

What is, in fact, "Lost Knowledge" and what is RILKO?

As a Founder Member, and the first Chairman of the Organisation, it is certain that Commander G J Mathys had a clear vision of what was to be understood by 'Lost Knowledge' and the nature and purpose of RILKO. The following excerpts are taken from the Chairman's Speech, given by Commander Mathys, at the Second AGM of RILKO, on 3rd May 1975.

"Our forebears had capabilities we no longer have. There are many evidences that their knowledge was far superior to ours today in many different directions. There are many people today who are aware of that previous knowledge which have been lost. Usually an individual is particularly excited about one direction of interest and joins a group which studies that interest almost exclusively. This is fine, but so often attitudes developed where the group became inward-looking - and even derisory to any other discipline. All disciplines are inter-related and RILKO is a Forum in which individuals from one discipline can mingle, inspire and learn from those of other disciplines.

It was Elizabeth Leader who opened my eyes to the concept of RILKO when she introduced me to the Zodiac of Glastonbury. I saw she had evidence of the signs of the Zodiac illustrated in the countryside, not only in the lay out of the piece of country in its shape, related to a particular sign of the Zodiac, but that every sign of the Zodiac was depicted in its correct relationship and sequence....over 30 miles in radius!!! I was reminded of the words Ian Fleming put into the mouth of his hero James Bond "Once is happenstance, Twice is coincidence but THREE TIMES IS ENEMY ACTION". With the zodiac, how much further that sense of being alerted holds good. What must be the odds against those signs being in the right sequence?? - especially when multiplied by the fact that two of the signs are double, showing that the planets were in transit with each other at the Time-setting of the Zodiac. Here then is shown a question which justifies being looked into. Research into such lost knowledge of WHO? and WHY? and HOW? and WHEN? is what RILKO exists to encourage. RILKO does not set out to prove anything, merely to help draw attention to such questions, and to help and encourage those who seek the answers. This is the Quest....

Remember that the Tor [Silbury] was built from 10 million cubic tons of earth, moved there from elsewhere, moulded into the shape to within the accuracy of one half of a degree, even today. The associated stones and relative positions on the horizon precisely indicate where the sun rises and sets at each equinox. Those of our forebears who accomplished that massive and clinically accurate task showed that they had knowledge and capability to a high degree of proficiency and mathematics, including spherical trigonometry, astronomy, astrology, major planning, labour recruitment and man-management....our forebears ...were capable of many, many talents in many, many different directions... which we lost touch with. We could be capable of such things again, to the benefit of mankind. If you examine any of the books on the RILKO List you will find examples of the scales which have grown over our eyes. Our modern complex technologies have distracted us from the habit of seeing simple truths. Those who left those truths for us to read, if and when a new

civilisation and culture grew, may have realised that not everyone would be able to understand. Perhaps there is a test whereby only those of certain attitudes of mind are allowed to see into the heart of this valuable knowledge.

RILKO is a learned society, a professional body and a forum for people who are interested in all these things but who do not find the opportunity to talk freely about them, or if they do, meet with raised eyebrows and suspicion or ridicule. RILKO allows them to meet and find mutual inspiration from open-mindedness and communication between those of the same, similar or related interests....

RILKO has no axe to grind whatsoever. Here is our strength and here also our vulnerability. We do not seek members just for the sake of numbers of members. It is an opportunity to extend to those who wish to join in the spirit of what we have explained. We are not blowing trumpets or banging drums for people to join. On the other hand there are those who do not understand the simple concept we serve but do recognise RILKO as a respected body they wish to join for no other reason but to grind their own axe, to further their own ends, to use RILKO to impose their views with the object of creating a stir, who wish to change the whole world, starting with RILKO. Such people are not compatible with RILKO. We do not say they are wrong in any way, What we do say is that they are incompatible with the sense of ease and friendship, regardless of age, status, social, religious philosophical or academic standards, which makes RILKO the happily effective organisation it is. It would be intolerable to have such people among us....

One of RILKO's unsung achievements could be recognised in the columns of THE TIMES recently, in the form of an admission that the writer had originally disbelieved Professor Thom's ideas but now acknowledged their true merit. Professor Thom told us that RILKO was the first ever to put any of his work into print. We hope that many other will have the same experience, of having their work recognised. How wonderful too for those others who can also say 'I didn't understand before, but I do now.' "