

EOMEGA Meeting Notes 2/25/2011

We (Sharon and Al) started a discussion of “Eomega” as a name and the URL problems with the Omega Institute in NY. There was a talk about the fact that links were more important than a good URL, and the “right people will find us.”

Al started with talking about the idea of a “diachronic” think tank, and the “Long Now”-new way of looking at the world. The word “illuminate” was tossed in for video conferencing.

Vision-first a history

Rand Corp was picketed by the Quakers, which led to a dialog with them-some good, some different paths. This led to the lectures at Topanga, and a one-time class at UCLA- “Machine, Myth, and Metaphor.” Since it tended to break the barriers between traditional academic disciplines, it was not done again. Then Donna organized camps in Mendocino.

The camps were more subjective (?)-wanted to explore questions-what’s missing from the churches?

The main point is that Eomega is more dedicated to a “search” (what’s out there?) than a “quest” (which has a known target or goal), We need to get out of the Scientific Box. (I’d add, out of the new Age box too.)

Sharon mentioned that the camps had a strong nature connection, being in the redwoods. There were healers and healing, macrobiotic food, art, and they were many-layered.

Now we’re at the fourth left of the adventure. Al told the story of the Sputnik launch date prediction, based on social engineering.

Mire Rand background-setup by USAF, look at effects of technology. Frank Collborn (?) led and turned people loose, for about 10 good years. Rand was ‘1-1/2 stories high.’ George did flying saucer work. Other names were mentioned (Buddy Fuller? Bruce Miller?)- I didn’t fully catch them.

So, in what direction do we head? Do we start with the issues in the world? The problems? (As understood by us, anyway?)

The TED Conferences are a novel way of dealing with issues and helping the world- tend to disperse information-lots of contribution. The Rand model was “if you see something you think is important, work on it.” TED seems to mix together people who are doing interesting things with people with lots of money.

Al talked about the “Power of Random Juxtaposition” [a great brainstorming technique.] Get people with diverse backgrounds together so they can understand each other. The story of Malcom X in Mecca- we all have to work together and share and preserve our differences. Need to be all-inclusive but preserve the differences.

There is the idea of a Sangha-a group of people where everyone supports each other