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What it means to be human

Human personality and how people 'tick' has always fascinated me. You can guess, therefore, that my interest was aroused recently in reading some remarks from the world of neuroscience and how neuroscientists view human personality and human beings. Most neuroscientists are resolutely materialist and physicalist in their understanding. Some have argued that our sense of being a person, the real 'me' who inhabits this body, quite separate and independent from my brain, is an illusion. Our sense of being a conscious, choosing self, an actual person is merely an illusion created continuously by our brain. Our sense of personal identity and free will are nothing but the behaviour of a vast assembly of nerve cells and their associated molecules. The belief that you are a person, a living soul is nothing more than 'mental froth' that emanates from your neuronal machinery. When the machinery stops working you are dead, there is nothing more, that's it. The belief in life beyond death was, again, an illusion. Furthermore, your belief in God corresponds to nothing at all that really exists. Your journey ends at the crematorium or below ground. All that is left is the cold, dark universe that couldn't care less. We are not surprised to learn, therefore, that many neuroscientists are atheists; what is more, they are becoming more voluble and strident like Richard Dawkins.

The above stated view, espoused by New Atheism, cannot be expected to remain unchallenged. If ever there was a time for Christians to stand up and be counted that time is now.

The Christian revelation as expressed in the Scriptures begins "In the beginning God ... ," that he really exists and further that he created the universe; that he is personal, has a threefoldness in his nature (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) but is essentially one, that he made man (male and female) "in his own image", making him "a living soul" that is a person, a human being. This is what I believe, more so now after a lifetime of mature thought and reflection.

What then does it mean to be human? Being made "in the image of God" he has stamped upon his being a threefoldness - body, mind and spirit (or soul); since God is Personal so man has his Personhood, that is the real you who lives within - in my case Derek the person my family know and love.

What else does it mean to be human? Since God is first and foremost Creator, so man has stamped upon his being the will to create, like his Maker he loves

to create. One of my most treasured books is The Arts of Mankind by Hendrik van Loon (sell your bed and get a copy from Amazon!) The book is beautifully illustrated. The author shows how man builds wonderful Cathedrals, paints pictures, creates wonderful music. I would add that he designs and builds Boeing 747's and Concorde (beautiful!) He creates/builds bigger and better telescopes like the newly built James Webb Space Telescope to go into orbit next year, to replace Hubble, with which we hope to reach almost back to the beginning of Time.

Let me take you back to the beginning. You are being born. You are nearly there, not quite yet. Moments later you are out. Then something happens: you breathe in your very first breath, "the breath of life". You have been given the wondrous gift of life itself. A little person has come into the world; that person is you, made in the image of God. That's what it means to be human. Will you think about that?

Derek Hall

AMBLESIDE AND DISTRICT CHORAL SOCIETY
with the **South Cumbria Ensemble**
present their **Spring Concert**

The programme will include Vivaldi Glorias and other vocal and instrumental works by Vivaldi and Zelenka.

St Mary's Church Ambleside
Saturday 6th May 7.30pm

Tickets £12 from choir members or on the door, to include a glass of wine.
Under 12s free.

GETTING TO KNOW...Hawkshead Hill Chapel
Wednesday, 7 June 2pm – 4pm

Learn about the chapel's past, present and future. An informal visit with time to listen, explore the grounds, ask questions, share worship.

The chapel is on the B5285, next to a turning to Tarn Hows. Parking available on cottage drive and nearby side roads.

For more info contact Andrew & Kath Dodd.

Dreaming the Organ

i.m. Nellie Taylor d.June 27th 1918

From the organ's beating walls sprout
26 speaking stops — smooth
ivory nodes, stubs of long bones,
each one stamped with the name of the rank
it controls, in small black capitals

TROMBA

FLUTE HARMONIC

OPEN DIAPASON

Speaking stops, articulate sound
unplugging the mouths of the old dead under
the floor's heavy stone, a complex geology
of earth and text, discordant history.
Twenty-six, one for each letter,
each note your dream wants to type, each label
a code in a tonal alphabet, each
gasp a word without language, melodic
orthography

TREMULANT

DULCIANA

VOX ANGELICA

SALICET

CHOIR

drawn from double-bleached keys, ebony
sharps, soundboards of straight-grained mahogany,
native pitch as the sounding length
of faith. *Lift eyes unto the hills.*

THIS ORGAN | THE GIFT OF SORROWING | PARENTS
elegant engine of meaning

SWELL

the only means to make work that might breathe.

