

Cosmology and Teilhard de Chardin

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Teilhard de Chardin

1881 - 1955

Geologist - Paleontologist - Jesuit Priest



**"It is our duty as men and women
to proceed as though the limits of
our abilities do not exist."**

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Truth of scientific discovery and truth of the mysticism



Seeing ourselves.



Observing Our Place



Observing

Quote from Teilhard, “The Human Phenomenon”



We are Three Centered Beings

Gift of seeing - mindfulness

Gift of knowing - heartfulness

Gift of doing - compassion

Cosmology

Cosmology is a narrative which explains the universe we inhabit.

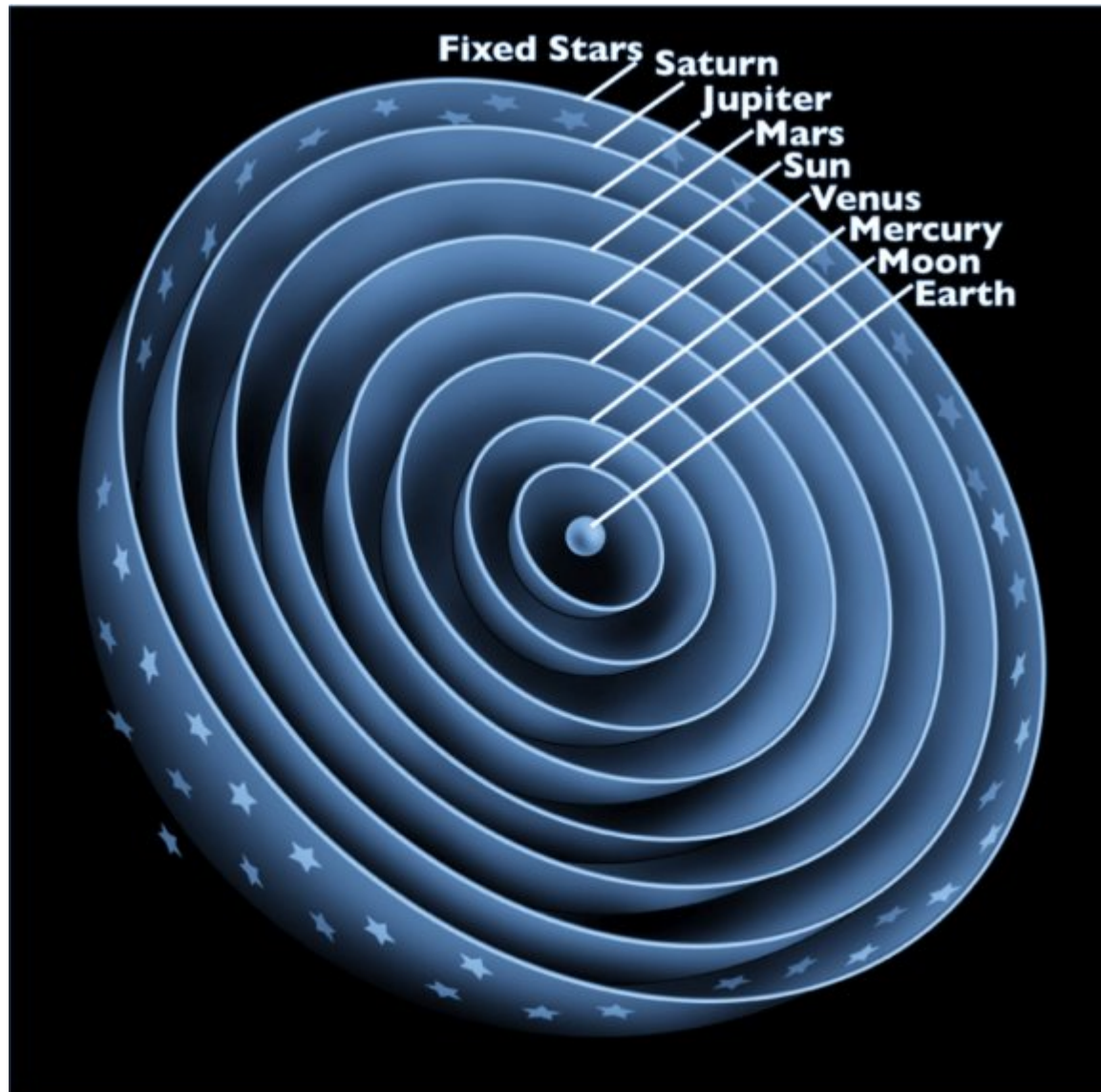


Ancient Egyptian Cosmology

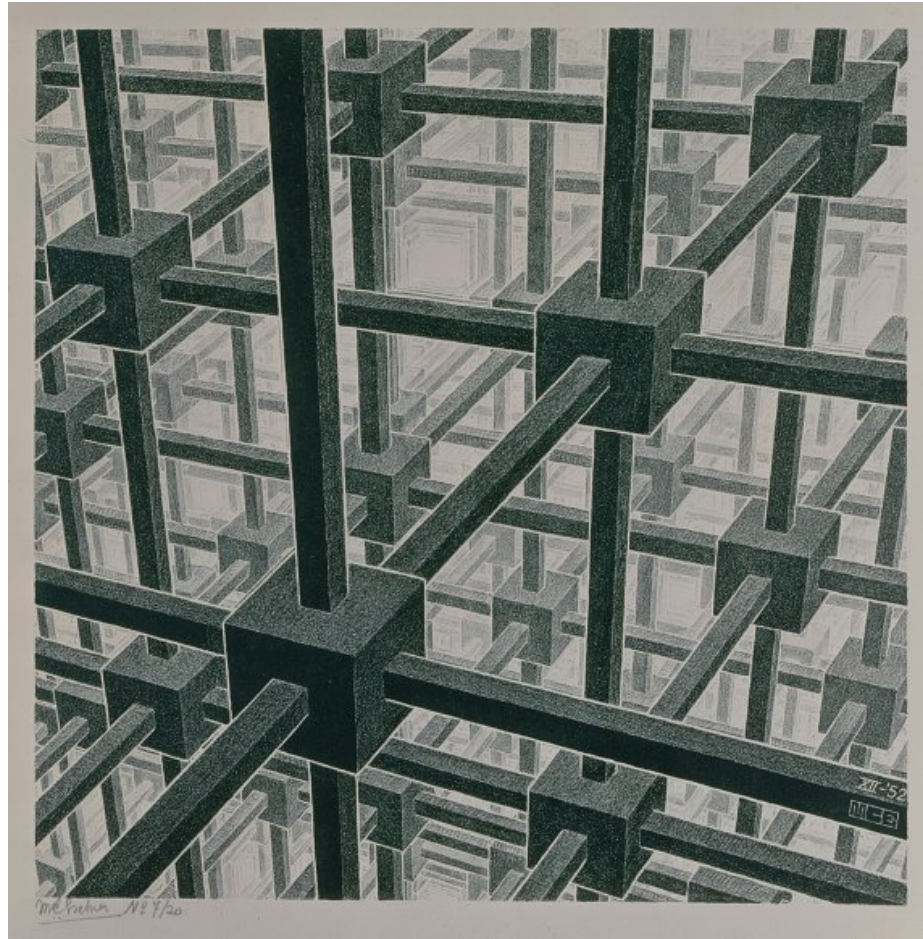


Anthropocentric – Human like God

Medieval Cosmology



Modern Cosmology

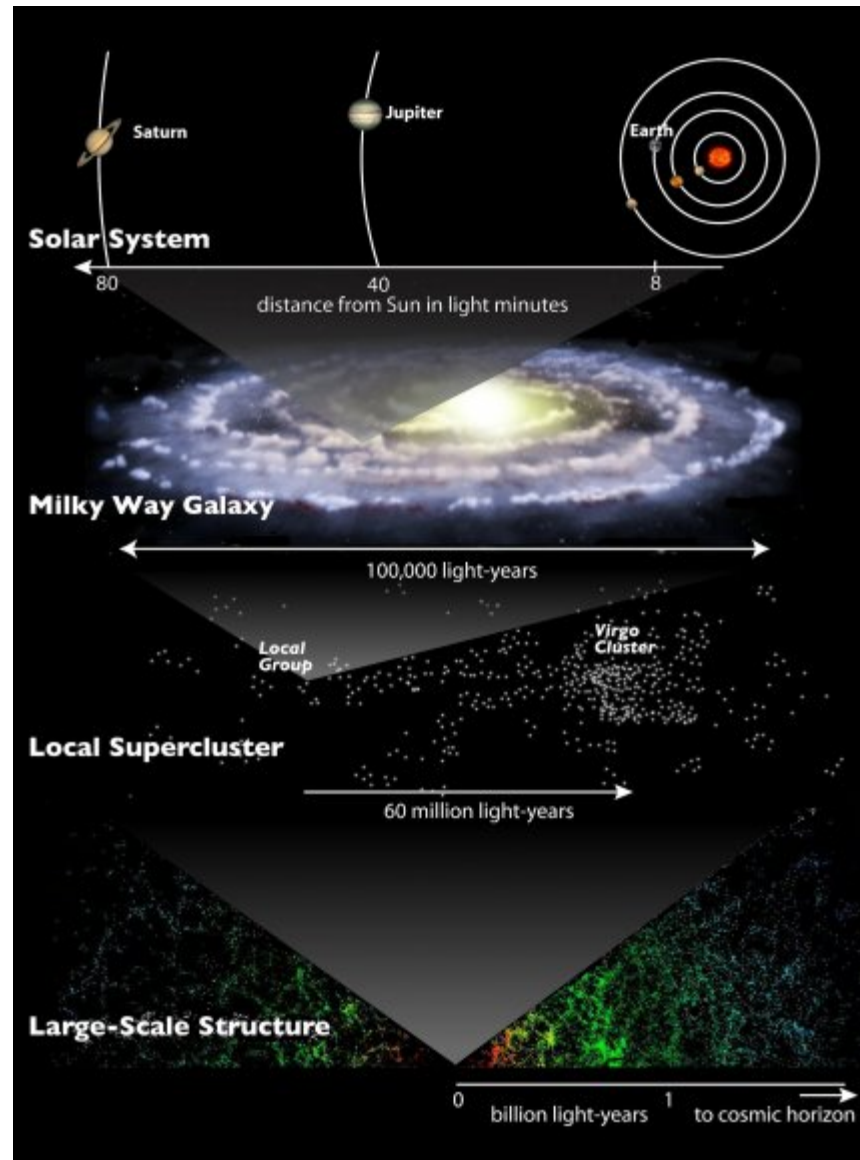


Meaning



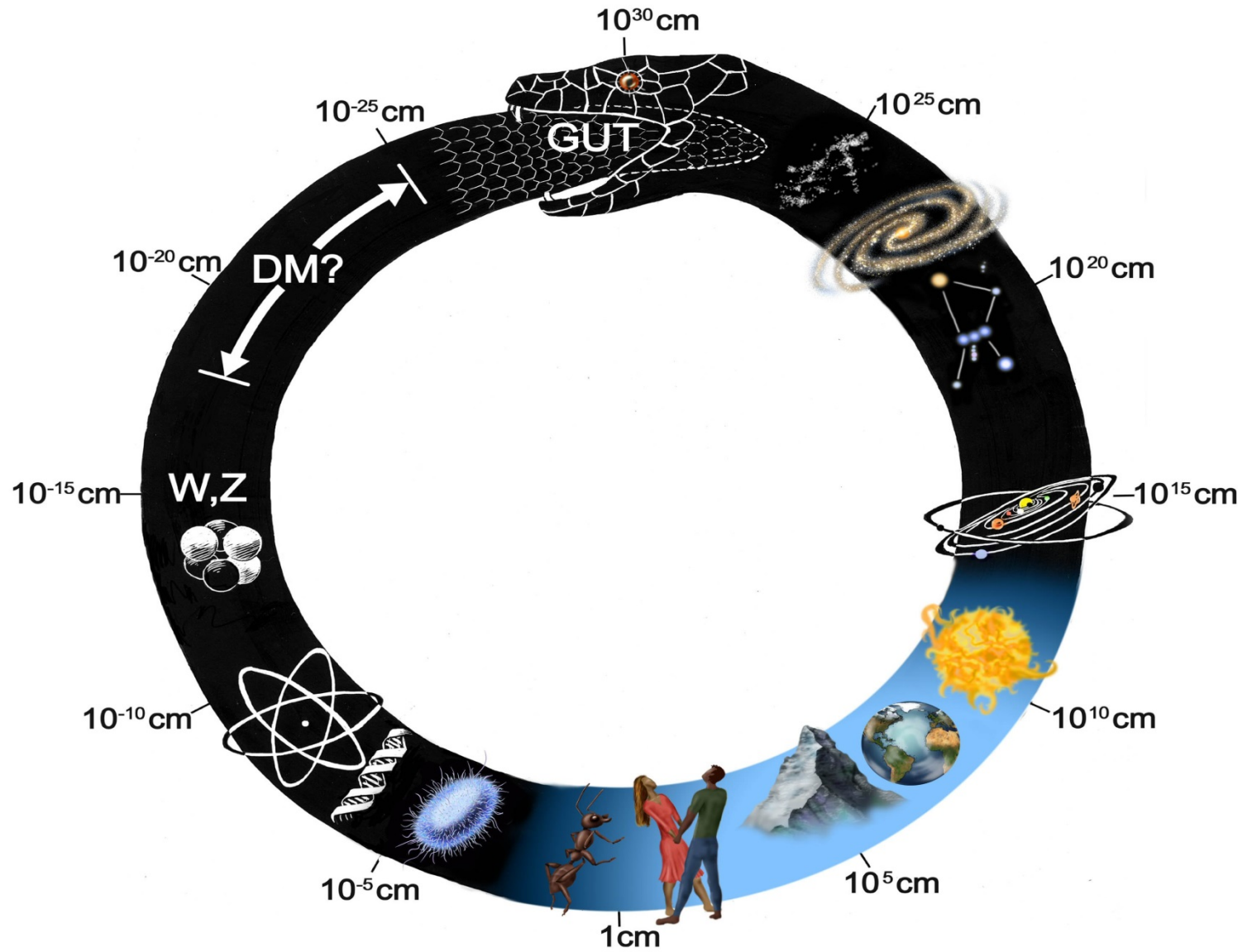


Our Place in the Universe



Scale and Perspective

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Scale

[Cosmic Scale Video](#)

Nancy Abrams and Joel Primack: <http://www.new-universe.org/index.html>

Annunciation

Marie Howe

Even if I don't see it again—nor ever feel it
I know it is—and that if once it hailed me
it ever does—

And so it is myself I want to turn in that direction
not as towards a place, but it was a tilting
within myself,

as one turns a mirror to flash the light to where
it isn't—I was blinded like that—and swam
in what shone at me

only able to endure it by being no one and so
specifically myself I thought I'd die
from being loved like that.

Experience Energy – Matter Continuum

Observation of Experience

Reflection on Experience

PART II

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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[Teilhard's Story](#)

Hominization

Centration - Decentration - Super-centration



Law of World Creation

Expanded Consciousness: Perspective and movement

Where is our center?

