

MILTON AUTHOR TO GIVE PRESENTATION ON SHAKESPEARE'S TRUE IDENTITY

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Did William Shakespeare really write everything he's been credited with? Or could a divine transformation have paved the way for the writer's prolific body of work?



Dr. Chris Eriksson

Dr. Christopher Eriksson's presentation, Shakespeare and the Divine Resonance, will shed some light on a theory about who the world's most famous playwright really was.

"He's an absolute mystery," Eriksson said. "He never left England. He never wrote about his own class, and or about Stratford-upon-Avon."

Yet, Shakespeare's works reveal a lot about him, with a working knowledge of religion, philosophy, medicine and law.

"How did William Shakespeare, the actor, come by this knowledge?" Eriksson said.

Although most academics conclude that Shakespeare the playwright existed, some theorists suggest Shakespeare's body of work could have been written by someone else.

Eriksson suggests that Sir Francis Bacon could have been the author of the world-famous collection of plays and poems. As suggested by a Canadian psychiatrist Richard Maurice Bucke, who theorizes that the writer underwent a "spiritual illumination" that allowed Bacon to write the poems and plays attributed to Shakespeare.

Eriksson was born in Sussex, England, and was awarded a PhD in physics and mathematics from Imperial College in London, England. He now lives in Milton. Eriksson's novel Shakespeare and the God Virus explores a similar theme surrounding Shakespeare and cosmic consciousness.

Shakespeare and the Divine Resonance is a free presentation and will be held at the Streetsville United Church (274 Queen St. S., Mississauga), on Sept. 28, at 7 p.m. Those who plan to attend can RSVP at info@streetsvilleunited.ca or 289-971-9319.

YOU ASKED: WHAT ARE THESE STRUCTURES IN LOCAL FIELDS?

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You've probably noticed them before while driving throughout the community - those small, hut-like structures on tall posts usually found in fields along the roadway. But what are they for? Local resident Bonnie Lutz had the same question and reached out to our newsroom to find out more. We turned to the experts at Conservation Halton and discovered they're constructed barn swallow habitats, which are built by developers who've undertaken projects that impacted the birds' natural habitat.

"Barn swallow is a threatened species in Ontario that is subject to certain requirements under the Endangered Species Act," explained Kim Barrett, Conservation Halton's associate director of science and partnerships.

"For barn swallows, the Endangered



Melanie Hennessey/Torstar

A barn swallow habitat constructed on Dufferin Aggregates' property just outside Acton.

Species Act requires compensation for damaged or destroyed habitat, and it most often comes in the form of these small structures."

On the Ontario government's species at risk page, barn swallows are described as medium-sized songbirds that build their cup-shaped mud nests almost exclusively on human-made structures, like open barns, bridges and culverts.

With losses in both available nest sites and foraging habitat, the number of barn swallows in the province decreased by 65 per cent between 1966 and 2009, thus leading to its addition on the species at risk list in 2012. Constructed barn swallow habitats continue to pop up in locations throughout Halton where there's development activity fringing on the rural area.

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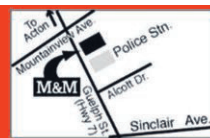
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