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SPECIAL NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT THE AUSTRALIAN FIGU GROUP I WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THAT ON THE 7TH OF JULY 2012 WE HELD OUR FIRST EVER FIGU INFORMATION STAND IN AUSTRALIA.

Bianca Recht

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President's Report

2012 - Not Only Will the World NOT End, but FIGU-Landesgruppe Australia Has Only Just Begun!

Many members and friends of FIGU around the world will already be aware that an informal FIGU study group of seven formed in Australia in 2010, with the decisive encouragement of Australian passive member, Vibka Wallder. As reported by Vibka in 2011 to the FIGU General Assembly (Switzerland), our group spent many months getting seriously acquainted with the FIGU guidelines and statutes concerning the obligations associated with the formation of FIGU groups, and we also began the practise of preparing and presenting talks for each other based on the spiritual teaching. After some careful thought, over a period of several months, we decided to take the bold step straight away of becoming a Landesgruppe (national group), with its greater level of responsibility, rather than a study group. We formally became a Landesgruppe at our inaugural meeting on November 12, 2011, held in the southern state of Victoria, and we received our required legal status as an Incorporated Association on February 6th 2012.

Our inaugural meeting was a significant and exciting turning point for us, marking the culmination of a considerable amount of preparatory work largely relating to our statutes, which of course first had to be translated. Ensuring that our statutes conformed to Australian legal requirements was also no simple task, given some peculiarities of the FIGU rules and the significant legal specifications of the Association Incorporation Act where our group has its official seat. Along with the relief of having much of that task behind us, it was also a joy for us to meet in person at that time, given that all our other meetings had taken place on the Internet, with our membership currently spanning four Australian states.

In the past five months we have steadily taken steps to set up all the main functions of our Landesgruppe. It is very pleasing to find a good distribution of the various tasks among our members, who have a practical range of necessary skills. We are very fortunate that two of our seven members have technical computer skills, so we find our web page and newsletter encouragingly taking shape, with plenty of creative input and suggestions from the group. Ideas for banners, brochures and insurance have also been discussed and explored in view of the information stands currently planned by our two members in Victoria.

Some members focus their attention on matters of banking, questions from the public, forum moderation and all those tasks related to administration. Meanwhile, more than half of the group is directly involved in translation work. A range of small text excerpts are being translated and gradually presented on our website, and before long, as funds permit, we will also be publishing and making available Billy's book *The Might of the Thoughts...* The translation of it, worked on by some group members and a FIGU friend, is encouragingly beginning to draw to a close.

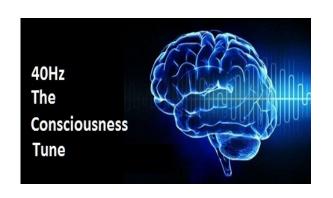
Our group's German language skills are always improving as we work together and as a result of the untiring help of German born Vibka who has worked as a German language teacher in Australia, and now holds classes for members every week.

We are working on a number of articles, some of which grow out of the talks presented by members at our monthly meetings. For several weeks, most of the group has also been meeting fortnightly to correct translations and articles which are intended for our website. These meetings give us another welcome opportunity to discuss and consider the spiritual teaching as we work through these pieces of writing together. They also provide a further opportunity to continue to develop as a group and form good working relationships and friendships.

At our business meetings we have been routinely wading through a seemingly endless mass of considerations to do with rules, copyright, banking, fees, group protocol, membership matters and technical concerns, but I think we can see the relative chaos gradually turning into order and our good, new habits starting to take on a guiding power of their own. We enjoy our monthly discussions of the spiritual teaching, and we are pleased to already be sharing these with our first visitor. We also look forward to our monthly peace meditations together, which not only assist in the overall Salome peace meditation to bring peace to planet Earth, but also help us individually, and as a group, to bring our innermost nature to the fore in this context. These meditations also make a very peaceful and satisfying way to end an often long and busy Saturday of meetings.