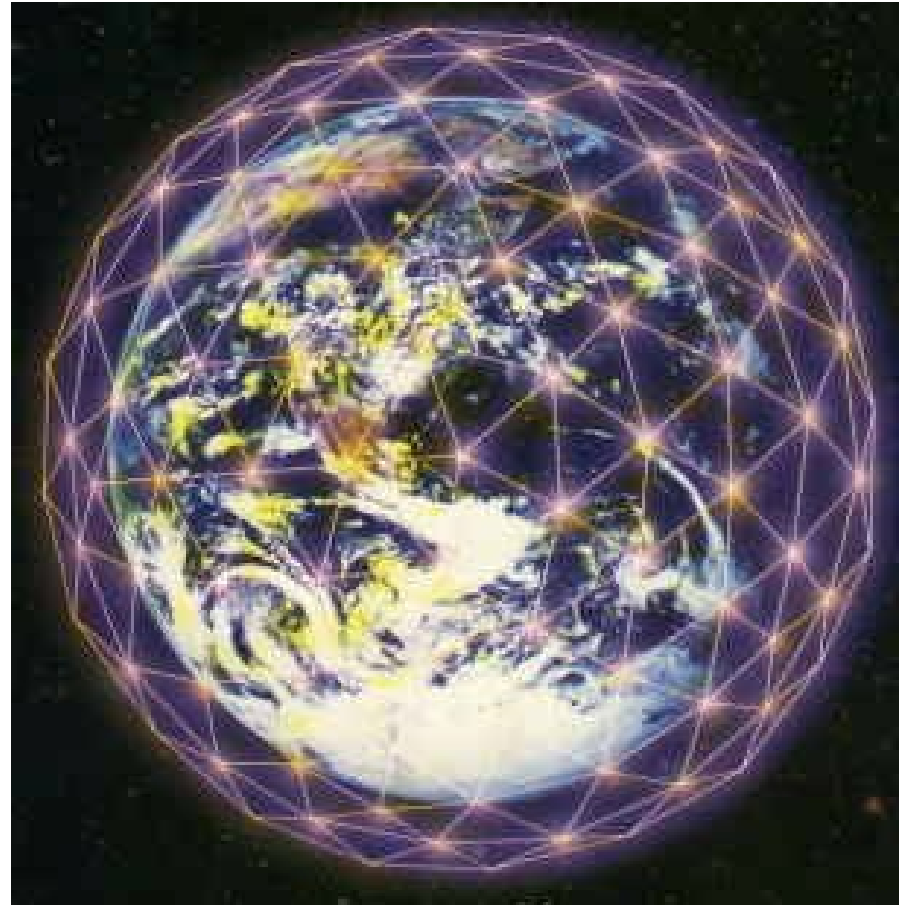
[Vortex Video](#)

Noosphere – Global Consciousness

The form of the sphere was essential to Teilhard's thought. The earth is formed as a sphere which has no edge.

The circle of the geosphere and biosphere are a form that requires us to interconnect.

Teilhard envisioned an envelope of thought containing the earth, like a global brain.



