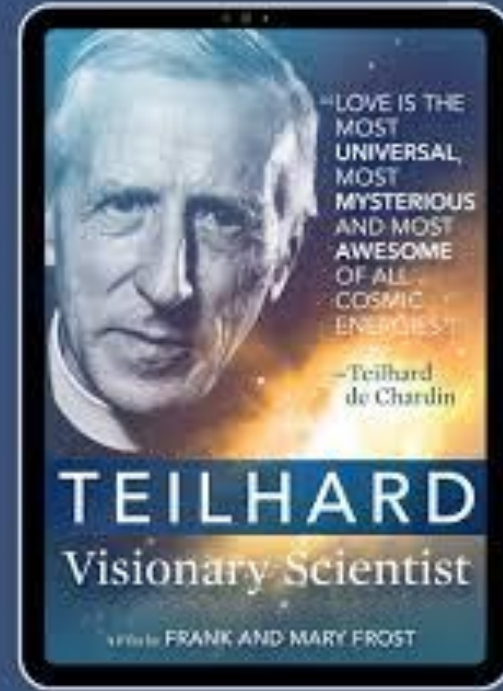




A Conversation on Teilhard: Visionary Scientist

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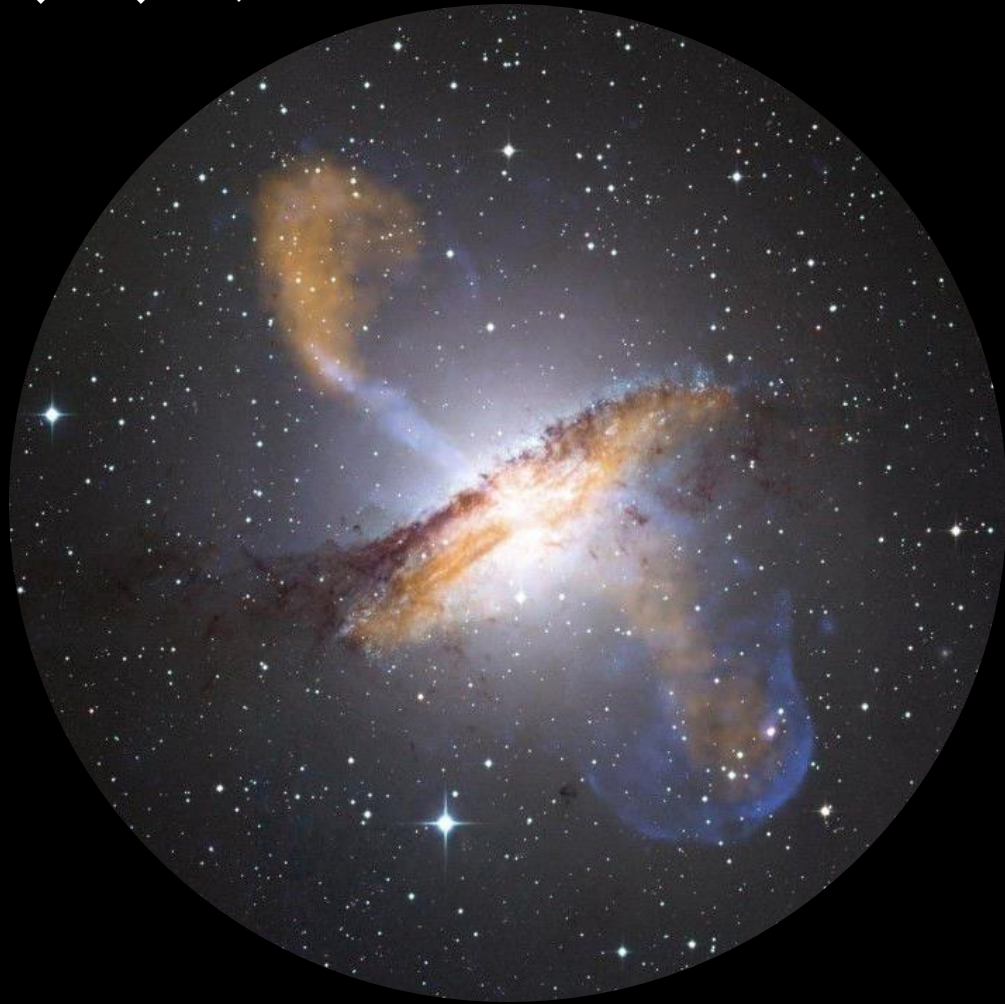
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Questions

Please submit your questions in the Q/A box.