Well! We have a newly printed poet in the village, not only in the village but she now lives pretty close to Dove Cottage.

Polly Atkin's first collection, "Basic Nest Architecture", is about Nature and Spring. Our selected poem is about St Oswald's church in Grasmere. So many stirring poems to choose from. We are inspired by them all.

Polly was first involved with the Wordsworth Trust as a volunteer in 2007. She left the village for a while and lectured and wrote at Lancaster University.

By this time she had got together with the wonderful Will from Norfolk of Grasmere Book Group fame (and much more). They both returned to Grasmere and did various jobs to keep the deer from the door!

Polly has worked in various places in the village including the Gingerbread Shop, and Will worked for a time in Fairy Land with the boats, and now can be seen regularly advising potential customers in Sam Read's bookshop.

If you would like to buy this delightful book it is available at Sam Read's. Look out for various readings!

Kay Adkins

Open Day at Holehird Gardens

Saturday 20th May 10am-4pm

Meet the gardeners at work in our lovely gardens!

Holehird Gardens has all the year round interest and covers 12 acres with spectacular views of the high fells and Lake Windermere. It is unique in that we have no paid gardeners and rely entirely on volunteers.

We maintain four National Plant Collections: Astilbe, Daboecia, Meconopsis, Polystichum.

Do bring interested friends and family on May 20th. We offer various children's trails to suit all ages. There is limited disabled access including the walled garden.

Patterdale Rd, LA23 1NP 015394 46008 www.holehirdgardens.org.uk

WI NEWS

Our April meeting was widely regarded as one of the best ever. Morag Hopkins of HMP Haverigg is a down-to-earth Cumbrian lass and a truly inspirational speaker who has been awarded the British Empire Medal. She described the training programmes and in-house work undertaken by inmates at this Category C prison as part of their rehabilitation. Every prisoner who leaves with a skill is more likely to achieve employment and avoid reoffending. The highly successful Smokery now wins awards for its produce, and Morag brought plenty of tasty samples for everyone to try. Everyone rushed to buy up the delicious smoked fish, meats and cheese at very reasonable prices. We will write to thank the Prison Governor for permitting Morag to visit our WI in the hope that, with her optimism and infectious enthusiasm, she may be allowed to spread more widely this positive image of HMP Haverigg. Morag and her team sell the Smokery's produce at the prison shop, county fairs and at Kendal market. Haverigg prison costs over £11 million annually to run. The Smokery brings in profit which is reinvested, ultimately saving taxpayers' money. If you get the chance please support this excellent venture.

Six Grasmere ladies were among 180 Cumbrian WI members who enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Villa. Antiques expert Paul Laidlaw regaled the enthusiastic audience with anecdotes about his life and work as an auctioneer, rogue dealers, and working for the BBC. Paul answered countless questions from the floor and entertained everyone well into the afternoon.

Joan Lagoe, together with WI members and friends, is hosting a tea party at the Rectory from 1.30pm on Monday May 1 to raise funds for Marie Curie. Please support this wonderful charity which has brought help and comfort to so many in our local community.

The next meeting is on Thursday 11th May at 2pm in the Tithe Barn. Anne Timmins of Cumbria Westmorland Federation will outline details of the two shortlisted resolutions to be considered for the AGM at Liverpool in June: *Alleviating loneliness* and *Plastic Soup: Keep microfibres out of our oceans*. Members will learn more about these issues and discuss them before deciding how we wish our delegate to vote at the AGM.

Visitors and non-members are always welcome, £3 including a raffle and delicious tea.

