



The Scientific & Medical Network

FRONTIER LECTURE DISCUSSIONS 2006

7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

9th May

Dr. Elisabet Sahtouris



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22nd June

Dr. Ervin Laszlo



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5th July

Dr. Richard Tarnas



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3rd October

Prof. Paul Wilkinson



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7th November

Dr. David Tacey



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REMINDER: 9th May 2006

Venue: Colet House, 151 Talgarth Rd, London W14

Dr. Elisabet Sahtouris: *Discovering Nature's Secrets of Success: a Potential Future for a Global Family*

22nd June 2006

Venue: Imperial College, South Kensington Campus Room 308, Huxley Bldg, 180

Queensgate, South Kensington, London SW7 2AZ

Dr. Ervin Laszlo: *Science and the Re-Enchantment of the World*

What scientists are now finding at the outermost frontiers of every field is overturning all the basic premises concerning the nature of matter and reality. The universe is not a world of separate things and events but is a cosmos that is connected, coherent, and bears a profound resemblance to the visions held in the earliest spiritual traditions in which the physical world and spiritual experience were both aspects of the same reality and man and the universe were one. The findings that justify this new vision of the underlying logic of the universe come from almost all of the empirical sciences: physics, cosmology, the life sciences, and consciousness research. They explain how interactions lead to interconnections that produce instantaneous and multifaceted coherence—what happens to one part also happens to the other parts, and hence to the system as a whole. The sense of sacred oneness experienced by our ancestors that was displaced by the unyielding material assumptions of modern science can be restored, and humanity can once again feel at home in the universe.

Ervin Laszlo PhD was recognised at the age of nine as a child prodigy on the piano, and by age 15 was performing throughout the world. He is holder of the highest degree of the Sorbonne and the recipient of four honorary Ph.D.s and numerous awards, including the 2001 Goi Award (the Japan Peace Prize), the 2005 Mandir of Peace Prize, and nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004 and 2005. He is a former professor of philosophy, systems theory, and futures studies and founder-president of the international think-tank The Club of Budapest, and lives in Italy. He is the author and editor of 74 books that have been translated into 20 languages. His latest book, *The Chaos Point*, will be published in June by Piatkus Books, price £9.99.

5th July 2006

Venue: Imperial College, South Kensington Campus Room 308, Huxley Bldg, 180

Queensgate, South Kensington, London SW7 2AZ

Book launch lecture with Richard Tarnas PhD –

Cosmos and Psyche: Intimations of a New World-View

Based on thirty years of research, Richard Tarnas's new book sets forth a substantial body of evidence that suggests the existence of a systematic correspondence between planetary movements and the archetypal patterns of human experience. These correlations, rather than indicating a fatalistic determinism in the cosmic scheme, appear to open up a new dimension of awareness through which human beings can participate more consciously and intelligently in their encounter with and embodiment of the great archetypal forces that shape human life. Join Richard Tarnas this evening as he discusses the evidence, the new light it sheds on the relationship of the human psyche to the cosmos, and the new horizon of possibility it reveals at this critical moment in our planet's history.

Richard Tarnas is a professor of philosophy and cultural history whose first book, *The Passion of the Western Mind*, became both a bestseller and required reading at many universities. A graduate of Harvard University, he is the founding director of the Philosophy, Cosmology, and Consciousness graduate program at the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco, and also teaches on

the faculty of Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara. His new book, *Cosmos and Psyche*, has just been published by Viking.

3rd October 2006

Venue: Colet House, 151 Talgarth Road, London W14

Prof. Paul Wilkinson – *Religion, Extremism and Political Violence*

- The changing threat of terrorism, comparing more traditional groups to the Al Qaeda network.
- Al Qaeda's ideology, aims, modus operandi, leadership, area of operations and structure.
- An assessment of where we are now in the struggle to unravel the Al Qaeda network.
- Current and emerging trends in terrorism and the responses of the democracies and the international community.
- The changing relationship between warfare and terrorism.
- The future of terrorism.

Paul Wilkinson is Professor of International Relations and Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence (CSTPV) at the University of St Andrews. His publications include *The New Fascists* (1981/1983); *Contemporary Research on Terrorism* (as co-editor, 1987); *Aviation Terrorism and Security* (as co-editor, 1999) and *Terrorism versus Democracy: The Liberal State Response* (2001). He co-authored with Joseph S. Nye Jr. and Yukio Satoh the report to the Trilateral Commission (May 2003) *Addressing the New International Terrorism; Prevention, Intervention and Multilateral Co-operation*. He is co-editor of the academic journal *Terrorism and Political Violence* and is currently director of a research project funded by the ESRC, on the domestic management of terrorist attacks in the UK. A revised and expanded edition of his book, *Terrorism Versus Democracy* was published in the summer of 2006 by Routledge.

7th November 2006

Venue: Colet House, 151 Talgarth Road, London W14

David Tacey PhD – *Believe in God Today: Experience, Imagination and Faith*

Meister Eckhart wrote, 'In order to find God, you first have to lose him'. We seem to be emerging from a time of disbelief in and refusal of the old image of God, and entering a new phase of culture, where the idea of God has become respectable again, but in an entirely new way. The literal understanding of God has been destroyed by science and philosophy, but intuition, the arts, and postmodern philosophy are groping toward God in a new way. The key is to shift from the literal to the metaphorical domain, not because God is a fantasy or unreal, but because metaphor and symbol appear as the best possible expression of the unknown reaches of ultimate reality.

Dr David Tacey is the author of eight books and eighty-five published essays on spirituality, Jungian psychology, and cultural studies. His most recent books are *How to Read Jung* (2006), and, as co-editor, *The Idea of the Numinous: Contemporary Jungian and Psychoanalytic Perspectives* (forthcoming in 2006). Other recent books include *The Spirituality Revolution: The Emergence of Contemporary Spirituality* (2004), and *ReEnchantment: the New Australian Spirituality* (2000). David Tacey is Associate Professor in the School of Arts and Critical Enquiry, La Trobe University, Melbourne. He teaches courses on spirituality, Jungian psychology, and literature, and his main interest is the recovery of meaning in the contemporary world.

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