

COSMOS AND CONSCIOUSNESS VII

The Knowledge of Tomorrow--Today

Saturday, September 19, 2009
10 a.m.--5:30 p.m.
Rangeley, Maine
The Rangeley Inn



Guests

Dr. Paul Bernstein

Independent Researcher, Paris Institute on Extraordinary Experiences

Dr. Ken Hamilton

Author, Founder of H.O.P.E.

August T. Jaccaci

Author and Futurist

James O'Dea

Lecturer, former IONS President

Dr. Rudy Schild

Harvard-Smithsonian Astrophysicist

Hosts

Trish Corbett and Michael Mannion
Co-founders of The Mindshift Institute

The Underlying Unity of the Cosmos and Consciousness Conferences

In 2003, The Mindshift Institute held its first conference in Rangeley, ME, *Cosmos and Consciousness--The Transformative Impact of New Knowledge*. The presenters were Harvard-Smithsonian astrophysicist Dr. Rudy Schild; Apollo 14 astronaut and founder of IONS Dr. Edgar Mitchell; and the late Dr. John E. Mack, a Pulitzer Prize winner and Harvard University psychiatrist.

It was our belief that when the discoveries of these three scientists were brought together, a new understanding of reality could emerge that might not if each person's work was considered in isolation. This was our approach in the succeeding conferences as well. Creative women and men were brought together to explore a particular theme because the combination of their ideas would produce an important new perspective. Our approach was not only applied to the presenters at each year's conference; it was applied to the entire series as well. Each year built upon the previous year. In our view, the first six conferences all lead up to this year's exciting event. They are listed below:

Cosmos and Consciousness I (2003)

The Transformative Impact of New Knowledge

Dr. John E. Mack, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Dr. Rudy Schild

Cosmos and Consciousness II (2004)

What Is Life?

Michael Mannion, James O'Dea, Dr. Brian O'Leary, Dr. Rudy Schild

Cosmos and Consciousness III (2005)

The Cosmology of Love

Dr. Ken Hamilton, August T. Jaccaci, Michael Mannion, James O'Dea

Cosmos and Consciousness IV (2006)

Our Interconnected Universe

Stephane Allix, Dr. Paul Bernstein, Natacha Calestreme, Michael Mannion Dr. Rudy Schild, Gillian Spencer

Cosmos and Consciousness V (2007)

Does Consciousness Create Reality?

Dr. Amit Goswami, Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Dr. Rudy Schild, Dr. Jenny Wade

Cosmos and Consciousness VI (2008)

New Scientific Perspectives on Extraterrestrial Life In Our Living Universe

Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Michael Mannion, Carol Rainey, Dr. Rudy Schild

What Do We Mean by "New Knowledge?"

Our first conference focused on the power of new knowledge to transform our existence. The subsequent five events each dealt with a fundamental question of our existence: **What is life? What is love? What is interconnectedness? What is consciousness? What is our place in the universe?**

The investigation of the above questions is usually done in isolation from one another. But we believe these basic phenomena are connected by an underlying unity in nature. It is this unity in nature that we will explore in this year's conference.

We are engaged in exploring new knowledge that gives us a voice in the transformation of our world. New knowledge consists of (1) newly discovered information; (2) contemporary but older information that has not made its way into public consciousness; and (3) new findings that help us to understand ancient wisdom in new ways.

A New Worldview, A New World

We believe that existing, but little known, life-positive knowledge can form the foundation of a new worldview that has the power to help us make different choices about how to live our lives. In this way, our hopes for a better world can be realized. A new life-positive worldview is vital to this realization.

The investigation of ideas outside the dominant worldview may often assist people in waking up. We are all in some manner detached from our inner and outer reality. And it is difficult to "wake up" in isolation. But, together, we can help one another to be more present and aware of what is actually happening to ourselves and to the planet because of us.

A major goal of the Cosmos and Consciousness series is to connect leading edge, life-positive discoveries from diverse fields that have the potential to bring about a new worldview, one that will guide us in fundamentally altering our personal and social life in such a manner that we can successfully address the life-threatening situation humanity has created for itself.

