

## Shining Susquehanna

**River of Inspiration—Heart of the Holy Experiment!** A Spiritual Geography of the Susquehanna Valley with David Lenker



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And when I asked the brakeman the name of the river, and heard that it was called Susquehanna...the beauty of the name seemed to be part and parcel of the beauty of the land—that was the name, as no other could be, for that shining river and desirable valley. --Robert Louis Stevenson

The shining Susquehanna River flows through the bucolic splendor of Pennsylvania's heartland. A natural paradise to the Native Susquehannocks, the region helped fire the imagination of the American Dream. One hundred years ago, the Masonic Village was erected near the river that defies commercial navigation. In this session we shall illuminate the region's spiritual geography in the context of natural formations, European plans for a 'Utopia on the Susquehanna', and the practical social impulses of the Ephrata Cloisters, Milton S. Hershey, French Azilum, and William Penn's Holy Experiment.



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