

Another harmonic convergence in 23000 years

Whoa!! Does everyone feel 'harmonically converged' yet? I know I feel better for it. Last Sunday (Aug. 16/87) was the first time in 23,000 years that all of the planets of our solar system were in complete alignment with the sun. If you missed this one you should be able to catch the next one is 24,987ad, assuming we're still here as a planet.

Listen, I've gotta tell you something which I regard as totally amazing. Two weeks ago, I finished the 'vacation' part of my summer holidays, and I don't think I could have spent it at a better place.

First, however, some background info. Last summer, my cousin (who lives in New Jersey) told me about a youth group she's a member of,

YoungLife is the group's name. She told me that she and many of her friends were members and of it's religious orientation. My first thoughts were, "Must be a bunch of nerds...". I couldn't have been further from the truth.



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Unfortunately, it's taken me almost a year to realize my

misconceptions. Then she told me about a camp she had attended with the group in upstate New York called Saranac Village. She suggested I go with her this year. I went. I was baffled, bewildered, and amazed all at the same time. To give you an inside glimpse, here are just a few activities offered: waterskiing, parasailing, and tubing.

But, above and beyond that are the friendships made, and some personal insight as to what makes you the way you are. In case you're a little leary about the religious aspects of YoungLife, as I was initially, it's all left up to you as an individual to choose your own path, without fear of being ostracized by other group

members for your own religious beliefs, or lack of them. No hellfire, brimstone, and damnation, either. There were six groups in attendance from the northeastern United States, but others, such as myself, were of different nationalities (Belgian, Canadian, African, Indian, and Vietnamese).

YoungLife is very popular in the United States and overseas, and its Canadian membership is growing rapidly. Interest in the YoungLife organization is wide-spread in Western Canada, but, unfortunately, Central Canadians have, as yet, to be introduced to the good times had at YoungLife. I plan to return to Saranac next year as part of the work crew, and would suggest

anybody interested in going as a camper to look into some nearby YoungLife meetings. It's definitely well worth it.

Now that there's only 2 1/2 weeks left until the start of a new school year, are you ready to get up early and learn material which, in all likelihood, will prove to be totally irrelevant to you for the rest of your life? I'm not. I suppose this means my teachers won't want me sleeping 'til noon 7 days a week.

Did you know that if you have a heart rate of 60 beats/min, your heart beats 31,557,600 times a year. Over a lifespan of 75 years, that works out to 2,366,820,000 heartbeats. Don't worry, it's nothing to get pumped up about.

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