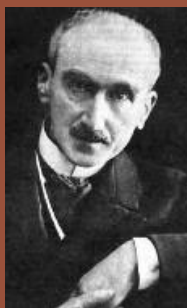


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**A Celebration of Henri Bergson (1859-1941)**  
**Rupert Sheldrake and David Lorimer in dialogue**

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