Chat

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OPENING PRAYER

Teilhard's Prayer of the Universe

I bless you matter and you I acclaim: not as the pontiffs of science or the moralizing preachers depict you, debased, disfigured—a mass of brute forces and base appetites—but as you reveal yourself to me today, in your totality and your true nature. . . .

I acclaim you as the divine milieu, charged with creative power, as the ocean stirred by the Spirit, as the clay moulded and infused with life by the incarnate Word. . . .

Raise me up then, matter, to those heights, through struggle and separation and death; raise me up until, at long last, it becomes possible for me in perfect chastity to embrace the universe.





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Teilhard de Chardin and the Climate Crisis



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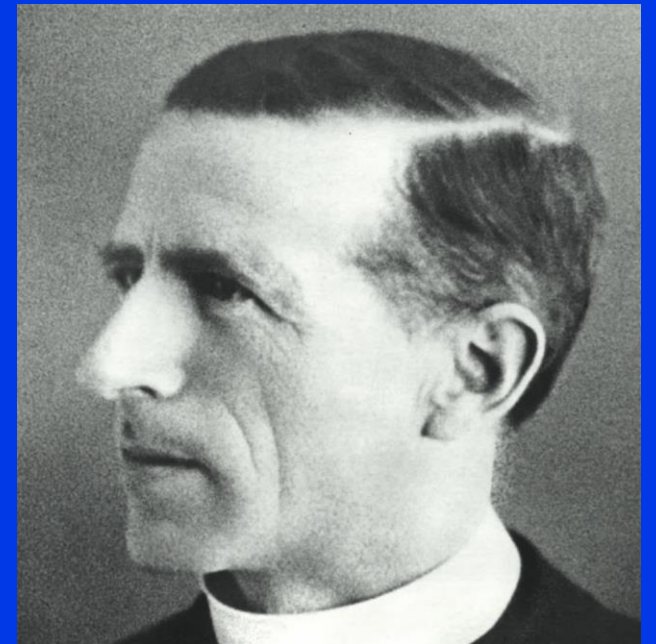
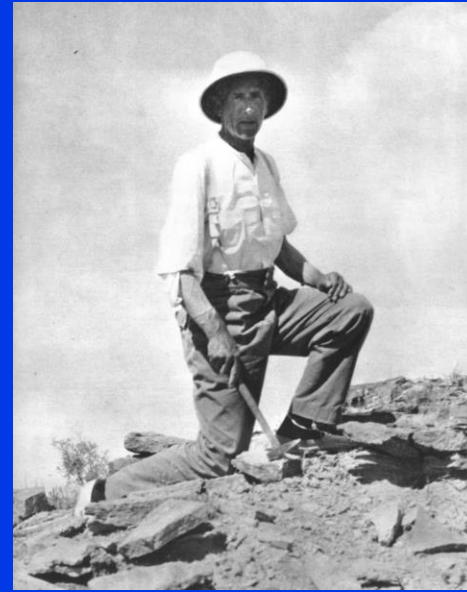
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“Communion with God through Earth”

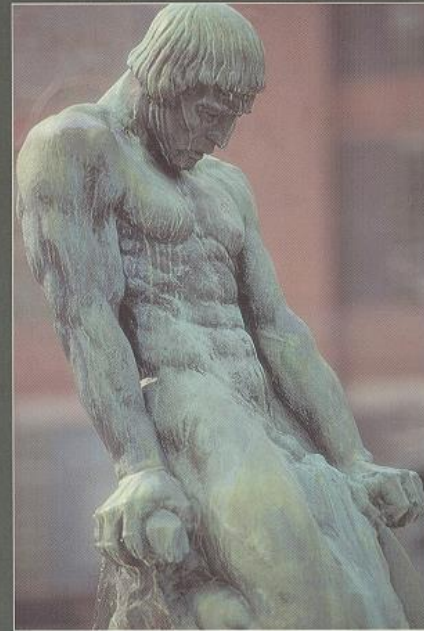
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Matter