I am delighted by how effectively we can work together over such vast geographical distances, thanks to modern technology and a good level of personal commitment on the part of the group members. However, there is no doubt that meeting in person is also important in facilitating a further creation of ideas, inspiration and friendships. Spurred on by the success and memory of last year's inaugural meeting, we very much look forward to coming together again in person this November, for our FIGU Landesgruppe Australia 2012 annual general meeting.

We anticipate, with true optimism, the further development of our group over the next months and years and seeing it develop deep and healthy roots here in Australia to add strength to the on-going development of FIGU worldwide.



My thoughts on the idea of 'Consciousness'

I have travelled a life journey that has led me onto the observation and discovery of new and exciting paradigms. It all started when I had a fantastic, impossible to forget experience.

As a kid, I bumped my head once so hard, that I fell 'unconscious' and while my body was lying

on the ground, I was seeing it all from a few meters above. I could also hear what was happening around the inert body. My grandmother worried when she saw me unconscious, I could hear her screaming my name out loud, and could also see her actions to revive me.

Years later, she asked me if I was "O.K.". Sometimes I share her doubts!

So, I set on a searching task for many years, looking for a logical explanation on what happened to me that day. Many refer to those experiences as 'OBEs' (Out of Body Experiences). Many discuss endlessly about astral body projections. Every person has his or her own theory.

Many schools of thought and more than 30 years later, I found an article by Billy Eduard Albert Meier in FIGU Special Bulletin 038, where I finally could make sense of my experience, thanks to his very thorough response to the question: "What essentially is to be understood by the term 'supernatural'?". There, I found not only the most logical explanation of what had happened to me, but also that in the event, I didn't "lose" my consciousness at all (which for me was already a fact and not just a theory) and furthermore, that "I" didn't leave my body. The "I" just shifted perspectives, even briefly, from its apparent perception point inside the skull, to a viewpoint from outside my body, while my brain was still in shock from the impact, and my body was lying on the ground still.

In that same article Billy explains extensively about sensations perceived beyond the primary 5 senses. External signals that cannot be heard, smelt, seen, touched or tasted with the normal senses, yet they are still very real. At least it all was real for me that day. My physical eyes were well shut, however, I could still see quite clearly what was going on.

My research led me to a bigger question, which is the central part of this article: "What is the I?" You and I talk about our own "I" all the time. "I went to the movies. I went shopping. I made a decision. I love you!" But what or where is this "I"? Have you ever wondered? What is the nature of human consciousness, by means of which, one can understand and experience everything in life?

Renowned neuroscientists have very interesting theories on the nature of the "I consciousness", or awareness of the "I". Their explanations are centred around their study of the central nervous system. The "I", they say, is a collection of perceptions. From their perspective, our brains are merely this humming mass of neuron cells processing signals from the external world at that 40Hz per second scanning rate while in an awake state. They suggest that the "I" comes into existence or becomes aware of itself, once a picture of the external world "as if painted", is internalized or formed virtually inside my brain.

Current science can only try to explain the truth perceived or measured from the signals that are captured in electronic equipment. To me, that is just half of the truth. The other half is the subject of study for FIGU students.

In the spirit teaching lessons brought to us by Billy Eduard Albert Meier, he explains in large detail the various levels of the consciousness, that is to say, the material subconscious, the material central consciousness, and it's corresponding Spiritual counterparts.

From his book: "Reincarnation, Life, Dying, Death and Grief":

Beschaffenheit des Bewusstseins, der Persönlichkeit und des Ich resp. Ego The Constitution of the Consciousness, of the Personality and of the I – that is to say – of the Ego

[p.146.]

"Das Bewusstsein ist gleichgesetz mit der Persönlichkeit, in die gleichermassen das Ich resp. das Ego eingelagert ist."

"The consciousness equates to the personality in which the I - that is to say - the ego, is likewise stored".

