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Online Zoom® Webinar “Becoming Astronomers”



By Bernie Taylor

Bernie Taylor is a naturalist and archaeoastronomer whose research explores the origins of mankind's creativity and awareness of the natural world through Upper Paleolithic cave art. His two books in

*this area are *Biological Time* (2004) and *Before Orion: Finding the Face of the Hero* (2017). Taylor's presentation is based on his 2021 paper published in the journal *Præhistoria*.*

Worldwide observances of the heavens by indigenous peoples suggest skywatching origins deep in time. One approach to explore early astronomy is through the biological clocks of animals, how they are influenced by light/dark cycles of the sun and moon, and methods this knowledge has been maintained in the calendars of indigenous peoples. This journey of lunar timekeeping takes us from painted animals on the walls of Ice Age caves to Siberian herders and standing Native American traditions that may be remnants of our first connectedness with the night sky.



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Places are limited. Zoom link details to be sent to SHA member.

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