

Hello,

Someone asked a question about Stonehenge and I thought you may like to see my reply.

Many thanks

David

Question:

'what is the major deal about stone henge have heard some things and is interesting but dont get the big hype etc'

Reply:

Hi

That's a good question and it deserves a thorough answer - I'll do my best.

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I do not know what you know about ley lines, telepathy, electromagnetic energy or what occurs when people meditate, pray or focus their thoughts on a specific objective.

Suffice to say, that, akin to the latitude and longitude lines that circumnavigate the Earth, it is suggested that electromagnetic energy lines run through the Earth's crust in a similar fashion. Scientists are now convinced, for example, that it is by following these lines that birds are able to return to the same tree after travelling thousands of miles.

In the new age and pagan communities, many people believe that ancient temples were built on, or near, these lines to enhance the power of prayer or ritual magic. Archaeologists aren't so certain about the verification of things being aligned in this way in the minds of ancient planners; all they can say is that it is definitely possible.

With modern maps, alignments can be drawn between ancient temples across vast distances but, as Prof Clive Ruggles would say, you can line up telephone boxes if you try hard enough.. for Ruggles, alignment is revealed when a consistent pattern occurs in a given area.

In the area surrounding Stonehenge, radiating out about 20 miles or so, every monument is aligned along the Mid-Summer Sunrise/Mid-Winter Sunset axis.

So, according to Ruggles, there is a distinct pattern in the Stonehenge area, which suggests an authenticity of purposeful alignment in their design.

Architecture:

The first stages of Stonehenge began to be built 5 and a half thousand years ago, long before iron tools were invented. It remains standing to this day with no supports - it is a balancing act of the highest magnitude.

Around Stonehenge there are no trees anymore, the great forest having been cleared thousands of years ago. From the road, or from the tourist path, Stonehenge looks like a small thing that is close to you. However, because there are no objects with which to gauge size or perspective, Stonehenge is in fact a big thing that is far away.

When people go inside Stonehenge for the first time they are often awe-struck.

It is huge; the stones are tonnes in weight and they were dressed, meaning they are artistically designed; shaped and contoured. The stones were tapered so that they would look straight when upright and the lintels, or cross pieces, are uniformly curved to create the top of the great stone circle.

Stonehenge can be used to calculate eclipses, which means it can also be used to calculate the timing of the seasons. For an agricultural and pastoral people, this would give them the ability to time their work in line with the flow of the seasons and, therefore, be more successful in the art of staying alive.

Every monument in the surrounding area is part of the Stonehenge complex.

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This was a massive undertaking and would have required hundreds of man hours to complete - but, the population levels were very low and Stonehenge was built over a period of more than 400 generations - that takes a lot of sustained effort. Our society ran out of interest in the millennium dome in less than half a decade.

The entire landscape reveals that the people who built this, our ancestors, were a sophisticated society with an appreciation of language, mathematics, society, art, history and spirituality and they had a highly significant relationship with the sky; an astral-logos, an astrology.

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This shows us that there is far more to the history of this island than one might suppose. Our ancestors were practicing cultured arts long before many of the great civilizations had even begun to form. People travel all over the world from this island to look for spirituality and yet it is here, right beneath their feet.

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So, to have the great privilege of going inside the inner circle of Stonehenge by Starlight, in a small private group, when it seems like you have it all to yourself is an incredible experience for those who are open to atmospheres, enchanted by history or in search of spiritual truths.

For those that enjoy these kinds of things, Stonehenge is a very significant place; a place of peace and contemplation and a testament to the power that remains in the soil of this sacred landscape.

Hope this answers your question – here's what another write had to say ...

In August 2008, I had the great pleasure of having the company of one of Britain's finest authors of mystical fiction accompany us on the annual evening tour; Stonehenge by Moonlight

I often receive messages of thanks and ask if I may place them on the testimonials page of my web site. I was, delighted to receive a testimonial from Kit this week and when I read it I was astounded. She truly has a gift for words and paints the atmosphere of the evening, the tour and the experience of going inside the inner circle of Stonehenge in a small private group, beautifully ... had to share this with you ...

