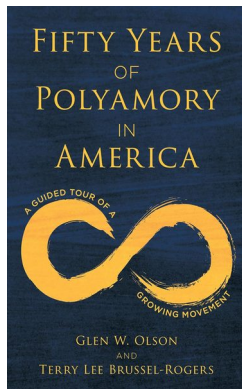


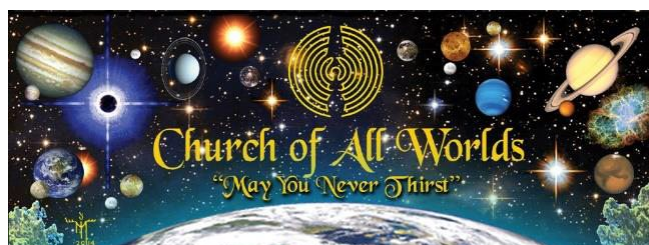
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Based on the philosophy of Family Synergy,
Founded 1971 by Hy Levy and Pat LaFollette



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday December 1, 2024, 10 AM to 11:15 AM PST at LOSCON 50 at the LAX Hilton:

Join us for an exciting discussion on Robert Heinlein: his books, philosophies, and thoughts about relationships, family, and society. Details in the events section below.

Saturday December 21, 2024 Live: 11 AM – 4 PM PST Zoom: 11-1 PST

Group Marriage/Group Living SF Samples: Robert A. Heinlein (Future History), Spider Robinson (Callahan books) & S. M. Sterling's Novels of the Change: Fantasy or reality? What aspects of these do we want in our own lives & how can we create them?



Winter Solstice Ritual and Holiday Party follow at 6 PM.

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Polyamory and Swinging: Black and White or Shades of Gray? When does "swinging" become deep and caring enough to be called Polyamory? Led by Paul Gibbons.

Join Zoom meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3175971626?pwd=NWVjU3A2M0I2Q29IUki4L11MRzd2QT09)

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Live the Dream November 2024-January 2025 Los Con Edition

Live the Dream is an education and support group for those who, originally inspired by the writings of Robert A. Heinlein, Robert Rimmer, and Marion Zimmer Bradley, are now ready to LIVE such alternative lifestyles as cooperative living, open relationships, and group marriage. Many of our concepts on multiply committed relationships come from Heinlein's *Stranger in a Strange Land* and *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress*. Live the Dream also sponsors a nest of Church of All Worlds, the real life, over fifty-year-old spiritual movement inspired by *Stranger in a Strange Land*.

Please visit the Live the Dream website at www.livethedream.org to view current events, past articles, etc. Terry Brussel-Rogers is a Certified Clinical Hypnotherapist, Life Coach, & a 4th-generation Matchmaker. We provide poly relationship counseling, hypnotic jealousy release, ways to attract and maintain loving relationship(s), success coaching, and other services. See www.acesuccess.com or call (800) LIFE MATES (543-3628).

Terry is now the primary organizer of the Southern California Poly Meetup (www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/). Its ongoing events include those in this Newsletter on 3rd Saturdays 11 am - 4 pm PT + special listed events during the year & the ones given first Saturdays of each month 5:30 to 8:30 pm PT at Pitfire Pizza 5211 Lankershim Blvd. NoHo, Co-led by Jim Bratcher and Teresa Rose Call Jim at 626-818-8021 for more info.

EVENTS

All regular Live the Dream LIVE events 11am-4pm on 3rd Saturdays at 8515 Penfield Ave Winnetka, Ca. 91306 (unless otherwise specified). Suggested donation for those attending events Live is \$10 for non-members, \$5 for members of Live the Dream. LTD paid members: Meeting \$5, Meeting and party both \$8 with pot luck dish for both events, without pot luck dishes \$12 donation suggested for both events. Non-members \$15 with pot luck dish for both events, Without Pot Luck, \$20 suggested donation for both events.

