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Terence McKenna: *“But in fact it seems that the ouroboros has taken its tail in its mouth and these two concerns psychedelics and computers] are seen to be simply different approaches to the completion of the same program of knowledge.”*

Terence McKenna: *“The citizen is an interchangeable part in the body politic.”*

Terence McKenna: *“Yes, I mean television certainly has an influence on the mass mind, but on the creative, cutting-edge of the civilization it’s psychedelics. Television influences culture, but if you watch television it’s psychedelics that shape the agenda of television.”*

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Rupert Sheldrake: *“If it were just one (crop circle), the hoax theory would be very plausible, but a phenomenon over such a long time period, now with ones turning up in other parts of the world as well, increasing levels – 400 of them last year [1990] in different parts of Britton, this requires quite a large effort.”*

Rupert Sheldrake: *“The alien theory [about the formation of crop circles] is a very rare one among the theories encountered. The one I think is most popular among people who take seriously the phenomenon and think that the hoax theory is not the only possible explanation is that the spirit of the land itself, or Earth mysteries long embedded in these ancient megalithic monuments are sort of coming back to life again and somehow are being reactivated in Brittan’s hour of need, or that Gaia or the Gaian intelligence or the Gaian mind itself is involved in some ongoing dialogue or communication which principally has the effect, year by year, of attracting more and more attention. And the message year by year seems to be ‘Watch This Space’.”*

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Terence McKenna: *“In the absence of cannabis the dream life seems to become much richer. This causes me to sort of form a theory, just for my own edification, that cannabis must in some sense thin the boundary between the conscious and unconscious mind. ... And if you smoke cannabis, the energy which would normally be channeled into dreams is instead manifest in the reveries of the cannabis intoxication.”*

Terence McKenna: *“And what I really value about cannabis is the way in which it allows one to be taken by surprise by unexpected ideas.”*

Terence McKenna: *“Alcohol, on the other hand, is demonstrably one of the most destructive of all social habits. What a bright world it would be if every alcoholic were a pothead.”*

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Today’s program features the second tape in a series of trialogue tapes that were recorded in September 1991 at a private recording session with Rupert Sheldrake, Ralph Abraham, and Terence McKenna. It begins with a wrap-up of their previous conversation, titled “Grass Roots Science”. And then they begin with a new topic, introduced by Terence McKenna and his plan for “Saving the World”.

[NOTE: All quotes below are by [Terence McKenna](#).]

“If mere speaking about saving the world could do the job it would have been saved quite some time ago.”

“As I look at the various factors which seem to be pushing the world toward ruin, the one I come back to again and again as being central to any social program which would create a sane and caring future for our

children and lessen the impact of human beings on the environment is the problem of over-population. All other social problems can be seen as being driven by the excess of human population on the Earth.”

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Rupert Sheldrake: *“Especially in Brittan, this declining confidence in science, and this declining funding of science has let to a reduction of scientific morale. Fewer and fewer people want to study science in schools or go into it as graduate students. . . . It looks as if the great golden days, the golden age of the sixties and seventies of endless expansion, is over, perhaps forever.”*

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04:11 Ralph begins with “Fractals on my mind, an epic in four parts.” . . . Part one, the sandy beach.

13:54 **Ralph Abraham**: “It’s the fractal boundary, the sandy beach, which destroys determinism.”

16:58 **Ralph Abraham**: “At the age of one, or two, or three, or something, when speech is beginning, what was going on before that? Presumably, that was what everyone was doing before speech came altogether if there ever was such a time. And that childhood paradigm is not vaporized and replaced when the linguistic phase arrives.”

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10:50 **Terence McKenna**: “I see the cosmos as a distillery for novelty, and the transcendental object is the novelty of novelty. . . . a tiny thing which has everything enfolded within it. And that means you’re in another dimension, where all points in this universe have been collapsed into co-tangency.”

16:56 **Terence McKenna**: “Biology has a complete four dimensional, five dimensional map of the planet’s history.” **Ralph Abraham**: “What the hell, the comet’s on its way. Let’s get it on.” **Terence McKenna**: “The planet says, the comet’s on the way. Lets get these monkeys moving towards the production of sufficient complexity that when this impact event occurs it will have a transcendental rather than simply an . . .” **Ralph Abraham**: “Have an opportunity to escape into another dimension.” **Terence McKenna**: “Yes.”

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04:32 **Terence McKenna:** *“But the fact of the matter is, there is no reason to believe that time is invariant, and experience argues the contrary.”*

12:39 **Rupert Sheldrake:** *“Maybe, you see, that the bonds between pigeons and their home are comparable to the bonds between people and other people, and indeed they may be related to that which holds society together. When we say “the bonds between people”, we may mean something more than a mere metaphor. It may be that there is an actual connection between them. . . . This kind of social bond, this kind of linkage, may be utterly fundamental.”*

17:28 **Ralph Abraham:** *“Especially for people like Americans, who watch television for seven hours a day, there is somehow not enough time away from language.”*

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04:18 Ralph begins by describing “Terence to himself”.

05:46 **Ralph Abraham**: *“So in our process of trialing we find it very much enriched by Terence’s phenomenal knowledge of history, and not only that, but his special way of saying it is sort of a, you’re familiar with this here, a bardic skill. So that whatever he says will have [long pause]more effect than it actually deserves”* [added with humor that was followed by laughter].

08:36 Terence “shares his view” of Rupert.

09:12 **Terence McKenna**: *“And my intellectual method has always been to seek out the heretical. And so when I heard that Nature had called for the burning of a book [insert title], I burned up my tires on the way to the store to see if I couldn’t obtain a copy.”*

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04:38 **Rupert Sheldrake**: *quot;The primary metaphor is the magnetic field, that’s what gives you the sense of a field. But if you look at the type of physics that would be appropriate for describing these fields it would not be magnitism, it’s quantum field theory.*

07:23 **Ralph Abraham**: *“I’m extremely suspicious of the application of quantum mechanical concepts in the arena of psychology, consciousness, sociology, and so on. To me that’s much fuzzier than the face on Mars.”*

12:28 **Terence McKenna**: *“Part of the problem is that physical models break down when prosecuted to*

quantum mechanical levels.”

21:15 Ralph begins his explanation of the physics of the nimbus, otherwise known as a halo.

30:47 Terence: *“The more successful psychoanalytic theories, it seems to me, are the least mathmatically driven, and depend really on this mysterious business that we call the gifted therapist.”*

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