.org](http://www.cg.org)  
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## THE MARJORIE LINDSAY REED CLASSROOM

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Common Ground is delighted to announce  
that the classroom at our Deerfield Center, at  
815 Rosemary Terrace, will be dedicated in  
memory of Marjorie Lindsay Reed.



Marjorie was a dear friend to all Common  
Grounders. She was a long-time Board  
member and served twice as Chair of the  
organization. A major benefactor of CG,  
Marjorie Reed contributed even more with  
her ideas, inspirations, and unflagging sup-  
port for the group she had embraced since  
its birth in 1975.

Marjorie passed away on May 1, 2018.

The following excerpt from the very touching  
obituary in the *Chicago Tribune* captures just  
a bit of her extraordinary breadth and spirit.

*Her love of sports and the outdoors was matched  
by a deep interest in philosophy and religion.  
She was actively involved in the Urantia Founda-  
tion to promote teachings of the Urantia  
Book, Lake Forest Friends Meeting, and was  
a generous supporter of Common Ground, a  
center for inquiry, study and dialogue. She was  
also a Life Member of the University of Chicago  
Divinity School Council.*

*Her civic involvement included years devoted  
to the Infant Welfare Society and serving on the  
board of trustees of Lake Forest Country Day  
School. She strongly valued and recognized  
excellence in teaching. She was an Honorary  
Trustee of John G. Shedd Aquarium and was  
a devoted patron of Chicago Symphony Or-  
chestra. Her warmth, love, humor and broad  
smile, and sense of wonder about the universe  
will be deeply missed.*

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## COMMON GROUND WHERE THE WORLD COMES TOGETHER

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Common Ground, founded in 1975 by  
Ron and Jim, is a center for inquiry, study,  
and dialogue. Our primary concern is the  
human quest for understanding and the  
human pursuit of significance. While our  
endeavor began with the study of world re-  
ligions and the commitment to inter-faith  
dialogue, our range of program offerings has  
been greatly expanded over the past several  
years, and now includes art, history, politics,  
psychology, and culture, and much more.



CG'S FOUNDERS  
RON MILLER AND JIM KENNEY



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