"Bewusstsein und Persönlichkeit sind eins, wobei jedoch eine Unterteilung in der Weise erfolgen muss, dass das Bewusstsein als solches und erster Teil als Faktor dessen gesehen zu werden hat, dass es den Block des Gesamtinhaltes bildet, in dem alle ideenmässigen, gedanklichen, psychischen, emotionalen, geistigen und gefühlsmässigen Eindrücke erlebt werden und in dem sich auch Erinnerungen, Vorstellungen, Willensregungen, Wünsche, Hoffnungen, die Liebe und Harmonie, die innere Freiheit, die Freude, das Wohlbefinden und der innere Frieden usw. usf. manifestieren."

"Consciousness and personality are one, whereby, however, a division must result in such a form that the consciousness as such, and as the first part, has to be seen as the factor which forms the block [ie. not blockage] of the contents of the entirety, in which all impressions born of ideas, thoughts, the psyche, emotions, spirit and feelings, are lived and in which memories, imaginations, will-impulsations, wishes, hopes, love and harmony, inner freedom, joy, well-being and inner peace, and so on and so forth, manifest".

"Als zweiter Teil des Bewusstseins tritt der Faktor der Persönlichkeit in Erscheinung, die aus dem Sich-selbst-bewusst-Sein des Bewusstseins hervorgeht."

"The personality becomes evident as the second part of the consciousness and it emerges from the consciousness's consciousness of itself".

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"Das Wesen des Ich resp. Ego liegt darin, die <Einflüsse> zu empfangen und zu verarbeiten, die durch das ihm vorgesetzte Unbewusste, das auch als das Vorbewusste bezeichnet wird, eindringen. Als sogenannter phylogenetisch labilster und jüngster Teil der Psyche ist das Ich/ Ego einer sehr grossen Veränderlichkeit eingeordnet. Zu einer Bestimmung ist es nur fähig, weil es einen Gesichtspunkt einzunehmen vermag, der nicht aus Erfahrungen aufgebaut ist, die aus der äusseren, materiellen Welt stammen. Tatsächlich entstammt die Fähigkeit der Bestimmung daraus, weil das Ich/Ego einen glaubend, höheren oder schauend ergriffenen Gesichtspunkt einzunehmen vermag."

"The Wesen (nature) of the I – that is to say, of the ego – lies in receiving and processing the "influences" which penetrate through the unconscious which is set before it, and which is also called the fore–conscious. As the so–called most phylogenetically labile and youngest part of the psyche, the I/ego is integrated into a very great changeability. It is only capable of a determination because it is able to assume a viewpoint which is not built out of practical experiences which stem from the external, material world. Indeed, the capacity for a determination stems from this because the I/ego is able to assume a believing, higher or an observing, deeply moved viewpoint".

"Das zeigt auf, dass das Ich/Ego kein selbständiges Bewusstseinszentrum ist. Wahrheitlich steht es nur mit dem eigentlichen Bewusstsein in Verbindung, das die wirkliche höhere Instanz bildet. Das Bewusstsein selbst erteilt dem Ich/Ego Richtlinien, wodurch dieses praktisch nur ein Vertreter des Bewusstseins resp. ein Beauftragter des Bewusstseins ist."

"That indicates that the I/ego is not an independent centre of consciousness. Truthly it is only connected with the actual consciousness which constitutes the real higher authority. The consciousness itself imparts guidelines to the I/ego, whereby this (I/ego) is practically only a representative of the consciousness – that is to say, an emissary of the consciousness".

The study of this I/Ego is precisely my main area of interest. I have made conscious decisions to continue walking on this journey that I accidentally started so many years ago, and to go beyond that limiting border where modern science currently stops. Hopefully one day, they -the scientists- will also be able to experience shifted consciousness events, and can see themselves from the outside, while their bodies lie on their beds. Then their nervous-system centred consciousness theories will expand and embrace something even more beautiful and immaterial.

I wanted to also bring to the fore, also from Billy, but this time from his book Might of the Thoughts:

"Was der Mensch auch immer ist, ist das Resultat seiner eigenen Gedanken, die im eigenen Bewusstsein entworfen und aufgebaut und dann durch die den Gedanken innewohnende Macht und Kraft zur Wirkung gebracht wurden. Werden so negative Gedanken gepflegt, egal ob wissentlich oder unwissentlich, dann folgen auch negative Wirkungen. Sind die Gedanken hingegen gesund und damit neutral-positiv-ausgeglichen, dann ist auch die Wirkung dementsprechend."