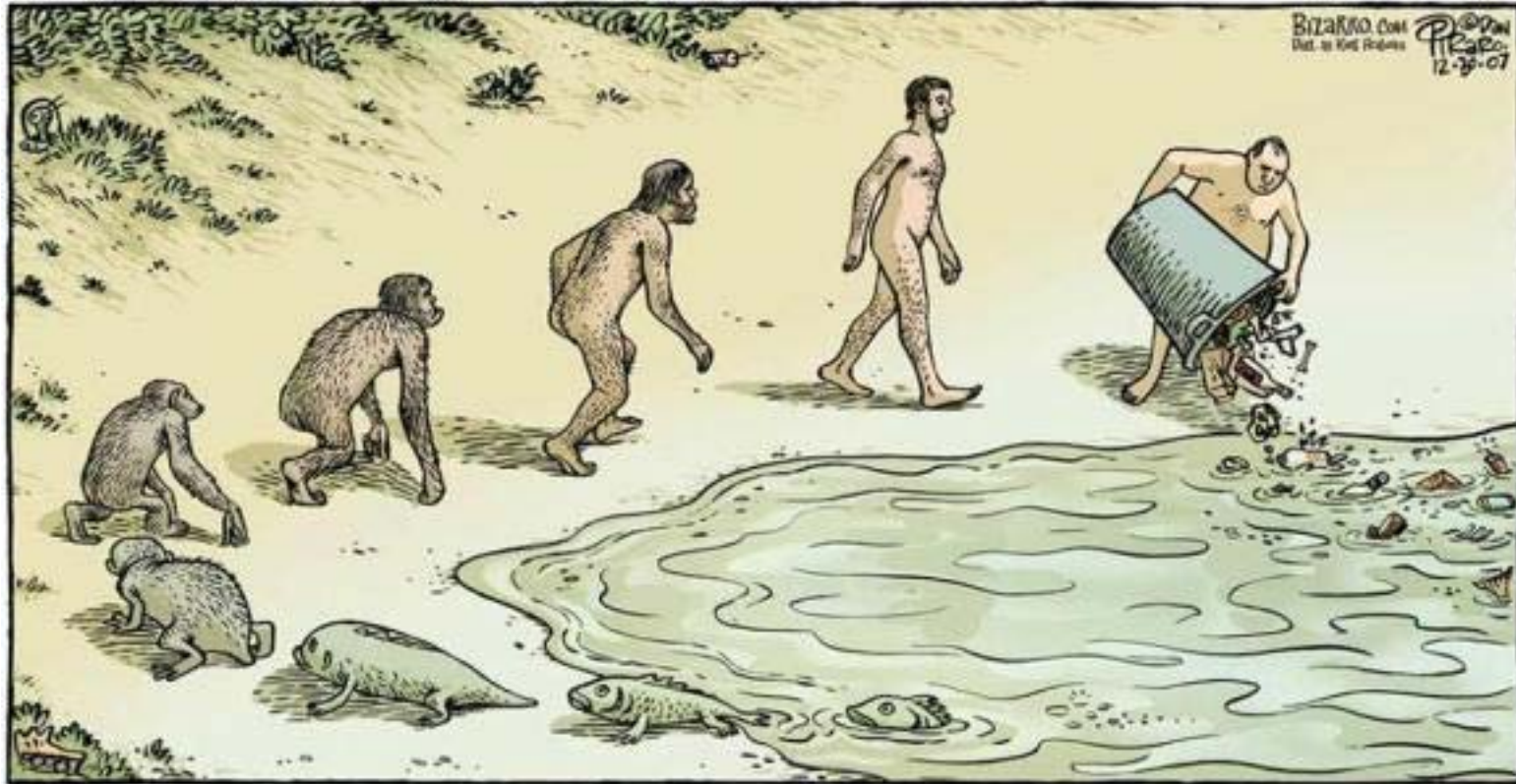
Connectedness



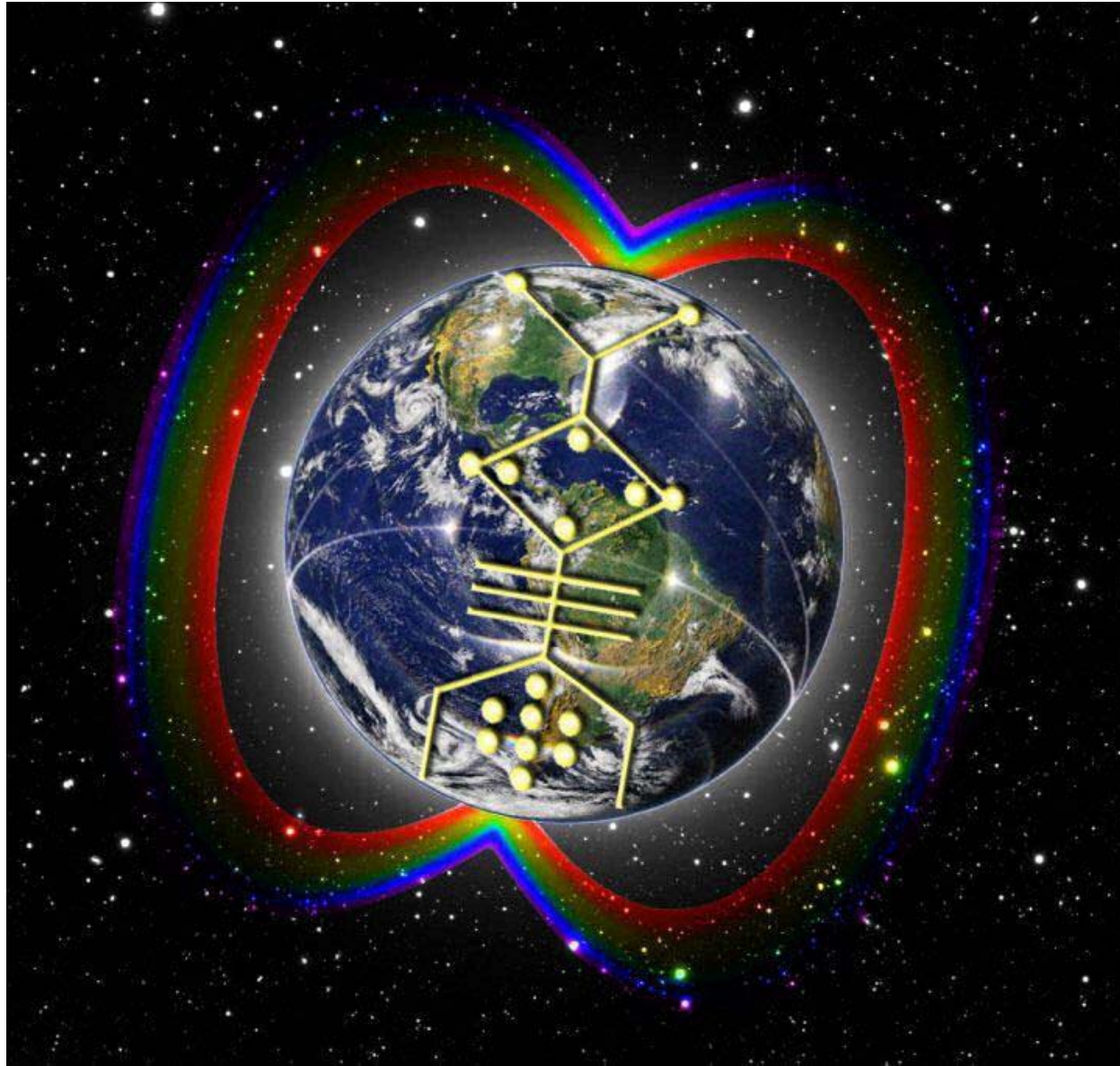
LOVE: A cosmological force



Evolution



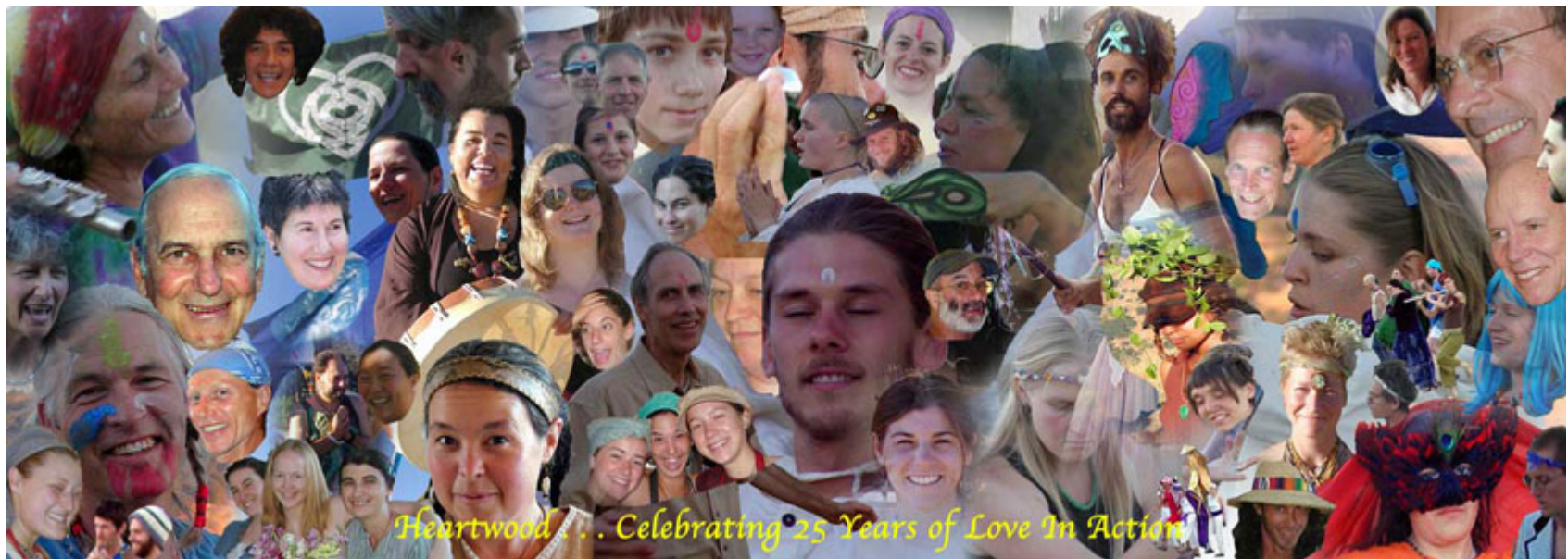
Evolution



Evolution of the Cosmos as Consciousness



Divinity



Evolution

The Awakening of Love. We are witnessing a quantum jump of consciousness and human unity.

Desire for more life and more creativity, is the impetus of evolution

The deep impulse in each of us to express, to be, to create, to love more, is the impulse of evolution incarnate.

The more we feel this impulse and say yes to it, the more we become the impulse This is a way to become one with the divine.

Evolution as Emergence

Film clip by Brie Stoner

[Evolution as Emergence](#)

Christ in Evolution

Eternal. One with consciousness, source, and God

Embody. We are the universe in person. Incarnate.

Emerge. The universe always wants more. We emerge as the incarnate universe. The impulse of evolution. The creator is creating co-creators.

Eros. Incarnating the impulse of evolution is to join and give birth to the creative human becoming.

Divine Milieu

-From “The Divinization of Our Activities”

Get an image.

OMEGA

