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Mt. Tron with the river Glomma in front, seen from Steimosletta at 1406 hrs on November 30th 2010, temperature minus 27 °C. Photo: BP.

The work with the regulation plan on the "Peace Plateau" soon finished

We expect to have finished work on the regulation plan on the "Peace Plateau" on Mt. Tron in Alvdal during January 2011. Thereafter the plan will be sent to the Alvdal municipality who will be testing it during spring. The municipality of Alvdal is also a regulator in the area as it regulates the remaining area on the "Peace Plateau" marked as AB ("other development area") in the Land Use Plan, which will not be used by the University of Peace. Our goal is to have an approved regulation plan for the University of Peace. Then we have the foundation we need for the further steps in relation to land acquisition and fund raising.

During the summer botanical registrations were performed all over the AB-area on the "Peace Plateau" by biologist Tor Soerdal Bue from Tynset. He found no endangered species anywhere. Late in the autumn cultural monument registrations were performed in the same area by archaeologist Tina Amundsen from the county administration. She too found nothing of importance, i.e. automatically protected cultural monuments. The deadline for suggestions to the regulation plan was 25 December 2010. Read more about the various suggestions on the last page.

View from Mt. Tron

By Bjørn Pettersen

(Earlier published in the author's regular column in the cultural paper *Breidablikk*)

What is consciousness?

Everybody knows what consciousness is but can anyone describe or explain it? At present when we are reading this we are in what we call ordinary 'awake consciousness'. It is always connected with an active physical body and it is on this level of consciousness that we spend most time during each 24 hours (about 16 hrs or 2/3). When we sleep and only our automatic body functions are at work, the mind is in the dream state and we are on what we call the 'subconscious' level. On both these levels of consciousness our mind is active. Then in the deep, dreamless sleep which we experience in one or more short periods during sleep, our mind is inactive and we are on what is called the 'unconscious' level. All of us experience these three mind states and levels of consciousness every day throughout life. That means that about a third part of our lives are lived on sub- and unconscious levels and consequently not on the level which we normally consider as conscious, i.e. awake. And how conscious are we really in the usual awake state? Don't we always feel that there are certain degrees here, depending on outer influences and circumstances?

Still, there is a consciousness in all of us that perfectly passively observes all this. This consciousness is the passive witness to all the three levels of consciousness which are experienced through the mind. It is the perfect, unattached and independent observer to your mind and your body, to your life and to your death, and to your life again ... Nothing ever happens to it because it is self-dependent - free from every duality and identity - free from all bonds or conditions and fully without any attributes or modifications. This is what we may call 'the static Consciousness in Itself', which is the basis of all dynamic consciousness and thus the source of all life. This one, all-encompassing Consciousness is the same in all of us and in all life - it is omnipresent in the whole manifested Cosmos. The dependent and limited dynamic consciousness is dancing on its surface much like ripples on a small forest lake. What we call 'dynamic consciousness' is 'static consciousness' put into motion, just like ice melting into water. We all know that water may appear as solid (ice), liquid or gas (vapour) depending on its temperature. All these three forms of water have completely different character. But whatever be the form of water the chemical formula is always H₂O. And so also with consciousness. It has two main forms or modes: static and dynamic, but remains unchangingly the same regardless of mode.

If we can comprehend what consciousness is we can comprehend everything! Then the big questions of man, God and life are no longer riddles or mysteries to us!

What is consciousness? (2)

It lies within the nature of consciousness that it has to be experienced on the personal level. This is not something one can grasp by reading or understand through measuring devices or experiments performed on others. Consciousness must at all time be self-experienced and it is actually completely impossible to say, think or put into words what consciousness really is! Still we have to refer to it with indications and hints which hopefully can be of help to us in gaining the greatest possible degree of meaning and understanding.

