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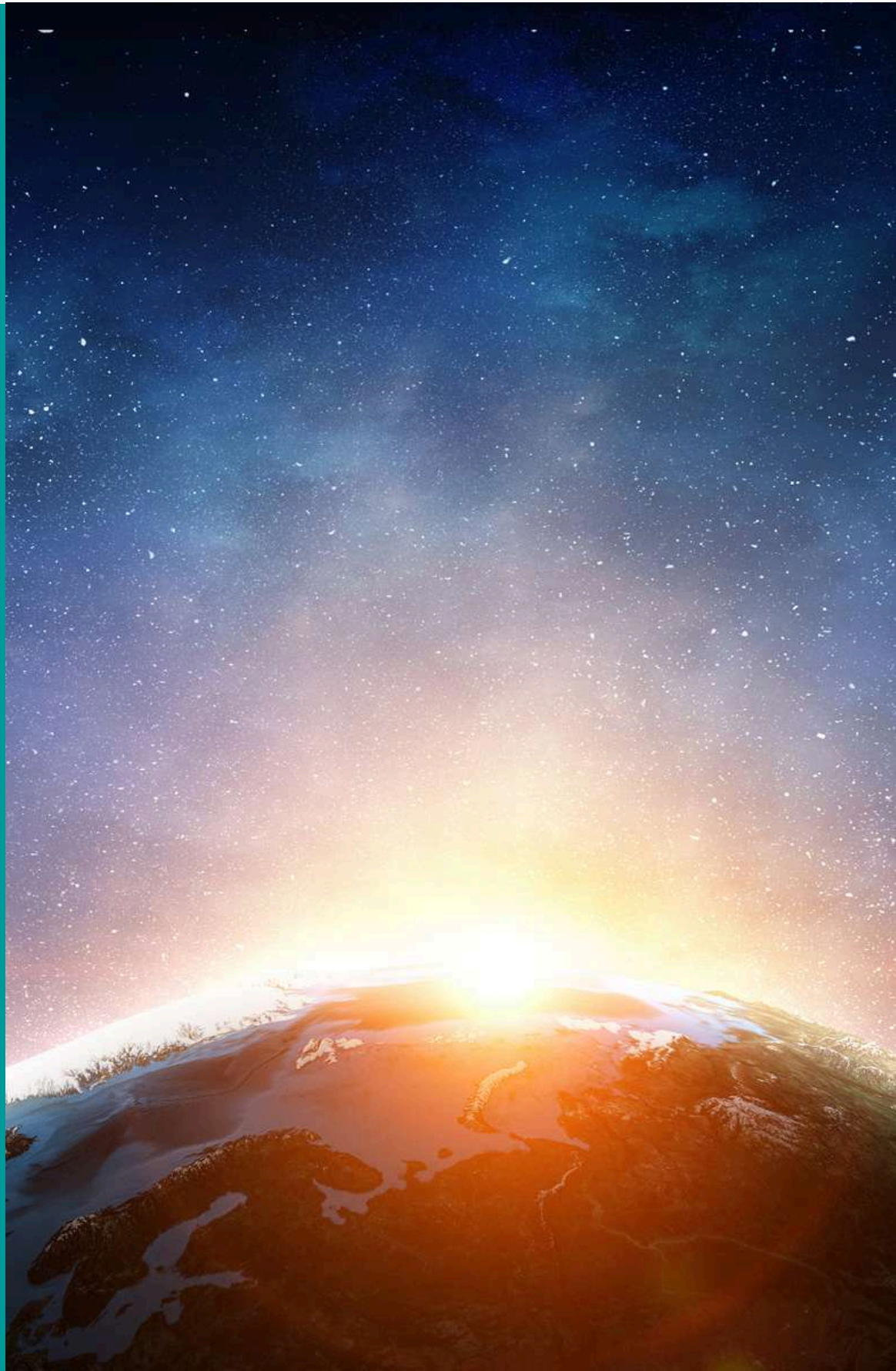




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About Science & Wisdom LIVE

Science & Wisdom LIVE brings meditation practitioners in conversation with scientists to discuss society's biggest challenges.

We are a project of Jamyang London Buddhist Centre, launched in November 2020 and a partner of Mind & Life Europe. We work closely with FDCW, The Meridian Trust, and A Sceptics Path to Enlightenment.

Science & Wisdom LIVE is a public outreach platform for dialogues between modern science and contemplative traditions. It aims to foster collaborations between Buddhist and other contemplative traditions and scientific communities through online events, podcasts and online courses. Seeking to bridge the gap between contemplative traditions, often siloed from each other, and sciences to support the emergence of a new field of contemplative education.

The launch of online courses, drawing from both scientific research and contemplative teachings, will create a long-term educational environment for people who seek to deepen their knowledge of the intersection between science and contemplative practices. The key to collective flourishing lies in the education of the younger generations who respond well to an approach that, in His Holiness the Dalai Lamas' words, goes 'beyond religion' and fully exercises one's analytical capacities.

About 2022

2022 has been a most successful year for Science & Wisdom LIVE. Our team has produced various insightful and compelling dialogues, talks, and interviews, with the participation of high-quality speakers such as Prof. Anil Seth, Dr. Thubten Jinpa, Satish Kumar and Geshe Tenzin Namdak.

Our activities have crystallised into several distinct categories, these include the organisation and production of:

- Science & Wisdom LIVE dialogues
- Science Days conferences
- The Lighthouse Dialogues
- Podcast interviews & Videos

Mission

Science & Wisdom LIVE brings meditation practitioners in conversation with scientists to address the problems of contemporary society and come to new possible solutions.