Myra McCraith

WI and Buffs Joint Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who contributed in any way to yesterday's joint venture. We managed to raise a total profit of £337. It turned out to be an extremely sociable morning. Wonderful cakes, good coffee and a chat with old friends. Thanks to everyone again for supporting this event.

Jennifer Hardisty

Knit and Nat

Our meetings in May will be on Friday the 12th and Tuesday the 23rd in the Reading Room starting at 2pm and finishing by 4pm. Everyone is welcome at our happy gathering for the afternoon or any part of it to join us in our crafting; knitting, crochet, sewing are the most usual activities but we would be delighted if any new craft was introduced. There is always a cup of tea or coffee and there are sometimes delicious biscuits, but I can't promise!

We are continuing with making items for both the Christmas shoeboxes and premature babies. We thought we were starting to use up our stash of wool when we were given many cones of knitting machine wool. This wool is thin but knits up well when worked with three colours together. If anyone is a knitting machine knitter or would like to try knitting with the three strands the cones are available for any charitable knitting.

Knit and Nat have usually met any new projects with interest and enthusiasm but I had to smile at an article I read in Cumbria magazine about the Drunken Duck pub. I had heard about the origins of how the pub got its name because some ducks drank beer that had leaked from a barrel but I hadn't heard the second part of the story. Thinking that her ducks had died as a result of the incident the thrifty landlady started to pluck the ducks, it soon became apparent that they were not dead so she immediately set to and knitted them little jackets to keep them warm. I would hope that should we be asked we would be happy to knit for such an emergency.

Christine Batey

May Events at the Wordsworth Trust

May is shaping up to be another busy month in the Wordsworth Trust events calendar, with a particularly varied selection of talks, walks and workshops in the coming weeks.

We will mark the 200th anniversary of Coleridge's masterpiece work *Biographia Literaria* with a talk by world expert Professor Seamus Perry on Saturday 6 May at 4pm. Seamus describes it as is 'at once an autobiography, recounting with special vividness his relationship with Wordsworth, and a work of literary criticism, containing famous pages about Shakespeare and Milton, as well as a philosophical reflection on the nature of the human mind.' He will discuss what it can tell us, two centuries on, about human creativity, the value of poetry and, in particular, the genius of Wordsworth.

The first of three workshops exploring the fascinating, and complicated, relationship between poetry and music takes place on Sunday 7 May at 2pm. Titled *Celebrating Words and Music* this afternoon will be an opportunity to listen to and discuss settings of poetry by Shakespeare, the Romantics and First World War poets to music by Ireland, Vaughan Williams and Finzi. If you enjoy poetry, why not look at it afresh in its artistic combination with music; if you love music, why not look more closely at the poems leading composers choose to set. There will be tea and cake and all are very welcome.

In the *Footsteps of Wordsworth* on Saturday 13 May gives you the opportunity to explore Ullswater by boat and on foot in the company of a National Park guide and Wordsworth Trust staff. Wordsworth described Ullswater as 'perhaps, upon the whole, the happiest combination of beauty and grandeur, which any of the Lakes affords' and wrote a number of poems inspired by the lake and surrounding landscape, including Gowbarrow Park and Aira Force which will be visited on this morning. No need to book, meet at Ullswater Information Centre, Glenridding for 9.40am.

Museums at Night, a national festival encouraging us to see museums and galleries differently, returns on Friday 19 May and we think we may have come up with our best festival event yet: *Dine in Dove Cottage*. Local chef and food historian will cook an evening meal to be eaten in Dove Cottage in the company of friends just as the Wordsworth family did when they lived here 200 years ago. Tickets are selling fast so make sure to ring us to book if you would like to join us.

The final week of May is the school half-term and the Education team will be busy running events onsite and in libraries around the county for children and families. The ever-popular Terrific Trek on Tuesday will take place on Tuesday 30 May at 2pm and will take you on a short stroll through Town End up towards White Moss. The team will be at Brockhole on Wednesday 31 for story time and art activities from 11am – 3pm then back at Dove Cottage on Thursday 1 June for a brand new session titled Making Sounds with Wordsworth. A new exhibition featuring the sounds of the Lake District Landscape has inspired them to explore natural sounds and have a go at making percussion instruments. If you have children aged 3+ to entertain that week, do bring them along.