"Whatever the human being is, is the result of the human being's own thoughts, which were drafted and put together in his or her own consciousness and then brought into effect through the might and power which is inherent in the thoughts. If negative thoughts are tended in this way, regardless of whether it is knowingly or unknowingly, then negative effects also follow. If, however, the thoughts are healthy and are thereby neutral-positive-balanced, then the effect also corresponds to that."

It takes an entire lifetime to study the complex topic of consciousness and how to make the most and the best of every single day. You can start plainly by analysing your mental processes, and by internalizing or redirecting the emerging questions back at yourself. I know it sounds easier than what it actually is, but I hope that this article serves as a small appetiser and motivates you to also discover the awaiting depths of your own consciousness.

Scientists in their curiosity, and with the aid of modern technology, will arrive one day at the discovery of the next frontier, that is, to the understanding of what is 'supernatural' and to the study of the spirit, when togetherness and connectedness, will be common words and true love will be the indestructible bridge that unites all consciousnesses together and external factors like age and race will not be a determining factor to allow ourselves to 'feel' and experience true harmony, peace and true love.

Thank you.

Carlos E. Hernandez FIGU Passive Member

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What is the meaning of my life?

On page 222 of Billy's book, "Ein Quentchen Wissen Sinn und Weisheit" (A Little Bit of Knowledge, Sense and Wisdom), under the title, "Den Sinn des Lebens erfüllen" (fulfilling the meaning of life) he writes:

"Wer den wahren Sinn des Lebens erkennt, ihn befolgt und erfüllt und folglich das Streben nach Höherem und Höchstem niemals vernachlässigt oder vergisst, wer das Streben nach Fortschritt, nach bewusstseinsmässiger und geistiger Evolution vorantreibt und sich davon auf seinem Lebensweg leiten lässt, dem erfüllt sich der wahrheitliche und schöpferische Zweck des Lebens."

Whoever recognises the true purpose of life, follows and fulfils it, and consequently never neglects or forgets the striving for that which is higher and the highest, whoever drives forward the striving for progress, for consciousness-based and spiritual evolution, and allows himself/herself to be led on his/her life-way by these, fulfils the truthful and creational purpose of life."

And in the article, "Leben heisst evolutionieren" (life means evolving) on page 226 of the same book, Billy writes:

"Leben bedeutet zu evolutionieren, stetig fortschrittlich zu sein und nach Höhererm und Höchstem zu streben, denn das ist der wahre Sinn des Lebens."

"Life means to evolve, to be constantly progressive and to strive for the higher and the highest, because that is the true purpose of life."

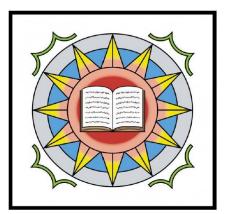
Salome

Vivienne

What is the meaning of my life?

To realise one's own spiritual power and strive to recognise the high values of the Creation, the love, the peace, the freedom and the harmony and to first bring them into fruition in one's own life and then, in a logical manner, help bring them into fruition in the lives of fellow human beings.

Salome Adam



What is the meaning of my life?

Life to me is evolution; to learn, to grow...... to become. To fill our spirits with all the knowledge our spirits are here to learn.

Salome, Peter

What is the meaning of my life?

Since I was a teenager I have been thinking about it, and in order to find an answer, over the years I checked out all religions. Buddhism was the last one, and because it is closer to the truth than others, I persevered with it for about 10 years, even though I had this nagging feeling that it was lacking some logic. When I found Billy's teaching and the FIGU in 2005 I felt like I had 'come home'. Now I know what the meaning of my life is: to strive for everything that is creational, to work on my personal evolution and to support the 'Quiet Revolution of the Truth' to the best of my ability. Vibka

What is the meaning of my life?