David

August Full Moon at Stonehenge

As a child in the sixties I'd grown up able to roam freely around the sacred site of Stonehenge with our car parked by the stones and not another soul in sight. But more recent visits had proved sterile and depressing, circling the fenced-off stones with huge hordes of tourists like dirty water going round a plug-hole. So the opportunity for a special access visit inside the circle under a full moon was something to be seized.

The event was organised beautifully. We met first at Avebury and got to know David and the rest of our group in the pub. David gave a very interesting talk about the history of Avebury, and even though this wasn't my first experience here, I learned many new things. He also explained a great deal of Stonehenge's history, and what I especially enjoyed was the way he blended knowledge and learning with other theories, but never confusing them and presenting supposition as fact. This is all too common a fault with guides at sacred sites, but not one that David made. We then walked around the village talking about the stones and experiencing the energy of the place. David was both entertaining and informative, happy to answer questions and discuss ideas.

Later as darkness fell we drove to Stonehenge in convoy along a ley line. It was very strange arriving at the site in darkness with nobody else about. The reflective strips on the security guards' jackets blazed out under the headlights of our group's cars and made the whole thing seem rather clandestine. Barriers were removed and we entered the car park. After a quick briefing we were led under the tunnel and up towards the looming stones.

I had been very excited about the prospect of the full moon washing the stones with lunar glory. But it was a cold and cloudy night, the rain only just managing to hold off. The heavy cloud meant that the sky was a weird orange-purple colour, presumably reflected from Salisbury. The road seemed close by too, and regular car headlights swept past noisily. My first feeling was of disappointment. This was not silent nor silver, and didn't feel particularly magical at all.

However ... once inside the stones everything changed. The atmosphere thickened. I felt enfolded in stone. It's impossible to get this sensation as an ordinary tourist circling in daylight. You need to actually be inside the temple, feeling it from the core. The stones are enormous and it's not until you lean your small human frame against their massive permanence that you fully appreciate this. David had urged us to go barefoot inside the circle, and despite the very chilly wind I took his advice. I'm so glad I did. As he'd said, the ground was warm despite the cold weather. And actually connecting skin to earth with the sacred energy was something not to be missed.

I had a quite profound experience that night inside the darkness of the henge. I'd hoped to perform some kind of healing for a dear friend suffering a terminal illness. Where better than the inner sanctum of Stonehenge? Instead I received knowledge and understanding in the form of a clear insight. I was deeply moved by this and will carry the certainty with me forever. My friend has since died and what I experienced that night at Stonehenge has helped me cope with the grief.

I don't know how long we were inside the henge because time felt different there, but after a while David gathered us together to look in restricted torchlight at an astrological chart. Then it was time to leave. The security guard appeared and counted us back out, returning us to our cars. It was quite bizarre re-entering the 21st century.

We reconvened in a nearby pub to finish off the wonderful evening. Everyone was buzzing and we all needed to regroup ourselves. David was as informative and entertaining as ever – a really likeable man and so very different to what I'd imagined. Because of the nature of his studies and website I'd imagined someone rather lofty and ethereal . But here was a man of the earth, well-grounded in knowledge and spirit, and fascinating. He ensured the group gained what they wanted and needed from the visit and I would thoroughly recommend the experience. It's something everyone should do at least once in their lifetime, and I shall certainly be repeating it.

The Stonywyld series by Kit Berry

<http://www.stoneywyld.com/>

definitely recommended reading ...

in kindness

David

'A human being is part of the whole, called by us 'universe,' a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separate from the rest -- a kind of optical delusion of consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty. Nobody is able to achieve this completely, but the striving for such achievement is in itself part of the liberation, and a foundation for inner security'.

Albert Einstein