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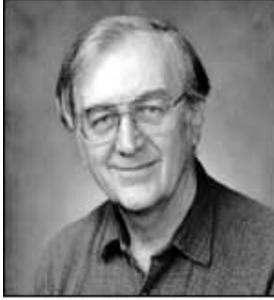
We are excited to bring together five speakers from past *Cosmos and Consciousness* conferences. **Dr. Rudy Schild** has been a presenter at five of the six annual events; **James O'Dea** has spoken at two; and **Dr. Paul Bernstein**; **Dr. Ken Hamilton**; and **August T. Jaccaci** have all been with us as speakers once before.

These individuals have pursued paths in life that have taken them outside the confines of mainstream society. And they been changed by their life experiences and their encounters with "new knowledge." They have incorporated this new knowledge, gained from unorthodox "ways of knowing," into their professional and personal lives. At the conference, we will have two panels in which our guests will share with us where they are today on their journeys and tell us about insights they have gained that might be useful to us all.



Bernstein, Ph.D. is co-director of the *Clinical Handbook* being published by the Paris-based [Institute for Research on Extraordinary Experiences](#). Previously, he served on the Board of Directors of the International Association for Near-Death Studies and was Editor-in-Chief of their quarterly publication, *Vital Signs*. He also worked as Research Associate in the Program for Extraordinary Experience Research directed by Dr. John Mack at Harvard University, and was co-editor of their publication, *PEER Perspectives*.

Dr. Bernstein has taught at the University of California and Boston College, and has degrees in both the biological and social sciences from Stanford University and the University of Michigan. He has had personal training in mediumship, and has explored inter-species communication and consciousness at the University of Hawaii's Dolphin Cognition Institute. His published articles include "[Intuition](#)" (in the book *Endophysics, Time, Quantum, and the Subjective*), "[Life's Three Stages: Infancy, Ego, and Transcendence](#)" (in *the Journal of the International Association of Spiritual Psychiatry*), "[Scholars Assemble Evidence of Life after Death](#)" and "[Physicist Uses NDEs to Clarify the Nature of Time](#)" (in *Vital Signs*). He is based in Boston and can be reached at pbernste@verizon.net.



Dr. Ken Hamilton is a board-certified allopathic general surgeon. His roots comprise allopathic medicine and Christian Science. As a small boy, he knew that God and Love were synonymous, and that healing was as much psychospiritual as it was physical. His curiosity about healing led him into medicine and surgery. His patients showed him that the surgeon-patient relationship had a powerful impact on the outcome of surgical therapies. He started a support group in his practice in 1987. Its participants chose to call it a HOPE Group, using the acronym, Healing of Persons Exceptional. He sheathed his scalpel in 1988 to concentrate on bringing hope and love into healthcare. He is the author of *SoulCircling: the Journey to the Who*.



August T. Jaccaci has worked with leaders throughout the world who want to envision and architect an ideal future for themselves and their enterprises. He is a gifted speaker, a respected visionary and a social inventor. He earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees from Harvard University. He is president of the nonprofit organization Unity Scholars and the founder of the Nature Planning Network and the author of two books, *Chief Evolutionary Officer—Leaders Mapping the Future* and *General Periodicity: Nature's Creative Dynamics*. In addition to his earlier books, he has completed two more books: ***America Awake!*** and ***America Means Love***. He has also begun work on a new book titled ***New Universe***.

Mr. Jaccaci is currently working with four colleagues on the startup of a business in Boston and Portland called Social Architects Collaborative. He is also working with his wife, Joanne, on the fall 2009 launch of the College of Future Planning which will be located in Portland, Maine.



[James O'Dea](#) is engaged in international social healing initiatives and consults with globalsystemsinitiatives.net and other new paradigm organizations. He lectures widely and offers workshops on societal healing, individual and collective transformation, creative stress and understanding the 2012 phenomenon.

He is a Fellow and former President of The Institute of Noetic Sciences, former Executive Director of The Seva Foundation and former Director of The Washington Office of Amnesty International. He is a founding member of The Evolutionary Leaders group with Deepak Chopra and others.



Dr. Rudy Schild is an astrophysicist and cosmologist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. He is highly regarded professionally for his work on gravitational lensing, baryonic dark matter and the study of quasars and black holes.

Dr. Schild has recently made astounding astrophysical observations, published in *Astrophysics Journal*, that challenge the current ideas about black holes, dark matter, dark energy and the nature of the physical universe. He has devised a new scientific model that he hopes will bridge the gap between cosmos and consciousness, the objective and the subjective. In his model, Dr. Schild describes the connections he has found among astrophysical phenomena; quantum science and consciousness; and subjective anomalous phenomena.



