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aspects of Magic Realism, alchemy and archetypal psychology. David is currently involved with a final revision of his first novel. Anyone interested is invited to read the first two chapters at: <http://thedialogueofbecominghuman.blogspot.com>.

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Joel Zartman is a reader and admirer of Tolkien, Lewis, Williams and Barfield. He has put in a stint living in Bogotá, Colombia, but has returned to the anglophone world mostly because getting English books outside of it is still harder than you'd think it would be, especially stuff by Williams and Barfield.

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by

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*...you demi-puppets that
By moonshine do the green sour ringlets make,
Shakespeare, The Tempest, (V.i.36-37)*

Tucked away in the folds of twilight's satiny gown,
Plucked from legend
And teased by the camera eye:
Perhaps at midnight your court I might spy
Beneath the satellite-clustered skies,
Dancing, dancing in the meadow
Beyond the clutch of radar nets
Outside the range of fighter jets,
Dancing, I would find you there,
And glimpse you in the sparkle of a star,
Only to lose you in a moment's passing;
And there, where you gathered on the field,
A ring of toadstools springing from the ground...
Transplanted from some fairy realm,
Enchanted by the glowing moon.