This is the fruit of the development taking place in human experience.... If a Christian today can say to his God that he loves him with his whole body and soul and with the *whole universe*, he is not making a sudden and individual discovery; his act is the *manifestation* of a new and general *state* of the noosphere.

Cannot this state represent a further and final metamorphosis in progress since the birth of love in Christianity; the coming to consciousness of an “Omega”: in the heart of the noosphere – the circles’ motion toward their common center: *the appearance of the Theosphere*”?

PART III

ACTION

Trinity



Laudato Si

The ultimate destiny of the universe is in the fullness of God, which has already been attained by the risen Christ, the measure of the maturity of all things.⁵³ -- pg. 61

53 Against this horizon we can set the contribution of Fr Teilhard de Chardin

RIGHT ACTION FOLLOWS UNION

"... contemplation is very far from being just one kind of thing that Christians do: it is the key to prayer, liturgy, art and ethics, the key to the essence of a renewed humanity that is capable of seeing the world and other subjects in the world with freedom-- freedom from self-oriented, acquisitive habits and the distorted understanding that comes from them. To put it boldly, contemplation is the only ultimate answer to the unreal and insane world that our financial systems and our advertising culture and our chaotic and unexamined emotions encourage us to inhabit. To learn contemplative practice is to learn what we need so as to live truthfully and honestly and lovingly. It is a deeply revolutionary matter."

-- Archbishop Rowan Williams, former leader of the Anglican Church in an address to the Synod of Catholic Bishops in Rome

Contemplative Life is not Personal Salvation



Epistle on Prayer - Cloud Author

What Will You Do?

“The heart of the world is calling for you with your special gifts and unique perspectives. What can you do? What will you do? If each person does something, the whole planet will shift. Sit quietly with your authentic heart and ask the question. It is no accident that you are here at this time. What draws you?”

Jean Huston, *The Wizard of Us*, pg 83.

[Sennen: Where the Light Gets In](#)

Expand Your Heart



EXERCISE HEART – MIND COHERENCE

[HEART MEDITATION](#)

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