Matter



Matter

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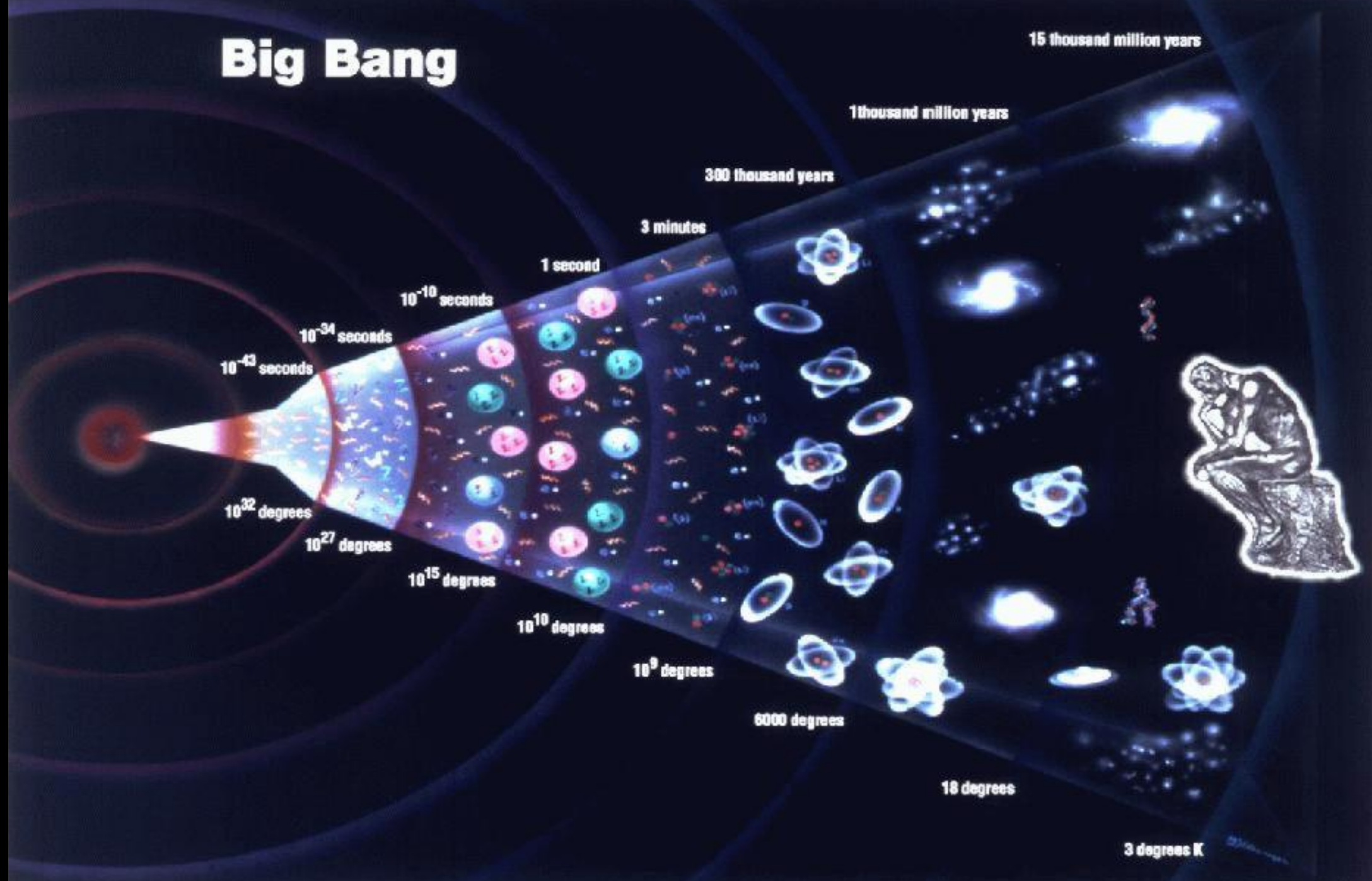
matter + spirit



