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Psychologist and Award-Winning Author Stephen Larsen Talks About THE FUNDAMENTALIST MIND at the Engaging the World Forum at Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church, Main Street, Roxbury, NY, on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Psychologist and award-winning author Stephen Larsen talks about "Why We Get Stuck in Our Religious Thinking" at the Engaging the World Forum at Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church, Main Street, Roxbury, NY, on Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

LOS ANGELES, CA, October 14, 2008 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Dr. Stephen Larsen, award-winning author and Psychology Professor Emeritus from SUNY Ulster, New York, will be the Guest Speaker at The Engaging the World Forum on Sunday, October 26, at 3:00 p.m., in the Carriage House at Jay Gould Memorial Reformed Church, Main Street, Roxbury, New York. His topic is "Why Do We Get Stuck in Our Religious Thinking?" He will focus on some of the ideas put forth in his latest book *The Fundamentalist Mind: How Polarized Thinking Imperils Us All*.

"The human mind has an eternal tendency to simplify the exquisite complexity and ambiguity of living experience to a few set and familiar formulas," writes Dr. Larsen. "The 'fundamentalist tendency' of thinking is not restricted to Evangelical Christianity or radical Islam. It is found equally in the halls of science, in materialism and skepticism itself, and wherever people are fearful of the unknown."

In his presentation, Dr. Larsen will provide a glimpse into the psychology, neurology and mythology of fundamentalism and its pervasive and destructive patterns of thought. His investigations conclude that when human beings recognize these patterns in themselves, they can free themselves for a new beginning. Larsen asserts that people of good will everywhere can find themselves at home in nature, and can recognize underlying similarities in the human psyche, even those found in seemingly unfamiliar cultural forms.

When Dr. Larsen was on the faculty at Ulster, 1968-1996, he directed a program in consciousness studies and biofeedback that gave students a hands-on opportunity to train themselves plus research the health benefits of biofeedback. In 1990 he opened Stone Mountain Counseling, PC, for psychotherapy, biofeedback and training where he continues to serve as its director.

In addition to *The Fundamentalist Mind*, Dr. Larsen wrote *The Shaman's Doorway, the Mythic Imagination*. With his wife Robin he co-authored, *A Fire in the Mind: The Life of Joseph Campbell*. Larsen was a Joseph Campbell friend and prot g . In 2006 *The Healing Power of Neurofeedback: The Revolutionary LENS Method for Restoring Optimal Brain Function* was published.

The Forum is open to the public. Following the presentation there will be an opportunity for sharing thoughts and ideas. For more information, please phone Amie Brockway at (858) 586-1689 or Rev. Richard Dykstra at 607-326-7101. The e-mail contact is gouldchurch@catskill.net.

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