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The Day Wilhelm Reich Met Albert Einstein:
The Story of a Road Not Taken

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On January 13, 1941, a young pioneering physician-scientist named Wilhelm Reich went to Princeton, NJ to confer with the most famous scientist in the world, Albert Einstein. This encounter was far more than a meeting of two creative human beings. It was a moment in history when two fundamentally different pictures of reality crossed paths.

The individual personalities of these men were not central to what transpired when they met. Rather, when they got together, two worlds of science collided. Albert Einstein was the leading scientist of the physics of dead matter and dead energy. Wilhelm Reich was the investigator of the emerging science of living matter and life energy, discovered through the investigation of emotions. This struggle between mechanistic science and the science of the living continues to this day.

Our Western culture took the path of Einstein's science and ignored the way opened up by Reich, with consequences that reach deeply into every aspect of our personal and social lives. How would our world look if we had pursued that other path? Join author Michael Mannion for an exploration of this fascinating, little-known story of the road taken--*and the road not taken*.