



MSR Big Questions Webinar

Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to announce two upcoming MSR Flamekeeper “Big Question Webinars.” All are welcome. During the first 30 minutes of this 90 minute call, the speaker will share thoughts about Big Questions that are important to the MSR field. Then the call will be opened up to all participants for discussion. The calls will be recorded and posted to AOM Connect. Sponsored by: MSR Flamekeepers Committee

Our Next Webinar:

TOPIC: Western and Eastern Natural law influence on spirituality, mindfulness and sustainability with Richard Peregoy.

As we wrestle with the worldwide issue of sustainability, it seems helpful to return to the writings of Aristotle, Cicero, Aquinas, and Lao Tzu. Their thinking about natural law triggers a search for a current direction. Thus a "Big Question" arises? "How does the unchanging natural law (Western and Eastern) influence proposed effective action steps to address spirituality, mindfulness, and sustainability?" Other topics relevant to this Big Question include the role of mindfulness, how to change our mindset, and the approach of strategic management. Richard suggests these two sources for more information on Natural Law:

Aristotle. (2016) *Ethics*. Stamford: The metaphysics research lab. Center for the study of language and information.

Peng, Y. (2016) *Dao de Jing*. Woodstock: Wapner and Brent Books

Date: **April 29, 2020**

10am Pacific

11am Mountain

12pm Central

1pm Eastern

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Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/811554520>

Meeting Password: 469914

Save the Date for the Following Big Question Webinar:

TOPIC: Anti-Semitism and Workplace Spirituality with Yochanan Altman

Date: **June 17, 2020**

10am Pacific

11am Mountain

12pm Central

1pm Eastern

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Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/226378538>

Meeting password: 858587

The Purpose of the Flamekeeper Committee:

In 2016, at the invitation of Jim Stoner, the Chair of the Management, Spirituality and Religion (MSR) Interest Group, Judi Neal created the MSR Flamekeepers Committee. The purpose of the Flamekeepers Committee is to recognize and honor long-time members of the MSR Special Interest Group who have made significant contributions to the science and practice of management, spirituality and religion, and to the leadership of MSR. The Flamekeepers Committee also provides opportunities for deep relational connection among the MSR elders, in support of the founding vision of MSR. Members of the Flamekeepers Committee include:

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Inspirational Quote:

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars

waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.
Wendell Berry, from *New Collected Poems* (2012)