As always, please visit our website wordsworth.org.uk or contact us on 015394 35544 for more information about any events or activities. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Alice Carthy Events Manager

Grasmere History Group

9th May 7pm. A visit to the Jerwood Centre by members of the Duddon Valley History Society. The Society has been exploring Wordsworth's links to their valley, and are working with an artist to stage an exhibition in the Wordsworth Museum. Grasmere residents are invited to come along to meet them and hear about their work.

Tuesday 13th June at 7:30pm, Jane Macauliffe will be talking about William Baldry. Details to follow.

Jeff Cowton

Established Cleaner in the Grasmere area looking to expand client base. All types of cleaning considered. Local client references available on request.

For further details contact Lou on 07866 206471.

Grasmere Village Society

Roy Formby

It was with great sadness that we heard the news of Roy's death. He took his position as President very seriously and he will be greatly missed, as the crowded church at his funeral showed.

Annual General Meeting / Open Evening 27th April

The committee decided to have a rather different AGM this year. Instead of the usual format, in which a short social period at the beginning has been followed at 8.00pm by a business period, sometimes with a speaker, we would concentrate on a social and informative evening. The GVS business would be largely dealt with through printed reports, e.g. by the chairman and the treasurer; there would be no speeches.

There is so much happening in the village that we arranged to have a number of displays put up to explain what was proposed and, in several cases, to invite the community to comment and make suggestions as to what might happen. We remembered how village reaction to the Broadgate Orchard proposals, at the exhibition we organised, led to the use of slate instead of zinc on the roofs.

At least two of the displays at the Open Evening were expected to give people the chance to influence choices which are being made. The Wordsworth Trust emphasised that their plans for spending the grant they have been awarded for improvements at Townend were not set in stone. They were hoping to have the chance to hear comments from the individuals who look at their displays. There will be opportunities for one to one conversations as well as a place for writing comments.

The display on outdoor leisure facilities was intended to enable people to make suggestions about the use of the grant which GVS is to receive from SLDC for improvements in Broadgate meadow, particularly for adults and teenagers. Also the National Park Authority is asking for more sites for housing as well as having a display on the work done to repair Rights of Way and bridges damaged in the floods.

Writing this before the meeting has taken place, I have to take it on trust that all will work out as planned. The Hall was full of the Local Artists' exhibition until Sunday, 23rd. The Hall trustees, or rather those with the time and

muscles, have promised that on Monday they will put up the exhibition boards for the displays; promises to put up the various displays have also been made. Next month I hope to be able to report what happened. It was brought home to me how difficult it is to predict how successful it will be when Debbie Rickman Hebson asked me how many people to cater for. I hope that it has proved a large number and I know Debbie will have done a great job.

If by any chance you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to be able to contribute ideas on the topics I mentioned, please do get in touch. It would be great if you recommend leisure activity equipment for adults, which you've seen on your holidays. Other displays deal with the Emergency Plan, the housing development at Smithy Bridge (and what name it should have), and heating the hall.

Please let me know what you think of the format for the AGM.

Signage in Grasmere.

At long last we had the promised meeting with Victoria Upton (Highways Authority). We all emphasised the need for better signs into the village. New ones for the Townend access are being constructed. Paul Truelove read a list of problems on Red Bank, e.g. removal of warning signs. After the meeting he showed her these and she promised that signage in that area will be improved. We would have liked reassurance about the access at Swan Lane. Traffic orders are expensive but she confirmed that a change in the walling along the A591 opposite the Swan could improve visibility for exiting Swan Lane.

Suggestions for appropriate signage to help visitors realise that there are shops and attractions on both sides of the gap by the Wordsworth Hotel would be gratefully received.

The new committee will meet on 16th May

Dennis Batey and Diane Wood who are retiring were thanked for their hard work. Nominations for new members have been made. More are needed.