The most wonderful thing is that everybody actually can experience and realize his or her own totality of consciousness themselves. On that "level" it is no longer correct to say "his or her own" consciousness because the individual consciousness first transforms to the universal plane and then transcends all planes, both individual and universal. As already mentioned, this is something all can "experience" - it is implicit in the human being as such and lies latent in our lives as an unavoidable predestination. And most miraculous of all is that we do not need to wait for the slow material action of evolution but can realize it during a single lifetime - in this our life here and now.

All the time we are in what we have called "dynamic consciousness". It includes all life - both organic and inorganic life, from elementary particles and atoms to the whole of the plant and animal kingdoms, the whole earth, all solar systems, galaxies, universes and the whole Cosmos - including all mental beings and identities which are not physically manifested but exist in the astral world. We are in daily touch with all this directly or indirectly and know it to some extent. But how can we know what we have called "static consciousness"?

Being in the nature of things we cannot "experience" this on the terms of dynamic consciousness. Consequently we shall have to "see" beyond all three levels of consciousness of the mind after the physical body has fallen into deep sleep. This is only possible after all wishes, desires, willing and projects which keep the mind active, have come to a state of tranquillity through persistent exercise in sacrifice and determined effort. Then, after a while, the mind will become fully passive (neither active nor inactive but passive) and without the dividing effect of the mind we "experience" the Unitary, Total and Absolute Consciousness as it is in It-Self - the naked Truth - as Eternal, Immortal and Pure Being, which is the foundation of all life.



Mt. Tron seen from Åsvangan in South-West, 5 July 2010. Photo: BP.

New homepages on the Internet

Mount Tron
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FOCUS ON THE HUMAN BEING
Learn the language of the body and read the mind to know the Self

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Location

Mt.Tron is internationally known as the 'Mountain of Truth' or the 'Mountain of Wisdom' in Norway since the Indian sage, poet and philosopher, Swami Sri Ananda Acharya, lived on this mountain for nearly 30 years. Both his tomb and his memorial are found on the mountain. As long ago as 1918 Ananda Acharya himself chose the 'Peace Plateau' as the proper site for the proposed University of Peace.

Mt.Tron is already a tourist attraction of importance in this part of the country. A single mountain with a road all the way to the top is unique in Norway and North Europe. The Mt.Tron Road crosses the plateau a few hundred metres from the proposed site of the University of Peace. There is a spectacular view from here overlooking some of the highest and most famous mountain ranges of Norway. The combination of mountain, peace and human dignity—each of which has made Norway known abroad—can create a strong symbol for Norway in the World.

The surroundings automatically induce great mental peace and quiet, and the mind naturally reflects the wide horizon and becomes as open as the infinite heavens above. Highly elevated over the turmoil and stress of every-day life on the busy plains and in the narrow valleys, our worries and problems disappear imperceptibly, and at last we find ourselves in harmony with nature. For these reasons the location of the Mt.Tron University of Peace is an important part of the idea and essential for the successful accomplishment of the goal.

Because of all this the 'Peace Plateau' therefore appears as naturally designed for the project.

"PEACE PLATEAU" 360X180° VIEW

Click on the image to watch the beautiful "Peace Plateau" on Mt.Tron in 360x180° view. Use "Ctrl" and "Shift" buttons to zoom in/out. Use the mouse to drag the video to the left or right to pan the view. Double-click for full-screen view.

Screen grab from the new homepages of the Mt.Tron University of Peace on the Internet.

www.fredsuniversitetet.no

www.tronuni.org

www.tup.no

All these three domains point to the new homepages for the Mt.Tron University of Peace on the Internet. One may therefore choose whichever one likes best or finds easiest to remember. The first one is fully Norwegian while the other two have more international characters. The last one is designed to be more in line with, for instance, www.uio.no (University of Oslo).

The new homepages are designed, programmed and put into operation on the Internet by Baheerathan Vykundanathan from Sri Lanka, who is also one of the share members in the newly established Mt.Tron University of Peace Estate Inc. He is more frequently known as "Thamba" and works as a computer programmer for the Aller a company in Oslo.