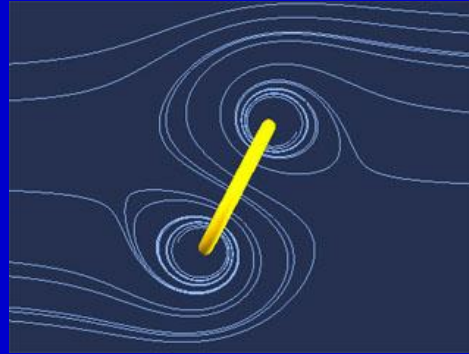


Evolution

Big Bang

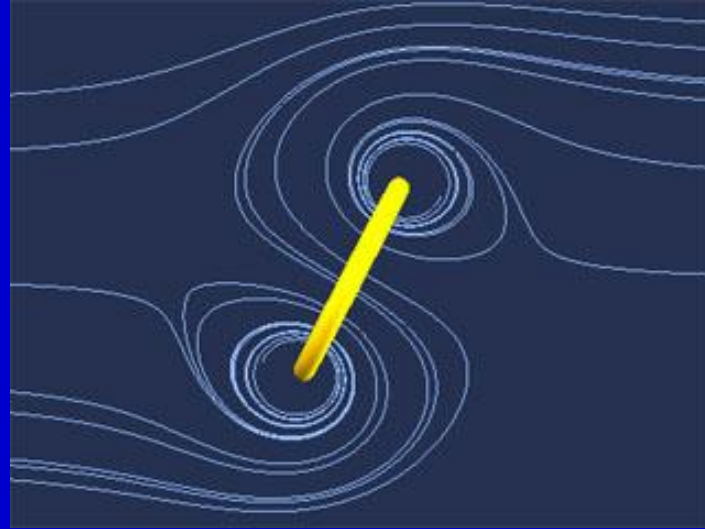