Through my childhood, later also in my formative years, I always questioned my life circumstances and the reality I was part of. Looking at life from an observer's point of view, I realised that what I was seeing and learning made no sense at all, and yet, no one could answer even the simplest of questions such as: who created god? Who created the animals?

Questioning what I was hearing never yielded satisfying answers and belonging to one group or another, didn't satisfy my curiosity either. Asking teachers and being punished for being inquisitive, only pushed me further to seek real answers through my own efforts. But one question has never left my mind: why was I born and for what purpose?

With time, seeking more knowledge and following my own instincts, I have learned that the meaning and purpose of my life is to 'learn how to learn', how to be one part of this immense universe. Yes, I have learned that truth and knowledge are not just found in books, rather also in every day living by making mistakes and learning from them, because learning is the foundation of human evolutive progress over countless reincarnations.

Thus far, my learning has been searching and striving to develop my consciousness/mind in order to further progress on the path of spiritual evolution. Discovering the true spirit teaching as taught by Billy, I feel that I have finally "arrived home". Here, all the answers to all the questions I ever asked and imagined, are made available to me to learn anew, and seek my real true self and develop that creative personality within, in accordance with creational natural laws and recommendations of creation.

Bianca

What is the meaning of my life?

To be the best I can be every single day, every minute and every second.

To learn, to help others, and to achieve maximum potential.

Salome,

Carlos

What is the meaning of life?

From an early age, I have always had a sense of the mystery of my being here. I recall pondering this as a youngster, and attempting to broach this topic with family members and friends, however, with limited responses and quizzical looks directed my way, I soon realised it was easier to just 'wonder' on my own.

I knew somewhere deep inside myself that there was something big to discover about why I existed, why anyone existed and why the world as I knew it existed with all the stars in the sky as a reminder of the vastness of that world. So began my ongoing study and seeking for the truth and meaning of this existence.

Over the years and as I learned and pondered more, soaking up information like a thirsty sponge, I began to formulate the best explanations I could as to the meaning of life, with what was available based on my experiences and efforts so far.

My current explanation sits well with and has been influenced by the spirit teaching from Billy Meier and the prophets of all times, in that it has provided some missing pieces of the puzzle for me. Through his writings, Billy has provided me with an explanation about the source of all being, Creation and my role in its continuing evolution via my spirit, with more detail than I could have discovered on my own at this time. Thus he has explained why I have had a striving (Streben) for as long as I can remember, to evolve, to grow and develop my 'self' and thus my consciousness, so that the spirit that enlivens me, that small part of Creation, can also grow in power to eventually merge back with Creation, and thereby enable Creation to also gain more power and evolve.

So, what is the meaning of life? The meaning of life for me, at this time, is just as mentioned above, to strive to evolve, grow and develop, and in doing so, to gain as much wisdom as possible, in the time I have here. This striving, before I was given the understanding of the role of Creation in all this, was not directed towards Creation then, however, now that I am aware of the constant dynamic development of all life-forms and the evolution necessary as a part of the dynamic constant, for the evolution of the Creation as the core of existence in this universe and the ongoing evolution that our Creation will provide to the next level of existence beyond it and so on........... now that I am aware of all that, I can see how I fit in to this dynamic and why I have this striving to be part of this ongoing wonder.

Salome, Robjna

Spiritual Teaching as Evidence of the Genuineness and Worth of the Billy Meier Case

Vivienne Legg

From time to time someone will ask me what it is about the Billy Meier case or its content that made me realise it was real. That question tends to make me scratch my head a bit and wonder, because, for me, the answer is, "Well, all of it!" But then I try a bit harder to take my mind back 10 years to when I first heard of the case, and how exactly its various components struck me then. The first thing I saw was the sheaf of paper held up by retired US. Colonel Wendelle Stevens in the film, "UFOs are Real". It was clear to me straight away that this case distinguishes itself from all the others by having significant content. Then, when my partner and I bought the existing English translations of that wad of paper we were immediately impressed by the intelligence of the commentary, the logic, the science, the wisdom, the internal consistency, its consistency with historic fact and Earth politics, the obviously vastly superior perspective of these extra–terrestrial human beings, the sheer volume of the texts comprising all these elements and much, much more. Of course, we also read about the scientific evidence for the case, as studied and presented by Stevens. We were similarly impressed with that and with the credentials of Stevens and his co–investigators.