The example from the screen grab above shows page four "Location" which has, to the right of the text, as well as the picture gallery with aerial photos of Mt.Tron, a fantastic panorama picture of the "Peace Plateau" in 360x180° view, taken by Ole Olausen from Hurum! The picture can be shown in full screen mode and has various place names and information superimposed.

There are seven pages in total: Home - Idea - Project - Location - Activities - Newsletter - Contact. The pages appear first in English, but a Norwegian version can be selected by clicking the Norwegian flag to the upper right of the page. Three of the pages, Idea, Project and Location have picture galleries. The gallery on the project page contains all of Professor Knud Larsen's pre-project drawings for the Mt.Tron University of Peace.

The newsletter page is still under construction. Here it will be possible to subscribe, read and download The Mt.Tron Mail electronically which hereafter will be published only on the Internet. This edition of The Mt.Tron Mail therefore is the last hard copy edition, printed in volume on paper. All present subscribers to The Mt.Tron Mail who have an Internet connection are therefore requested to send in their email address, as soon as possible, to: shanti@tronuni.org. You will then receive a message in return, as soon as the functions for the newsletter are up and running, explaining how to register as a subscriber on our homepage.



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Suggestions to the regulation plan on the "Peace Plateau"

Registrations and analysis

During the six week long suggestion period which ended on 25 December 2010 following last autumn's start-up notice, two suggestions have been received from the ground owners, one statement from The Norwegian Public Roads Administration and one registration report from the Hedmark County Administration.

According to The Municipal Plan for Alvdal 2008-2020 the Mt. Tron University of Peace is required to implement a detailed botanical registration together with a risk and vulnerability analysis as foundation for the work with the regulation plan. The University of Peace therefore engaged the biologist Tor Soerdal Bue from Tynset to register the botanical values all over the indicated AB area on the "Peace Plateau" in the Municipal Plan. He visited the area on 29 June and 8 August 2010 and produced a report in November 2010. In the conclusion it states: "All findings are characterized as common for the area and therefore no botanical values of importance will become lost by a development."

The Hedmark County Administration was contacted by Feste North East Inc. this autumn in order to initiate the registration of cultural monuments while the mountain was still free from snow. Archaeologist Tina Amundsen registered all of the planned area (AB) on the "Peace Plateau" on the 11th and 12th October 2010 and produced a report on 16 December 2010 which concludes: "No automatically protected monuments were found or shown as indication of such during the archaeological registration of the planned area."

The mandatory risk and vulnerability analysis is being performed by Feste North East Inc. and is included as part of the regulation plan.

Statements and suggestions

The Norwegian Public Roads Administration (NPRA) together with the Hedmark County Administration, the ground owners and a variety of other involved parties was, in accordance with regulations, notified at start-up of the work with the regulation plan. In a letter of 22 December 2010 the NPRA by Section of Plan and Traffic say: "The NPRA has no remarks to the notice, but we reserve the right to comment on the plan when it will be laid out to public inspection."

Tyllaldalen Grunneierlag, in a letter of 21 December 2010, wish to cooperate in the further process and points out that a future plan must not place restrictions on the current activity in and use of the area. Their letter concludes: "At the starting point the board is positive to the plans and looks forward to a good cooperation in the further work."

From four independent ground owners, of which three belong to Tronsvangen joint ownership and one is from Nysetra joint ownership, a letter has come dated 23 November 2010 in which they announce that they "... on no basis are willing to relinquish land or rights in the mentioned area ..." In addition one of these has sent an email dated 25 December 2010 containing crass insinuations. Here, unfortunately, minds have become stirred up because some are of the opinion that each and all of the members of Tronsvangen joint ownership should have been informed in like manner as the Nysetra joint ownership and that Tronsvangen has similar rights to the "Peace Plateau" as Nysetra.

However, the fact is that Mt. Tron, in the Land Consolidation Court of Nord-Østerdal decision of 16 March 2004, was divided into four sectors of joint ownerships and that the "Peace Plateau" came under Nysetra joint ownership. This judgement became legally valid and registered on all 147 properties around Mt. Tron. The Mt. Tron Mail reported this in edition No. 1 / 2005.