Creative Union

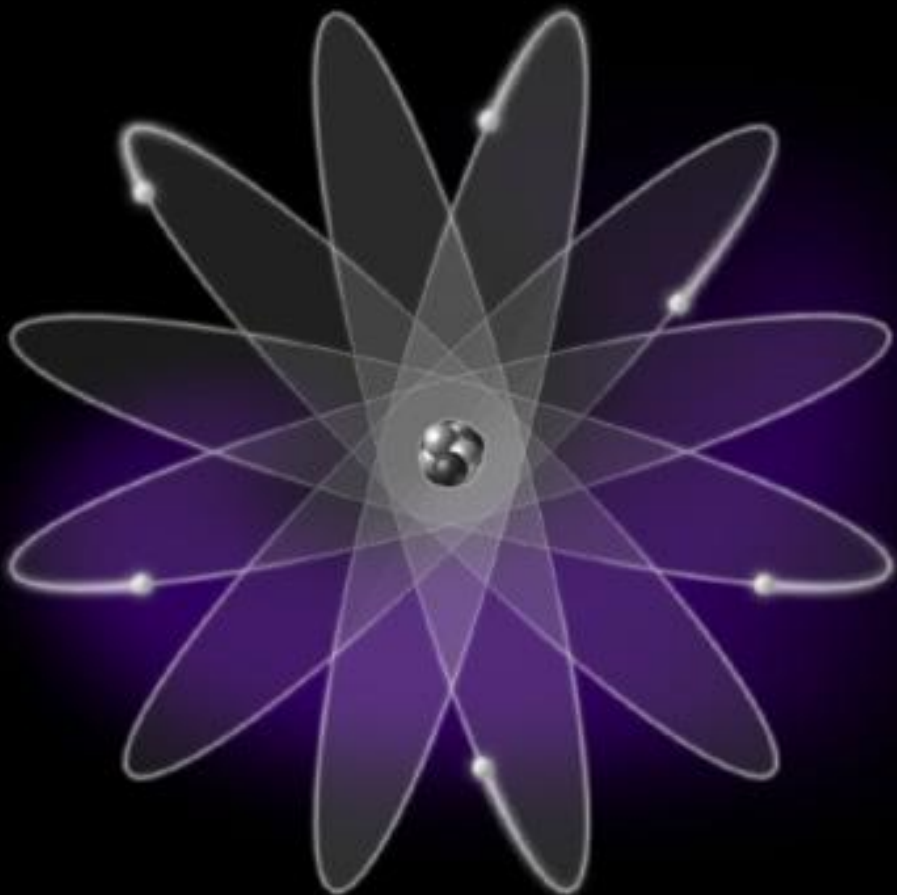
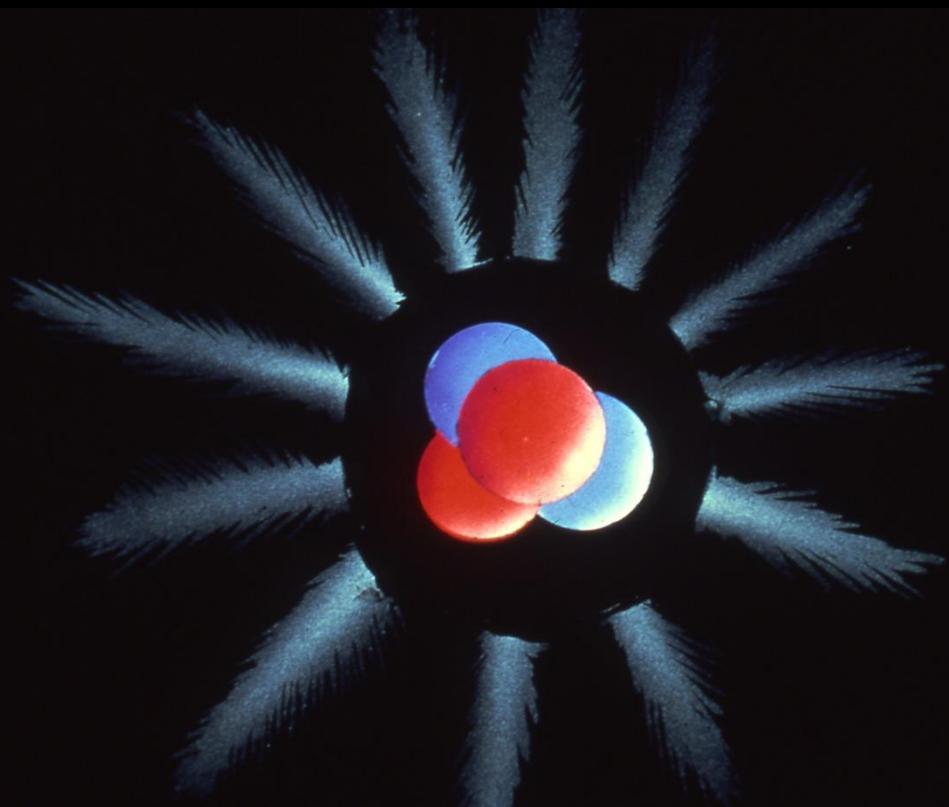