RSVP/more info call the LTD Hotline (818) 886-0069 or Visit LiveTheDream.org

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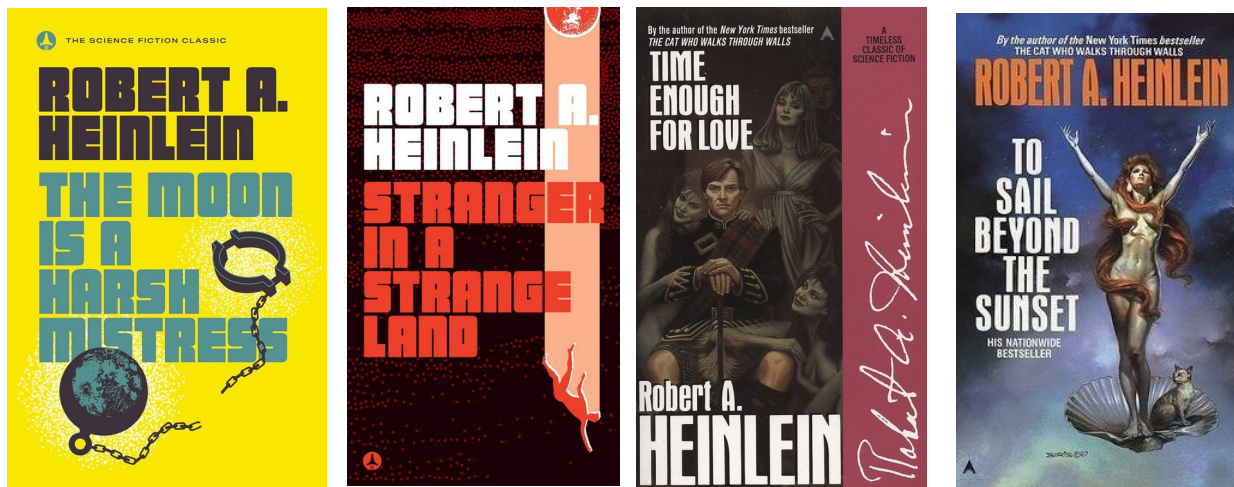
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LOSCON 50, the 50th annual Los Angeles Science Regional Fiction and Fantasy Convention, starts Friday, November 29, 2024, and runs through Sunday, December 1. See Loscon.org to buy memberships and for more info!

We would like to direct your attention to the panel *Social Conventions in Heinlein: Families, Finances, and Systems of Government*, which is scheduled to start at 10 AM PST on Sunday, December 1st. Join Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers, co-authors of

Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement, and other panelists) for this exciting discussion!

Were you inspired by the multi-generational Line Marriage from The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress, warmed by the Nest in Stranger in a Strange Land, fascinated by the group marriage and other relationship possibilities presented in Time Enough for Love through To Sail Beyond the Sunset? We'll talk about how these concepts can enhance our real lives in Love... and in Freedom!



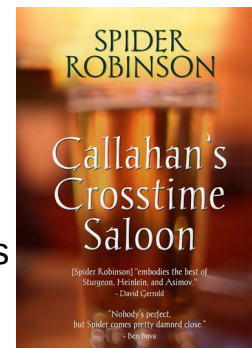
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LTD's Monthly Meeting, Winter Holiday Party, and Winter Solstice Ritual

Group Marriage/Group Living SF Samples: Robert A. Heinlein (Future History), Spider Robinson (Callahan books) & S. M. Sterling's Novels of the Change

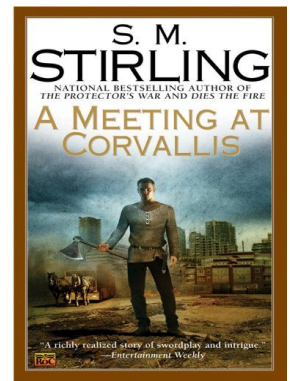
Robert A. Heinlein's stories offer us multi-generational group marriage in The Moon is a Harsh Mistress, and everything from open marriage practiced by utterly committed couples to a group marriage spanning not only wide age ranges, but multiple alternate universes in Time Enough for Love, The Number of the Beast, and To Sail Beyond the Sunset.

Spider Robinson's **Callahan's Crosstime Saloon** books give us open marriages practiced by sexual "Artists" along with what amounts to group living in a very inclusive Brothel engaged in high level diplomacy affecting History. The customers of Callahan's Place form a group of people whose lives connect on MANY levels, affecting all the relationships in their lives and ultimately leading them all into a trek cross country to the Florida Keys to continue their very intertwined lives together.



His **Stardance** novels offer group marriage in Space spanning Time and including gay, bi and hetero members.

S. M. Stirling's **Emberverse series** (aka **Novels of the Change**) give us several examples of group living. Some groups live in Castles and Forts with Medieval trappings, while others live open fields, farms and gardens in a more Pagan practice, with a central Home serving meals and holiday feasts. These cultural approaches re based on historical examples, with adaptations due to being carried out by humans in our present time (but without our present technology).



