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***Sexuality, Spirituality & The Body:  
The Art And Science of Somatic Psychotherapy  
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Saturday Keynote Speaker  
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***From Psychoanalysis to Bioenergy - and Beyond:  
The Scientific and Medical Work of Wilhelm Reich***

Wilhelm Reich was a pioneer in the scientific study of Life Energy. He took this concept out of the realm of metaphysical and philosophical hypothesis and gave mankind a fundamentally new understanding of Life Energy as physical, demonstrable, measurable and usable.

With an open mind, and rigorous scientific methodology, Reich performed ground-breaking work in such fields as psychoanalysis, sexology, biogenesis, physiology, energy medicine, physics, meteorology, astrophysics and cosmology. His study of energy -- in the microscopic, macroscopic and cosmic realms -- forced him to transcend the artificial barriers separating these disciplines.

But Wilhelm Reich was no "Ivory Tower" scientist or "arm-chair" theorist. He was an active participant in the social issues of his day. He fought for women's political and economic equality and reproductive rights, including contraception and abortion on demand. He advocated for sexual education for adolescents and their right to full sexual love lives. He was active in the anti-fascist underground against Hitler. He opened the first free psychoanalytic clinic for poor people, using his own money.

Reich coined the term "SEXUAL REVOLUTION" to describe the human struggle to establish natural healthy love lives. He introduced his bodymind therapy in Europe and his energy

medicine in the USA. He later warned about drug industry control of American medicine; chemical adulteration of our foods; and the threat from atomic energy. He also wrote about the dangers of climate change and acid rain.

Because we are facing many of these same crises, his work is as relevant to us today as it was during his lifetime.

**Learning Objective:**

With this talk, you will learn who Reich really was and what he really said.

Reich was a Promethean figure. He was boldly creative and defiantly original. As Prometheus stole fire from Olympus and gave it to humankind, so Reich took the concept of Life Energy out of the realm of metaphysical and scientific hypothesis and gave mankind a fundamentally new understanding of Life Energy as physical, demonstrable, measurable and usable. Life Energy was no longer a philosophical premise but a practical tool to be used in comprehending Life Itself, within and without the human organism.

With an open mind, and rigorous scientific methodology, Reich investigated the Life Energy in a manner unlike anyone before him. He performed ground-breaking work in such fields as psychoanalysis, sexology, biogenesis, physiology, energy medicine, physics, meteorology, and cosmology. How could he do this? He followed the Life Energy wherever it led him, from human emotions to cosmic functions.