***Creative Union:* new and more complex forms of matter come about by a process of union.**

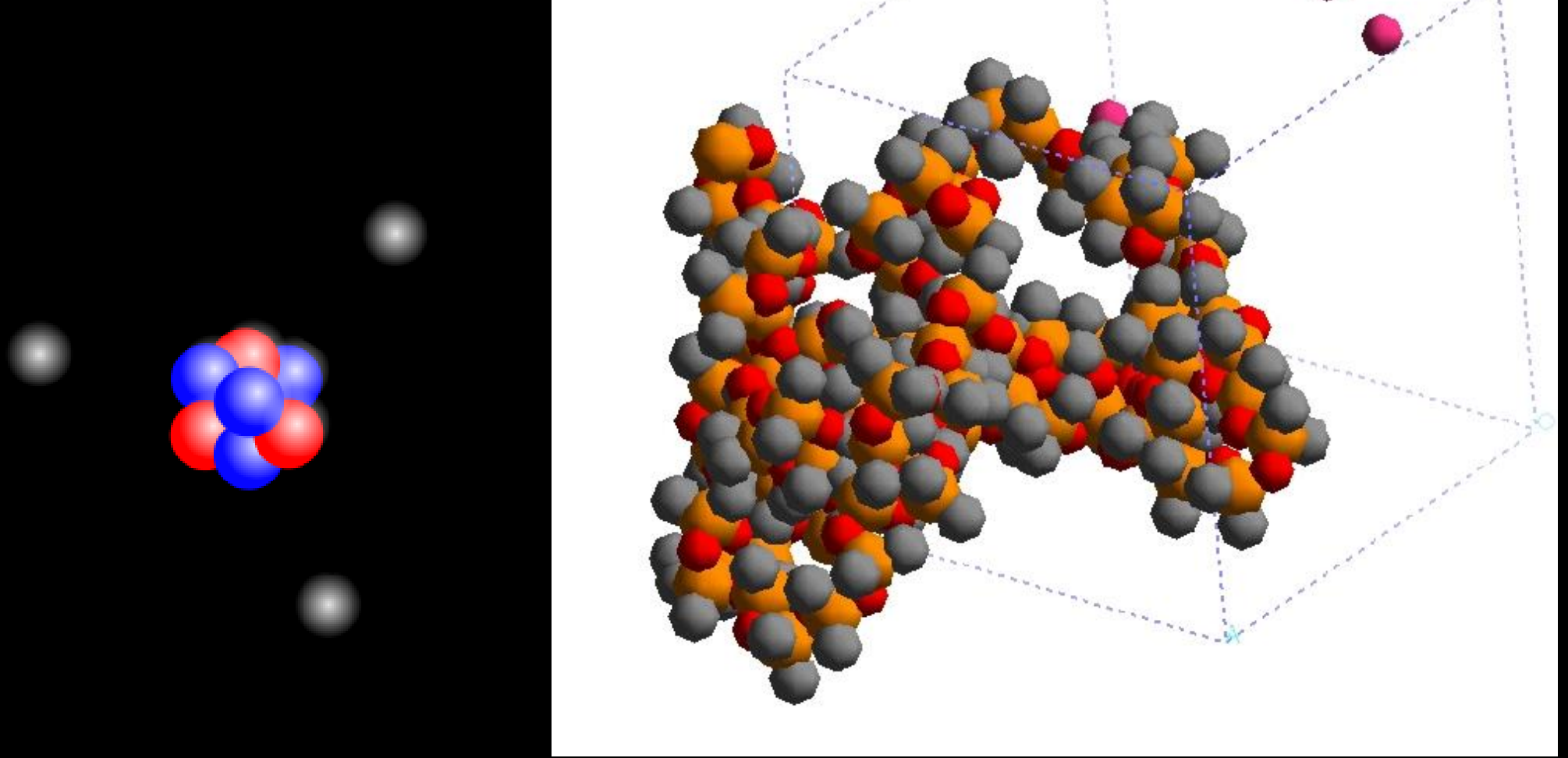
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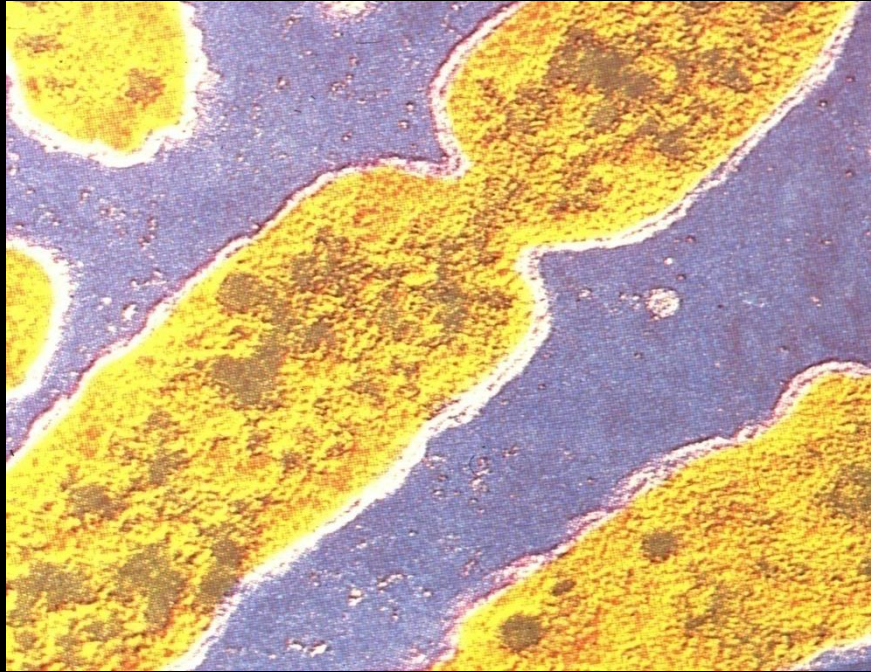
