

February 16, 2000

This date marks the 400th anniversary of the death of Giordano Bruno at the hands of the Inquisition. We held a conversational evening on *The Infinite Universe of Giordano Bruno* at the IM School of Healing Arts. Bruno's thought is perhaps even more relevant today than it was centuries ago and in many ways, he is still ahead of the times. A vigorous discussion focused on Bruno's contributions and the question as to why leading edge knowledge is so consistently rejected and suppressed.

June 5, 2000

We held a conversational evening at the New York Academy of Sciences on the topic of *Life Beyond Earth*. The change in worldview that is being brought on by exciting new discoveries made in the last five years of space exploration—new planets, new solar systems, tantalizing signs of life in our own solar system—was examined. The question of the existence of intelligent extraterrestrial life was discussed in light of our rapidly expanding knowledge of the physical universe. Will this much-maligned notion undergo an equally rapid re-evaluation in the next decade?

October 26, November 2, November 9, 2000

We held an introductory series of three conversational evenings on what The Mindshift Institute calls **The Trance State** at the New York Academy of Sciences. By “trance” we mean detachment from our inner and outer reality. The goal of this presentation is to help us wake up and see that many of our generally accepted, unexamined beliefs have lulled us into a trance state with devastating results to us all, as individuals and as a planetary citizens.

October 29, 2000

An introduction to **The Trance State** was given at a meeting of the New Canaan, CT member group of the Institute of Noetic Sciences.

November 15, 2000

The Mindshift Institute held a conversational evening at **The Cambridge Hospital**, sponsored by the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research of the Center for Psychology & Social Change at **Harvard University** on what we are calling **The Trance State**.

December 1, 3 and 9, 2000

The Mindshift Institute presented three conversational evenings in California hosted by member groups of the Institute of Noetic Sciences in Sacramento, Palm Springs and San Rafael, on the subject of Michael Mannion's book *Project Mindshift: The Re-Education of the American Public Concerning Extraterrestrial Life*.