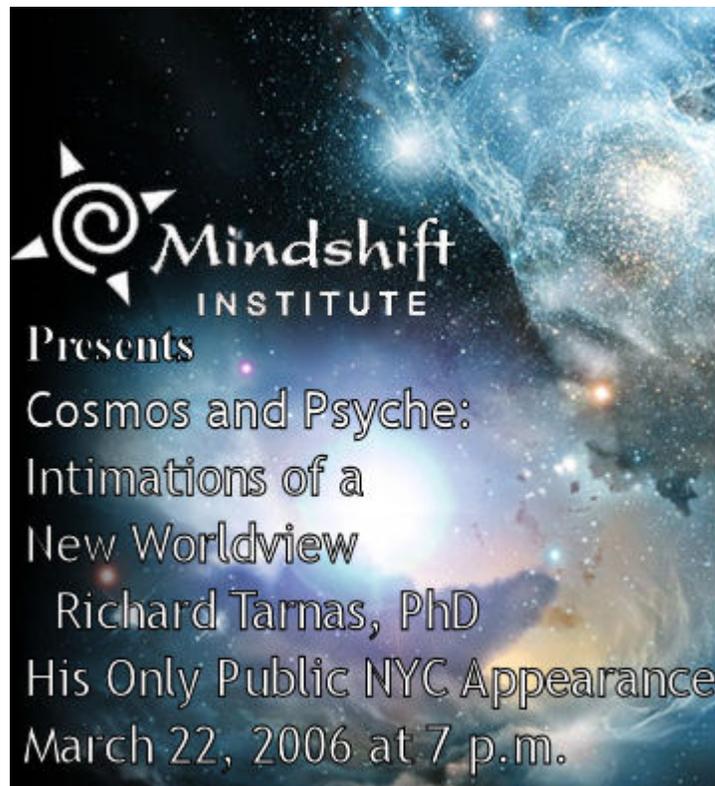


# The Third Annual Alexander Imich Lecture

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*Cosmos and Psyche* has received great advance praise. Christopher Bache, former IONS educational director and author of *Dark Night, Early Dawn*, has written, "Breathtaking in the scope and scale of its vision, this extraordinary book shatters our cosmological assumptions as it awakens us to a living universe and its creative intelligence. Tarnas succeeds masterfully in bringing his encyclopedic knowledge forged in writing the critically acclaimed *Passion of the Western Mind* to the task of discerning the archetypal pulse of history. Spellbinding, eloquent, compelling, *Cosmos and Psyche* will be a marker for an entire generation."

And William Van Dusen Wishard, author of *Between Two Ages: The 21st Century and the Crisis of Meaning*, has said, "It is hard to think of many books written in the past century that will still be read two hundred years from now. *Cosmos and Psyche* will top that short list. It is majestic, sweeping, and profound. This will be a book for the ages. It will stand over time with the seminal expressions of the human spirit."

Join Richard Tarnas, PhD, for an enlivening evening as he challenges the basic assumptions

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Dear Mindshifter,

The limits of our cosmological imagination define the limits of our existence:

Do we live in a disenchanted, mechanistic, purposeless universe as a randomly produced oddity of isolated consciousness, or do we participate in a living cosmos of unfolding meaning and purpose?

In 1991, Richard Tarnas, PhD, published *The Passion of the Western Mind*, a work regarded by many scholars such as Joseph Campbell and Huston Smith as one of the finest histories of Western thought ever written. Though it became both a best seller and required reading in many university courses, most of its readers did not know that this work was written as a preparatory foundation for a second book containing a more revolutionary perspective. *Cosmos and Psyche*, just published this year by Viking Press, challenges the basic assumptions of the modern world view and points towards a profound new understanding of the evolving human role in the cosmos. Based on 30 years of research, Tarnas sets forth a remarkable body of evidence that suggests the existence of a systematic correspondence between planetary movements and the archetypal patterns of human experience.

This research began at Esalen in 1976, when Tarnas and Stanislav Grof, then Esalen's scholar-in-residence, discovered to their astonishment a consistent correlation between the timing of major psychological transformations and planetary transits to individuals' natal charts. In subsequent years, Tarnas expanded the compass of the research to include intensive analysis of the biographies of hundreds of prominent cultural figures, as well as the dynamics of the collective psyche evident in major historical events and cultural epochs. These correlations, rather than indicating a fatalistic determinism in the cosmic scheme, appeared to open up a new dimension of awareness through which human beings could participate more consciously and intelligently in their encounter with and embodiment of the great archetypal forces that shape human life.

Join us for an enlivening evening as Richard Tarnas, PhD, discusses this evidence, the new light it sheds on both the human psyche and the cosmos, and the new horizon of possibility it reveals at this critical moment in our planet's history.

Trish Corbett and Michael Mannion  
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