Fantasy or reality? What aspects of these do we want in our own lives & how can we create them? Let's talk about it!

6 PM: Pot Luck Dinner

7:30 PM: Winter Solstice Ritual led by High Priestess Lillith



Latkes (provided by Live the Dream, along with Apple Sauce and Sour Cream), songs about the Maccabees, dreidels, lighted up Christmas miniature houses, and a Winter Solstice ritual. Although Hanukkah doesn't start until December 25th this year, we will still light a candle in a menorah in celebration.



Did we forget a ritual important to you? Tell us and we'll add it. Bring stories/songs/poetry to share. There will be live and recorded music of various holiday flavors... and Karaoke!

Bring: Your favorite holiday dish for pot luck supper—(big enough for 10 to share). There will be a GIFT EXCHANGE at 7 PM: Bring a wrapped science fiction, erotic (tasteful please!), fantasy, or magikal gift item (\$10-\$15) if you want to participate.

Sharing our holidays is part of what weaves the bonds of Family in a group like ours. Understanding what is important to each of us during this festive season and how we celebrate it is a way to grow closer and delight in our diversity.



Clothing optional Jacuzzi (with holiday music playing inside it!) available all afternoon and evening—bring sandals and towels.

(Crash space available by arrangement when you RSVP.)

Good Yule!

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Polyamory and Swinging : Black and White or Shades of Gray?

When does “swinging” become deep and caring enough to be called Polyamory?

Led by Paul Gibbons.

Paul and Terry did Live the Dream presentations at the [Lifestyles Convention](#) for several years, and also led *Evening of Caressive Intimacy*, one of that convention’s main events. It included sensual massage and guided meditation for deeper connection with the partner you came with as well as those special others they may draw into their lives.

While some of the parties at this convention were hard swinging (NOT ones we chose to attend) in which two people might have sex without even exchanging names, it also included presentations by those who had long term group marriages.

The Lifestyles Convention was organized by a Hospitality Committee who handled everything from music and refreshments to decisions on ejecting those who offered inappropriate advances to ladies (or gentlemen) who had said NO. The members of this committee frequently stayed with it for several years. They attended the bar/bat mitzvahs and birthday celebrations of each other’s kids, participated in each other’s wedding parties, and were there for each other during life’s losses. When they made love at a party, was that Swinging, Polyamory, or some shade of gray in between?

Bring your questions, personal experiences, and what Wisdom you care to share...

The Lazarus Lllloonnnggg Series by Robert Heinlein

Review by Terry Brussel-Rogers and Marcus Mulkins

The following books by [Robert A. Heinlein](#) are part of his future history series:

[Methuselah's Children](#)

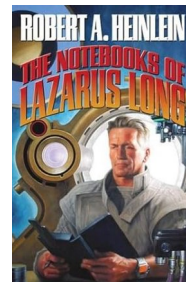
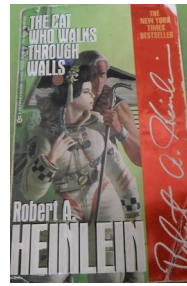
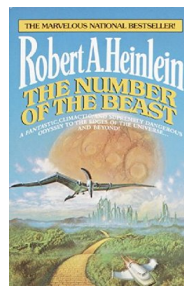
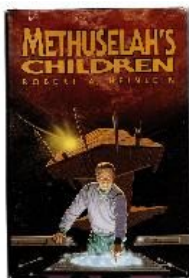
[Time Enough for Love](#)

[The Number of the Beast](#)

[The Cat Who Walks Through Walls](#)

[To Sail Beyond the Sunset](#)

[The Notebooks of Lazarus Long](#)



What do these books have in common? They all have [Lazarus Long](#) (born Woodrow Wilson Smith), the oldest living Human. [The Moon is a Harsh Mistress](#) and [Stranger in a Strange Land](#) did not have him. They were actually written before these others but were brought back into the mix later.

Heinlein manages to tie all these story lines together in a montage that starts one thinking of plates of spaghetti. He created several distinctly different timelines in his stories. Yet, he managed to have a recurrent theme dominating many of them: **Love**.

How many ways can a person love? How many people can one person love? Is love fated to fade away? How many people can you love at one time?

After raising all these questions, Heinlein teaches us that:

- 1) We cannot love enough.
- 2) There is no limit to the number of people you can love--except the limit you place on yourself.
- 3) Love is what makes life worth living.

Heinlein makes each of these books entertaining on its own, but even more meaningful when read in order. Characterization is at least as important as plot.