The photographic, film and other physical evidence of the case continues to be the main focus of interest for most people coming new to it, looking for proof. But for me, when it comes down to it, what constitutes the most significant evidence for the genuineness and worth of the case is the spiritual teaching.

It is hardly surprising, on this belief-ridden planet, that people tend to think of spiritual teachings as being something that we have to simply just feel or just believe are right or wrong. It's usually expected that we can't really know anything about spiritual teaching for sure in the way we can about material things, except perhaps in some intuitive or faith-based way, which is then impossible to convincingly explain to others. But this thinking is the product of a world dominated by illogical spiritual teachings held up as the ultimate authoritative texts provided by "God" himself, the belief in whom is a testament to the faith of the good follower. To scrutinise such teachings is seen as an act of heresy and faithlessness, and it is certainly seen as arrogant to think that we might actually find a problem with something the almighty god or his representatives have composed.

I personally was passively discouraged from scrutinising and questioning the religious texts I was raised on. Only later did I realise that, had I done so, I would have abandoned my faith much sooner. This entrenched habit of non-scrutiny effects even non-religious people in this society which is still so insidiously influenced by religion. So it is no surprise that I get blank expressions from people when I try to point out the teaching's value as evidence for the case and when I point out the possibility of determining its intrinsic worth.

It is as if I had claimed that on stepping out of an aircraft in mid-flight I could stand on the clouds and they would support my weight.

Of course a body of teaching can be analysed and scrutinised. We can see if it is logically consistent, if it is consistently based on a foundation of respect and love, or some other factor, and whether, for instance, it is the product of an intelligence far in advance of the average Earth human being. On the other hand, we can see whether, in contrast, it is the product of a confused, contradictory body of chaotic thought which, if followed, would just lead humanity into the abyss.

There are also so many specific elements of the teaching we can begin to test. For instance, do all our feelings really lead back to thoughts? Do our life-circumstances really match the type of thoughts we are having? Do thoughts really have a causal influence on the world around us? Is there really a positive associated with every negative and vice versa? Are mistakes really necessary in order for us to evolve?

Do wisdom and love really go together like two sides of a coin? We can test these statements and start to find out, instead of getting lost in endless mind-numbing debates and discussions based on untested opinions and similarly untested counter-opinions, generated by similarly unscrutinised, untested texts. Finally we can move forward. We can actually advance in our knowledge and wisdom, based on diligent study of a body of teaching which actually does makes sense and ultimately does bear up to scrutiny.

"Eine Beweisführung in allen Belangen muss der Mensch immer in sich selbst führen, und zwar durch seine effektiven Wahrnehmungen und Erkenntnisse, durch seine Gedanken und Gefühle sowie durch seine tiefgründigen Überlegungen, aus denen Kenntnisse und Wissen, Erfahrung und Erleben und die Essenz des Ganzen, die Weisheit, gewonnen werden." – (Billy, Der falsche Weg..., Stimme der Wassermannzeit, Nr. 142, März 2007)

"In all matters, the human being must always make a demonstration of proof within himself/herself, and indeed through his/her effective perceptions and cognitions, through his/her thoughts and feelings as well as through his/her profound deliberations, from which awareness and knowledge, practical experience and living experience, and the essence of the whole – the wisdom – will be gained." – (Billy, The Wrong Way..., Voice of the Aquarian Age, No. 142, March, 2007)

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Macht der Gedanken

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"The human being is the forger of her/his own fortune", and, indeed, in the form that human beings shape their luck by means of their thoughts, in each case according to how they choose them and reinforce them. But thoughts are created in the consciousness; consequently this is the origin of all might: a might which forms one's character as well as one's morality, as well as the external circumstances of life and the journey through life.