Trish Corbett and Michael Mannion, co-founders of The Mindshift Institute, will open the conference with a presentation that examines and connects the themes of the first six events, and explains their intent in choosing the subjects and speakers for each event. From their perspective, the first six conferences lead logically to *Cosmos and Consciousness VII*.

In the afternoon, Trish and Michael will connect the ideas of the presenters to a major focus of The Mindshift Institute: the cosmic primordial energy that is both the essence of these fundamental phenomena and the physical force that unites them.



Michael Mannion will share his observations on Wilhelm Reich's ground-breaking contributions and show how they shaped the previous *Cosmos and Consciousness* conferences at every level of development. Orgonomy, the medical and scientific legacy of Wilhelm Reich, is a crucial contribution to an understanding of the cosmic primordial energy (which Reich called orgone) that forms the underlying unity in nature.

Orgonomy is a body of work that perfectly illustrates what we mean by new knowledge because it:

- clearly demonstrates its potential transformative impact;
- is contemporary work that has not been incorporated into our culture;
- helps us understand important previous knowledge in new ways; and
- provides the foundation for a new view of the physical universe.

Reich's contributions to medicine and science did not exist in a vacuum. He was influenced by the valuable contributions of women and men in many fields such as natural philosophy, medicine, psychology, biology, physics, cosmology, astrophysics, sociology, and anthropology. In his writings, Reich acknowledged those whose work helped shape his own contributions. Throughout his 35 years of medical and scientific work, he stressed that "everyone is right in some way." The challenge is to discover in what way.

We have also invited a number of people to participate in a panel to discuss their use of the orgone energy accumulator. Like the speakers from previous conferences, these women and men are "walking their talk." They have been asked to join us as examples of people who have come upon a body of new knowledge, investigated it, seen its value for them, and incorporated it into their lives. Some have used this healing device for only a year or two, others for many years or even decades.

The panel is not intended to promote the use of this particular energy medicine device. Rather, its purpose is to help us learn from specific examples how we can benefit when new knowledge is actually put to practical use in our lives.

Throughout the day, there will be ample time for audience interaction with the panelists at each session, and, at the end of the day, there will be a Q&A session during which the audience can engage in dialogue with all of the invited guests. For those who participate in the Premium Weekend, there will be further opportunities for deeper discussions with the speakers.

Premium Weekend Package COSMOS AND CONSCIOUSNESS VII: The Knowledge of Tomorrow--Today

An Exciting Weekend in Rangeley, Maine September 18-20, 2009

The Mindshift Institute is presenting an exciting day-long conference with a deeper weekend experience from **September 18-20, 2009**. The first six **Cosmos and Consciousness** conferences have demonstrated that participating in this weekend is indeed a special opportunity. In addition, Rangeley provides a wonderful setting for expansive thinking and exploration.

While the one-day conference on Saturday, September 19 is open to the public, we want to invite you to join us and the Mindshift Explorers—**Dr. Paul Bernstein, Dr. Ken Hamilton, August T. Jaccaci, James O'Dea** and **Dr. Rudy Schild** for an extraordinary weekend. You will have a rare opportunity to spend one-on-one time with five creative individuals who are making important contributions to the new worldview now emerging.

Because we want to ensure that each participant has time to connect with the presenters, there are only a limited number of places available for the Premium Weekend Package. All activities will take place at The Rangeley Inn and include:

- A special evening Friday with the speakers and fellow guests; including dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks and wine
- Admission to the Saturday conference itself
- An excellent dinner on Saturday night with much stimulating conversation
- A thought-provoking Sunday morning session with the presenters and the weekend guests

We are well aware that many people have suffered because of the downturn in the economy over the past year. As a result, we are lowering the cost for the weekend by just about 25%, from \$395 to \$295. This does not include lodging. We recommend that the weekend participants stay together at The Rangeley Inn. After you sign up with The Mindshift Institute for the weekend, you need to call The Rangeley Inn at 1-800-MOMENTS for your room.

The reservations for the weekend will be filled on a first-come, first served basis. Some have already been taken. We encourage you to call us soon at **212-721-6785** or email us at Info@mindshiftinstitute.org.

Call the Rangeley Lakes Chamber of Commerce for information on lodging, restaurants or directions to Rangeley 1-800-MT-LAKES or 207-864-5571.