The dialogue between science and contemplative traditions can inspire positive action and inform an ethical response to the challenges of our times, grounded in the human values of cooperation, compassion and equality.

Motivation

The great challenges of our times constitute an extraordinary opportunity for positive change. While living in unprecedented material wealth, our society is threatened by the loss of environmental resources and the fragmentation of human values.

The collective challenges we are facing compel us to investigate new tools to promote individual and collective well-being, grounded in ethical values and informed by scientific research.

Scope

The Science & Wisdom LIVE dialogues are based on the ideas of societal wisdom: the deliberate use of human knowledge and experience to cultivate well-being. As a long-term series, these dialogues aim to enrich our insight, wisdom, and understanding of mind and life.

Themes

Each dialogue touches upon specific sub-themes where science and contemplative traditions intersect, such as the ethics of artificial intelligence, gender equality, climate change, and the benefits of mindfulness and meditation for mental health.

Although each dialogue has a specific theme, its scope transcends the individual topic: like the butterfly effect, each dialogue will resonate with all other Science & Wisdom LIVE dialogues – past and future.

During each dialogue, the speakers explore the common ground between science and contemplative traditions, while inviting debate and respecting the differences that, inevitably, arise.

Core Team

- Ven. Thubten Drolma, Director
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Speakers

- Scott Snibbe, Speaker
- Vicki MacKenzie, Speaker

Advisors

- Dr. Elena Antonova
- Erick Rinner
- Father Laurence Freeman
- Dr. Rob Hopkins



March 2022



- We hosted “The Buddha’s Mother & Mary Magdalene” on International Women’s Day with Cynthia Bourgeault, Geshe Ngawang and Wendy Garling.

April 2022



- Vicki Mackenzie Interviewed Sister Jayanti Kirpalani for the event “Lighthouse Dialogue”



- We hosted the dialogue “Trauma, Transformation and Healing” with Deb Dana, Rob Preece, Dr. David Robinson-Morris, & Scott Snibbe

May 2022



- We hosted “Science Day III - Death & Rebirth” with Dr. Eva Natnya, Rev. Cynthia Carter-Perilliat, and Dr. Nigel Hamilton.

July 2022



- Vicki Mackenzie Interviewed John Butler for the event “Lighthouse Dialogue”

August 2022



- We launched the first online course in collaboration with Jamyang Buddhist Centre and Skeptic’s Path to Enlightenment “Skeptic’s Path to Enlightenment in 12 Meditations”

October 2022



- Vicki Mackenzie Interviewed Satish Kumar for the event “Lighthouse Dialogue”
- We hosted “Science Day IV - Mind, Body, Consciousness” with FDCW, JBC and



- John Vervaeke, Anil Seth, Hilary McMichael, Mabel Odessey, and Marjorie Woollacott

November 2022



- We hosted the dialogue “Beyond Fear - Towards Resilience” with Rabbi Amy Eilberg, Dr. Zachary Markwith, and Tenzin Chogyi.

Summary

In 2022 we released 16 videos and podcasts from our events and three new interviews with Stanley Robinson, Osel Hita, Thubten Jinpa

We extend our sincerest gratitude for your generous contributions to Science and Wisdom Live. Your unwavering support has been instrumental in our efforts to advance knowledge and foster curiosity through our programs and initiatives. As we reflect on the past year in our annual report, we are reminded of the profound impact of your generosity. Your donations have enabled us to create meaningful educational experiences, engage with diverse communities, and inspire a passion for learning.

Through your continued support, we have been able to further our mission of promoting science literacy and exploring the intersection of science and wisdom. Your belief in our vision fuels our determination to continue striving for excellence in all that we do.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support. Together, we are making a difference in the world of education and beyond.

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From **Prof. Carlo Rovelli** - speaker:

"I have very much appreciated the invitation to Science & Wisdom LIVE, especially for the combination of intellectual engagement, comparison of ideas, with the profoundly respectful and friendly environment that it has offered. Thank you!"



From **Erick Rinner** - advisor :

As a board member of Mind and Life Europe, the SciWiz team has really impressed me over the last 18 months. The events they are organising are very exciting and have a significant impact on many people. I am very happy to be one of the donors and for 2021, I shall match the donations made before 31 December 2021.



From **Dr Rupert Sheldrake**- speaker:

I much enjoyed the experience and found it very helpful in deepening my understanding of the Buddhist approach. Geshe Namdak is amazingly clear in his explanations.



From **Laura Miller**- speaker:

Thank you for the invitation. I'm glad I was finally able to join one of your events. It was a fantastic conversation and resonated deeply with me.
Big love,
Laura



From **Deb Dana**- speaker:

I had a lovely experience with you! I feel like I have made new friends... You are bringing something wonderful to the world.



From **Marc Seguin** - student:

"Excellent course on the background and the intersection of certain philosophical schools of Buddhism & interpretations behind Quantum Physics. Definitely worth exploring! "



From **Garth Barber** - student:

"I found this course 'enlightening' on the specific Buddhist concepts of reality and their relationship with the various ontological interpretations of Quantum Mechanics. Garth Barber"



From **Laura Cavina** - donor:

I am delighted to write a reference in support of the Science & Wisdom Live Project, which by establishing a dialogue between modern Scientists and the Keepers of Spiritual Traditions enables cross-fertilisation likely to generate more ideas for non-stigmatising (or even unequivocally cool!) alternative treatments - lucid dreaming for exposure work in phobias, for example, or for trauma processing.

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