«Des Glückes Schmied ist der Mensch selbst», und zwar in der Form, dass er sein Glück mittels seiner Gedanken prägt, je nachdem, wie er diese wählt und verstärkt. Gedanken aber werden im Bewusstsein erschaffen, folglich dieses der Ursprung aller Macht ist. Eine Macht, die sowohl den Charakter formt als auch die Moral sowie die äusseren Lebensumstände und den Lebensweg.

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Die Tatsache aber, dass der Mensch Meister seiner Gedanken ist und auch die Macht über dieselben besitzt, bedeutet, dass er der Schöpfer seiner eigenen Moral, seines Charakters und seiner gesamten Persönlichkeit ist. Damit ist er auch der Schöpfer seines Psychezustandes und der Schmied seiner gesamten Lebensumstände und seiner Umwelt und seines gesamten Schicksals.

But the fact that the human being is master of his/her own thoughts and also possess might over them, means that he/she is the creator of his/her own morality, character and entire personality. Along with that, he/she is also the creator of the state of his/her own psyche and is the smith of his/her entire life circumstances, environment and entire destiny.

A «convinced follower» of FIGU

A couple of years ago I re-connected with a cousin (third degree), with whom I had not had any contact since 1982. So, a few emails went back and forth to catch up on the news, and then in one email he wrote, "Indeed I cannot relate to the many statements, that is to say, ideas of Mister Meier, about whom I have researched a little on www.figu.org and Wikipedia. By nature I am very sceptical about that. In regards to some points of his overall concept he is probably right, for example overpopulation of Earth. However, if I read your emails and the link on the homepage correctly, you seem to be a «überzeugte Anhängerin» (convinced follower)."

Until then I had never considered myself a 'convinced follower' and I did not like this tag, because to me it conjures up pictures of fanatical, blind followers of sects and religions, who do whatever the guru, master or priest tells them, and I thought I was different. I looked up the meaning of the term 'convinced', which is synonymous with proselytising, reasserting, to win over, to enchant, to soften, to recruit, to sell somebody something, and so forth. Obviously my emails must have sounded like I was trying to win my cousin over, and my cousin's remark quickly put me back into place. How fine is the line between trying to inform someone and sounding like a sales person?

Had I mentioned Billy and FIGU too many times? Did I somewhere along the line say "Billy said this, and FIGU says that", instead of "This is how it is" from my own experience? Was I really trying to win him over?

I did not ask my cousin this, as I did not want to push the subject any further. However, his comment served as a good little reminder to be more careful, and to not try to push others into the direction that I have recognised as the true path. As hard as it may be sometimes, we have to be patient and let others find the truth for themselves. And if it appears that they don't find the truth in this life, then there's nothing we can do, but to keep working on our own progress.

This applies not only to our spiritual evolution but also to our physical well-being. I have learned that if someone tells me about their health problem it doesn't mean that they want me to fix it for them. Most of the time they just want us to listen, and once we reflect back to them what we hear, they can find the solution for it themselves. And then they have taken another step on the path of their own evolution, which may be very different to our own.

Vibka Wallder

The "1"

Macht der Gedanken



Might of Thoughts

Chapter 3

Der Mensch sollte sich bei der Bildung der eigenen Meinung in bezug auf seine wirkliche Persönlichkeit keine Gedanken um die Meinung anderer machen, sondern nur Gedanken um sich selbst, um seinen Charakter, um seine Moral und sein wahres Ich sowie um Leben und Tod und die Erfüllung der Evolution.

With the forming of an opinion in regard to his/her actual personality, the human being should have no thoughts about the opinion of others, rather only thoughts about himself/herself, about his/her character, morality and true I, as well as about life and death and the fulfilment of evolution

Chapter 22

- ...denn das Gesetz des Lebens besteht in der Weisung, dass das Leben erhalten werden muss, um zu Höherem zu evolutionieren.
- ...because the law of the life exists in the advice that the life must be maintained in order to evolve to that which is higher.



