



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

May 2015



MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 10.30 am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY, with separate children's meeting.

Every Wed at Victoria Terrace: 12.30-1.00.

At Portobello: 1st Sunday at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at 7.30 pm for half an hour; and 2nd and 4th Sun at 11 am at St James' Church Hall, Rosefield Pl, Portobello EH15 1AZ (includes children's meeting). Queries to Kim Smith, kimdsmith@yahoo.com, 0131 665 8166.

At Broughton St Mary's: 4th Sunday. 7pm in the Drummond Room at Broughton St Mary's Church, Bellevue Cresc. More info: Marjorie Farquharson.

Central Edinburgh meeting has an early Sunday morning meeting at 9.30 am in addition to the regular 11.00 am meeting at Victoria Terrace.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In May is for **Scottish Churches Housing Action**, churches-housing.org. Alastair Cameron will speak to this.

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Sylvia will be holding a **mini-mart** after meeting on **Sun May 3rd** for Christian Aid, which (unusually) we otherwise will not be supporting this year. Please bring donations on the day or the week before.

Britain Yearly Meeting 2015 will be held at Friends House in London, 1st-4th May (Fri-Mon)

Election day is **Thur May 7th** Read the **Quaker General Election Pack**, covering issues and Friend candidates, election.quaker.org.uk

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 10th May**. Contact Alison Burnley for details.

Local Meeting for Business after Meeting on **Sun 17th May**.

Area Meeting will be held at Kelso on **Sat 30th May** from 11.30 am. As part of Area Meeting's meet-the-meetings initiative, we are also particularly invited to join Kelso meeting on **Sun 17th May**. 10.30, Abbey Row, Kelso.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In Group** 1st Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

Singing Group 2nd Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace. Contact Rachel Frith.

Rachel also offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on first and third Thursdays.

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group meets on 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm. www.edinwig.org.uk.

Book Group meets on 4th Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. May *And the Land Lay Still*, James Robertson; Jun *The Adoption Papers*, Jackie Kay. Qs to Rachel Frith.



Alison Burnley and Christine Davies (ABCD) were behind this new tapestry panel

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Kipling in India



HIS, O my Best Beloved, is a story. Now attend all over again and listen!

We heard that Rufus had given a talk on Rudyard Kipling in India in April, and invited him to tell us about it. Rufus had actually shaved off his beard leaving his moustache to achieve something of the Kipling look, but he has too much (albeit thinning) hair to pass as a Rudyard. Nevertheless he wrote this:

Kipling was born in India and spent about a dozen years there, mainly in two chunks: one until he was five, and from just before his 17th birthday until he was 23. He writes that when aged 16 years and 9 months he returned to India the influence of England fell away and never fully returned. As a child Kipling had spent a great deal of time with the servants speaking what he calls the 'vernacular' (probably a form of Hindi), and on his return 12 years later he found the words returned to him, even though he couldn't remember what they meant.

Rufus came to live in England when he was nearly 10, and to this day recalls words and sentences in Greek which he doesn't really understand.



Photo: Rufus Reade

Aged 16 Kipling started to work on a newspaper, one of the two in India where he learnt his trade. At the first he was worked very hard under the severe supervision of the editor, who no doubt had to shape such a young assistant. He used to spend a month each summer in the hill station of Simla, where he observed the British elite enjoying power and pleasure. This prompted him to set some of his stories here.