Vivienne Rees

CALENDAR

May 2017

1 Mon	13:30	Rectory	Marie Curie Tea Party
6 Sat	14:00	Jerwood Centre	Coleridge's Literary Life
6 Sat	19:30	Ambleside Church	Choral Society Concert
7 Sun	11:00	St Oswald's	Easter 4 - Holy Communion
7 Sun	14:00	Foyle Room	Celebrating Words and Music
9 Tue	19:00	Jerwood Centre	Duddon Valley History Society
11 Thu	14:00	Tithe Barn	WI
12 Fri	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
13 Sat	09:40	Ullswater TIC	In the footsteps of Wordsworth
14 Sun	11:00	St Oswald's	Easter 5 - School Service
16 Tue			GVS Committee
18 Thu	10:00	Tithe Barn	Lakes Collectibles - to Sat 20th
19 Fri	19:00	Dove Cottage	Museums at Night
20 Sat	10:00	Holehird Gardens	Open day
21 Sun	11:00	St Oswald's	Easter 6 - Methodist Service
23 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
25 Thu			Ascension Day
27 Sat	10:00	Village Hall	Lakes Collectibles - Mon 29th
28 Sun	11:00	St Oswald's	Sunday after Ascension - HC
30 Tue	14:00	Foyle Room	Terrific Trek on Tuesday
31 Wed	11:00	Brockhole	Wordsworth Wednesday at Brockhole

June 2017

1 Thu	10:00	Tithe Barn	Lakes Collectibles - to Sat 3rd
1 Thu	14:00	Foyle Room	Making Sounds with Wordsworth
4 Sun	9:30	St Mary's, Rydal	Eucharist at Rydal
7 Wed	14:00	Hawkshead Hill	Chapel Open Day

ROTAS FOR ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH

	Sidesmen / women	Coffee
May 7th	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Kay Adkins</i>
May 14th	June Maddison Bob Allen	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
May 21st	Rosalind de Wesselow Kay Adkins	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
May 28th	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Ann Jackman</i>

Church Tower Update

Most local residents and visitors to Grasmere will have seen the signs of building activity around the Church. Site preparation, both in the Churchyard and at the Rectory, is underway and scaffolding has started to sprout from around the tower. This work will continue throughout the rest of April. The beginning of May should herald the onset of the removal of the old render.

The PCC would like to thank the Friends of St Oswald's for their generous contribution of £100,000 towards the tower fund. It would also like to thank the many personal donors, some of whom have given anonymously.

Another big 'Thank you' goes to Tamang Tree Services. Saki turned out with a smile on his face in dismal weather and gave of his services freely to prune one of the yew trees in preparation for the scaffolding.

Thank you to all who have helped.

Sonia Rickman, Churchwarden



Can I claim sick pay?

I took 7 days off work for flu and my employer won't give me sick pay. I work on a flexible shift contract and when I called in sick they just took me off the rota and didn't pay me till I came back. Is this right?

Whatever your contract type, your entitlement to statutory sick pay is the same. It is paid from the fourth day you are off work. You need to earn £112.00 a week or more before tax, and to report your sickness according to your workplace rules.

Removing you from an agreed rota cannot change your entitlement to sick pay. The first step is to ask your employer to fill in the government form SSP1 _explaining their reasons for not paying you, then call the number for HMRC on the form. They'll clarify whether you're entitled and if you are, make sure you're paid.

If your employer won't fill in the form, contact HMRC, who have a legal duty to solve issues around sick pay.

For further help and advice, contact your nearest Citizens Advice.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice Bureau on debt, consumer, benefits, housing, employment and many other problems. We have outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111444 for help - please note new number for new enquiries.

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Home Visiting and Communions

For requests for visits to residents in short or long term need please telephone 015394 35326

Please contact the appropriate Church and member of the clergy or minister in case of need and at times of sickness for Home Communion. Any of the churches would be happy to pray for any individual, please simply let any of us know the name of the person to be prayed for and that they are agreeable to being prayed for in public.



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