Report from our very first FL AUS information stand

With much anticipation and some heart palpitations, we finally brought to fruition the first ever FIGU information stand in Australia. Thinking about it really gives me 'goose bumps' and makes my mind wonder...to amazing and possible future outcomes.

The date was 7-7-12; a great date I thought: the sun was shining, the wind was blowing a gentle breeze and Vibka and I couldn't stop smiling. After the first young person picked up a brochure, I was mildly optimistic hoping for 6 people more to make our day. Many people who braved the cold had a good look and a good read of the banner, but no takers. Still, we persevered few hours more in hope, and then as the hours went by, one couple picked up 2 brochures! Vibka and I looked at each other, smiled happily and exclaimed ...Yeah!!! And so, 3 was the lucky number of the day.

We packed up and headed home feeling content, already preparing for next time and hoping for warmer spring weather to bring people out of their winter hibernation.

Salome

Bianca Recht

My introduction to FIGU

I first found out about Billy Meier when I was barely a teenager, going to school and just being a kid looking into UFO's.

I considered myself to be a normal kid with a normal outlook. I had a fairly religious upbringing, but not too much so.

I always knew that there was something else out there. It was almost scary to imagine that WE are all there is. Doesn't make sense does it? I always questioned this.

My first reaction internally when I read the information about the Plejaren visits and also about the spiritual teaching that they and Billy provided, was to be instantly filled with curiosity and intrigue, however, it also gave me a real feeling of familiarity – almost as if I already knew about it all. Finally, I had found something that would sit comfortably with my mindset.

I never had reservations about telling others about what I had read of the Plejaren and Billy Meier, and found that people were interested. Everybody who knew me, knew my interests so I had positive feedback.

A few years later, I bought some books over the internet. The titles of some are the "Talmud Immanuel", Guido Moosbrugger's "And Yet They Fly", the picture book "Through Space and Time", James W. Deardorff's the "Celestial Teachings", Holger Kersten's "Jesus Lived in India" and many more. I was excited to receive all these books and read them all more than once.

Even though for me it all started with me seeing Billy's pictures in various books, later it became quite obvious that what is most important are the essential messages which can really benefit all. It would be advantageous for all to really digest the meanings of these messages.

Eventually, I decided to become a passive member of FIGU Switzerland and then visited the Semjase Silver Star Centre in 2009.

Whilst there, I stayed at the Freihof hotel. I met Core group members like Pius Kellar, Silvano Lehmann, and many others who were very gracious, and friendly hosts. Of course I also met Billy, his son Atlantis and daughter Selina. I did 4 days of work at the centre and funnily enough ended up falling and cutting my hand on a sharp tool, which I had haphazardly placed into my pants pocket. Billy, being obviously concerned quickly got Silvano to drive me to the doctor to get some stitches.

I say funnily because it was more embarrassing than painful. Like, who puts scissors in their pocket? Haha!

The centre, being in the Swiss mountains of Hinterschmidrüti is surrounded with beautiful scenery and at the time I was there, they had a huge array of animals as well, including birds in a large aviary, ducks and what looked like geese swimming in a big pool.

My plans then became to help my FIGU friends with the mission, to disseminate all of the spiritual messages and the teaching, and hopefully work toward establishing our own FIGU centre here in Oz someday. In November 2011 we established the FIGU-Landesgruppe Australia as a daughter group of FIGU Switzerland. I am happy to be a founding member of our new group.

It is very important to note, that we at FIGU are not just about space-ships and aliens. We are about divulging TRUTH. Anybody who wants to can read the messages FIGU holds, and see the reality in them and may then even integrate them into their life, making what these messages contain a part of themselves. If so, then we at FIGU have done the job we set out to do.

After I became a member a few years back, I quickly realised that FIGU, the group started by this "one armed Swiss farmer", holds the most important teachings for the benefit of us all.

And on a personal note, the FIGU texts have taught me self-responsibility. They have made me more aware of my actions - accepting my mistakes as MY mistakes - not just blaming everyONE, and everyTHING else for them.

But mostly.....it is all about free will.

Salome.

Peter Tomaras