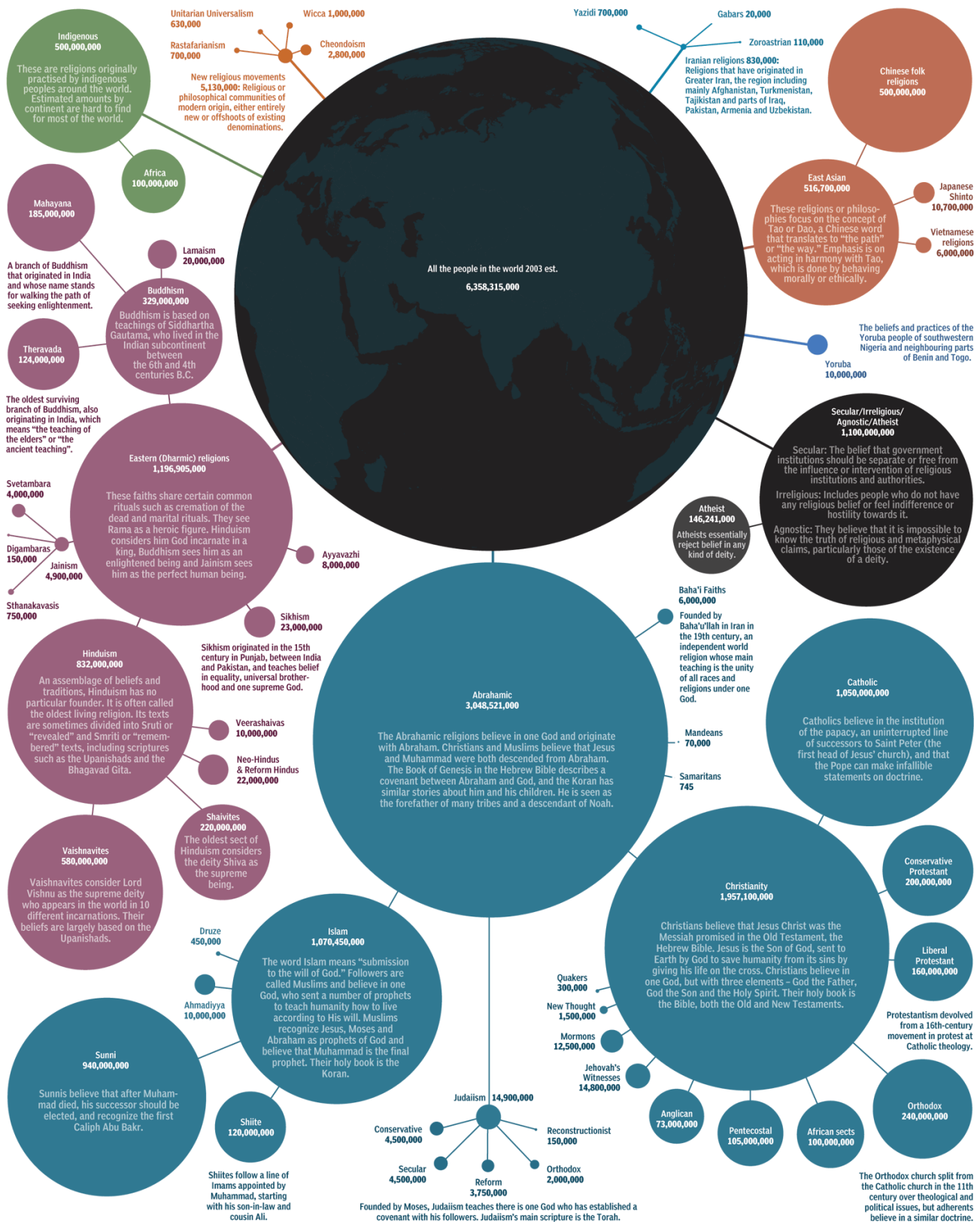
Kipling has enjoyed a roller-coaster of a reputation: from winning the Nobel Prize for Literature and writing the favourite poem in the English language ("If"), to being abhorred by critics and accused of racism. He may also be regarded as an excellent story teller, full of contradictions, with a great love of children and animals. He was perhaps not such an unrepresentative example of his age, bridging the 19th and 20th centuries.

Whatever else one might say, he is the most quoted author in most books of quotations, after the Bible and Shakespeare, with a wonderful use of language ... and often misquoted. Many people forget he said "There is neither East nor West, Border nor Breed nor Birth when two strong men stand face to face tho' they come from the ends of the earth."

More Just So stories? Jan Knowlton has posted nice versions online at boop.org/jan/justso

"An a-wastin' Christian kisses on an 'eathen idol's foot, Blooming idol made o' mud, Wot they call the Great Gawd Budh."

World of religion



We made it, but only just. (Caitlin Orr and Richard Johnson, *National Post*).
news.nationalpost.com/news/graphic-a-demographic-breakdown-of-the-world-of-religion

MORE NEWS AND DATES

It is 100 years since the First World War and Feb 2016 is the centenary of the Military Service Act introducing conscription. There is an online petition for a **Conscientious Objectors memorial** to be placed in Princes St Gardens. Sign it if you feel able at bit.ly/1FOp3dK. Several Friends were on the committee making this proposal from the Peace and Justice Centre. Open until **June 4th**.

There's just time to catch **Susie Reade's** work at the Patriothall Gallery, Hamilton Pl, Stockbridge EH3 5AY, which closes **Sun May 3rd** (3-4.30) with cakes, drinks, live music. patriothallgallery.co.uk

Our local meeting's **Wiston weekend: 4-6 Sep**. Application forms at meeting, and also sent to those on the newsletter email list.

FROM THE CHILDREN



What we've been listening to

How much do you know about the world? Try Hans Rosling's *Ignorance Test*. 10 mins at bbc.in/1ctJfYF

How to beat Ebola is linked from the same page. Both outstanding.

You can read this, past issues and more at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to neilturn@gmail.com. Not on the list to get it? Same address. Deadline the Sunday before.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Callum**, who will be 16 on the 5th!

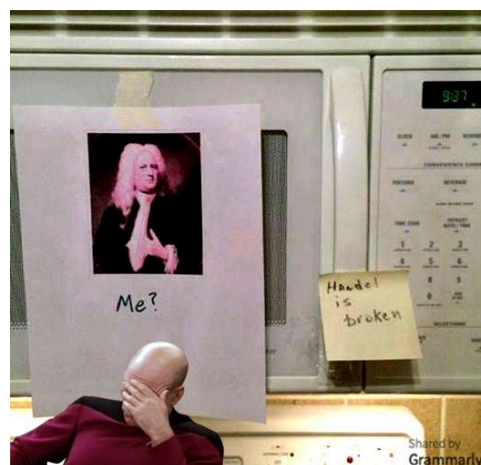
Bringing legal privileges such as *joining the army*.



'Yoga Joes' by Dan Abramson, from his Kickstarter site

ON THE WEB

Our **Facebook Page of the month** is **Grammarly** (4,793,072 likes).



Grammarly is a business that gets you to pay to have your grammar corrected. *Like really?*

Quaker relevance: 34%.

Good jokes, but it struggles with informal Scots. Its Fbk page relays useful advice:

