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Lorenzo and Bruce Damer with some of the trilogy tapes loaned to them by Ralph Abraham

“I think that creativity depends on having sufficient indeterminacy around for a new pattern to arise up within it.” -[Rupert Sheldrake](#)

When asked if he believed in randomness, **Terence** quickly said, “No,” and then he went on to say, *“Randomness is the least likely thing. Nowhere in nature do you encounter it.”*

“If there is no randomness in the universe, then what do we mean by chaos?” -[Rupert Sheldrake](#)
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“Who would talk about the evolutionary mind? Who cares about the good and evil in the evolution of species, and so on? This must be interesting only to the degree to which it informs us in this very present moment regarding our choices that we will make in the creation of our future.” [-Ralph Abraham](#)



**Rupert
Sheldrake**

**Terence
McKenna**

**Ralph
Abraham**

“In a dynamical system, or a massively complex dynamical system such as we live in, when there is a moment of bifurcation, which is the technical mass jargon for “the snap”, that is the only time you get to do anything about the evolution of the system. So according to this self-inflating view, we live at an especially important special moment in history where when we think something or do something it has actually an enormous effect on the future. ... What we do has some influence on the creation of the future more than at other times in history.” **-Ralph Abraham**

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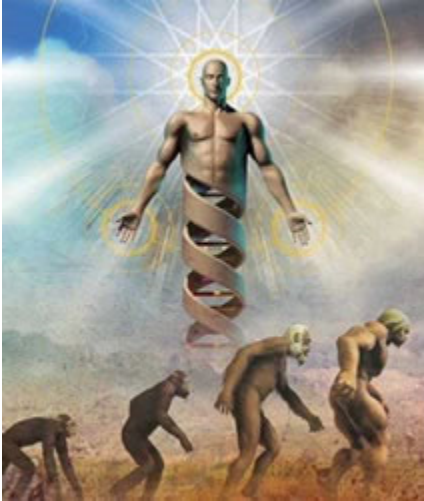
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“Because of this fact, that clear thinking can be mathematically formalized, there is a potential bridge between ourselves and calculating machinery.”



“Good thinking, whether you’ve ever studied mathematics for a moment or not, can be formally defined.”

“What is important about nature is that it is information. And the real tension is not between matter and spirit, or time and space, the real tension is between information and nonsense.”

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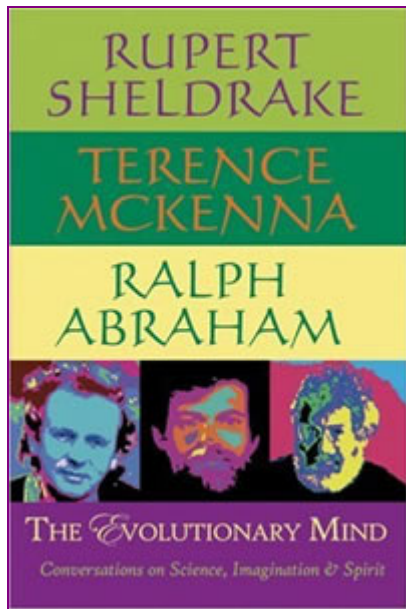
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“The development of current brain size is not the reason that there has been this explosion of technical innovation recently. Brain size hasn’t changed much for 100,000 years.” [-Rupert Sheldrake](#)



“It’s much more likely that for most of human history it was not man the huntER but man the huntED. ... It wasn’t until about 50,000 years ago that there was an improvement in hunting technologies all around the world, whereby human beings could indeed become fairly effective hunters. But for most of the three and a half million years of hominid history it was man the huntED.” -Rupert Sheldrake

“The shaman is a person, a designated member of the social group, who can mentally change into an animal, who can become so animal-like that other members of the social group are appalled and draw back.”

-Terence McKenna

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“I believe that the World Wide Web is, as a matter of fact, the noogenesis of the noosphere of the future. This is it!” –[Ralph Abraham](#)

“Notice that throughout history the most oppressed group has not been the Jews, the Irish, the blacks, they’ve taken their hits, but the most consistently oppressed group of people throughout human history have been smart people. And now comes a tool for smart people [the Internet] utterly incomprehensible to dullards, that is essentially the equivalent of the hydrogen bomb.” –[Terence McKenna](#)

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“I think what life on islands brings home to us is that Earth itself is an island.”

“I think the technological principle on which the next century [21st] will operate is a mimicking of nature, solid-state, micro-miniaturized, solar-based, no moving parts, and so forth.”

“Any theory which has us gathering together in large crowds to chant should look back at the Third Reich before it proceeds too far with its agenda.”

“America is a cultural bulldozer. It just tramples and destroys everything in its path.”

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“We have the concept of the ideal city in the ancient world, most especially the ideal city of Plato’s Republic. So casually we might call that Utopian fantasy. Although Plato did try to actually realize it in the political organization of a particular city. He ended up in jail for that effort. Another thing to kind of keep in the back of your mind as we choose whether or not to associate with this particular strand of the human endeavor [utopianism].” –[Ralph Abraham](#)

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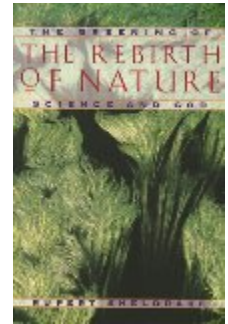
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“The Gaia Hypothesis of James Lovelock [and Lynn Margulis] puts forward a scientific view of the living Earth, which in one respect is modern, empirical, scientific, in another respect re-awakens an ancient archetype, which in fact is so clearly suggested by the very name of the hypothesis, Gaia, the Greek name for

Mother Earth.” [–Rupert Sheldrake](#)

[Speaking of the past:] “So there’s a kind of resurgence of the sense of freedom and spontaneity in nature. From nature being bound into a rigid, deterministic model, freedom, spontaneity and openness are emerging once again. It’s now recognized the future is open, not determined by the past. And this is true in many realms, the astronomical realm, the human realm, the meteorological realm in many ways.” [–Rupert Sheldrake](#)

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[Quoting a friend] ” ‘The apocalypse is already happening.’ The slow apocalypse is unraveling all over the world.” [–Terence McKenna](#)

“If it’s all on automatic, if the world is either undergoing some kind of mass extinction and soul migration into the Elysium realm, then very little has to be done. If, on the other hand, it isn’t on automatic then what is the nature of the political and social world that we should construct for ourselves and our children?” [–Terence McKenna](#)

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“I think that any models [of the psychedelic experience] that we can build, verbal, visual, or mathematical are really, really feeble compared to the experience itself.” –[Ralph Abraham](#)

“It’s the Logos-world that we’ve lost the connection with.” –[Terence McKenna](#)

“I think the difference between a representation of the [psychedelic] state and being in the state itself is the sense of meaning, engagement, and intensity.” –[Rupert Sheldrake](#)

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