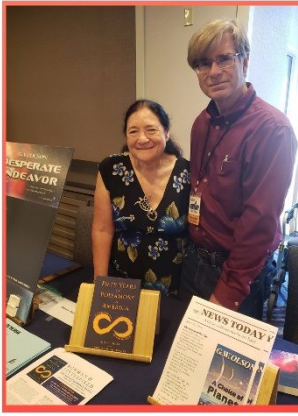
In [The Number of the Beast](#), Heinlein introduces a concept which enables his characters to travel to not only to alternate timelines he himself created in previous novels, but to alternate realities consisting of the universes created by other authors – from the [Land of Oz](#) to the [Lensman series](#). The idea is that if sufficient numbers of people have read about it, their minds create it. This means that Lazarus can jump timelines to go recruiting for worthwhile members for his expanded family, who just happen to be the protagonists of Heinlein's previous stories. This is where [Stranger in a Strange Land](#) and [The Moon is a Harsh Mistress](#) reintegrate with his unique future history.

Heinlein uses a lot of artistic freedom to provide everything his characters need in order to make their massive family work: lives that last hundreds of years, plenty of money, and ways to take a vacation from each other on other planets and in other histories. However, the ways the people actually relate to each other is real and human.

Heinlein's trademark has always been to keep his characters believable. A saloon owner who is the subject of an Emperor of Nine Worlds is smuggling a runaway slave off planet. What is she concerned about as she returns home with mission completed? Keeping her customers satisfied and her business profitable. ([Citizen of the Galaxy](#)).

If you want to see graphic descriptions of what an ideal group marriage/expanded family would operate like, from who watches the kids to who engenders them and how they keep track of it, from how the house is set up architecturally to the wording of marriage ceremonies for bringing in new members, read some of these stories. Those who really live these life styles have gleaned much practical advise that really works from this stuff.

Between the numerous scenes detailing familial bliss, you can learn scores of Heinlein's Life Lessons, disguised as Lazarus' words of wisdom as compiled by the historian of the [Howard families](#), Justin Foote. This is a kinship line bred for long life of which Lazarus is the Senior member. They discover that monogamy doesn't work too well in a situation requiring it be honored over very llllooonnnggg lives and that the plural of spouse is definitely spice...



November 11, 2022 was the official launch date for *Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour of a Growing Movement*, by Glen Olson and Terry Brussel-Rogers, published by Rowman and Littlefield. It is a fascinating read, and is being used in academic research papers on the subject. Between them, Terry and Glen have experience with open marriage, group marriage, and group living, and both are part of an intimate network which has evolved from 1969 to present time.

Fifty Years of Polyamory in America: A Guided Tour to a Growing Movement is unique among the many books about polyamory because the scope of this book is the entire history of the polyamory movement, from Woodstock right on into the 21st century. The book is available at [Amazon](#), [Barnes and Noble](#), and many other places – even internationally! -- just by [Googling its title](#).

The publishers are continuing to put this book in more and more universities and libraries! Students are using material from it in Masters theses and Doctoral dissertations on Polyamory!

WHAT EXPERIENCES/BOOK REVIEWS, ETC. CAN YOU SHARE RELATING TO THE POLY LIFE STYLE?

We'd like to run it here or have you bring those questions to one of our 3rd Saturday events.

Please email to: Terry_bg@msn.com

Or mail it to: 8515 Penfield Ave. Winnetka, CA 91306.

We will take any question with *your* solution or brain storm and give it one or more of our own. Let's have fun with this and learn from each other.

Meetups & Other Group Events

Check out www.meetup.com/Loveopen; www.meetup.com/loving-more;
www.meetup.com/socal-polyamory/

The Southern California Naturist Association Meetup <http://www.meetup.com/nature-519>
This is the largest non-landed clothing optional club in California

Other Poly info:

The Human Awareness Institute www.hai.org

Other groups friendly to Polyamory

KARL HESS CLUB www.karlhessclub.org

meets on the 3rd Monday at [Dinah's Kitchen Restaurant](#),
4130 Sepulveda Blvd. (at Washington), Culver City. Phone: (310) 645-0456

Emma and Fin are “Normalizing Non-monogamy”

Link: Podcast Interviews in Swinging and Polyamory (normalizingnonmonogamy.com)

Webcast with The Center for Positive Sexuality Monthly Educational Series -
Center for Positive Sexuality

<https://positivesexuality.org/education/>

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