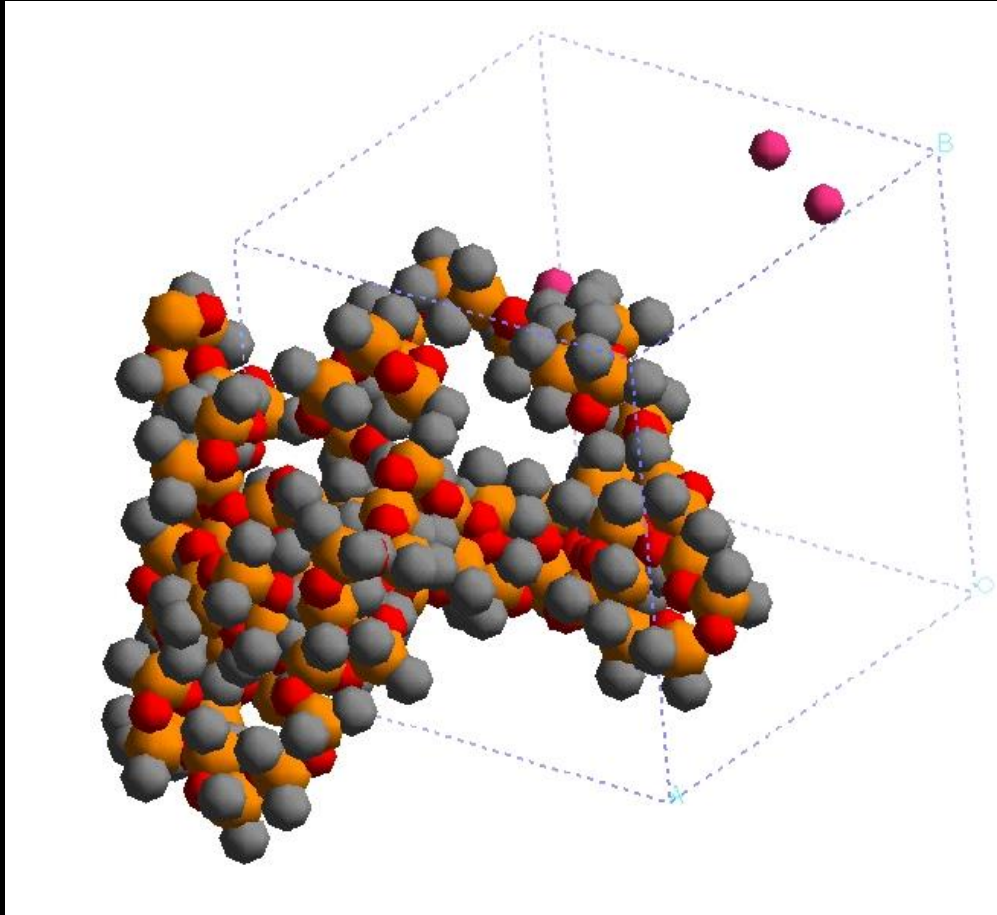
When two or more entities cede their sense of individualism but not their identity and unite, they become capable of more, of something new.



Nuclei to Atoms

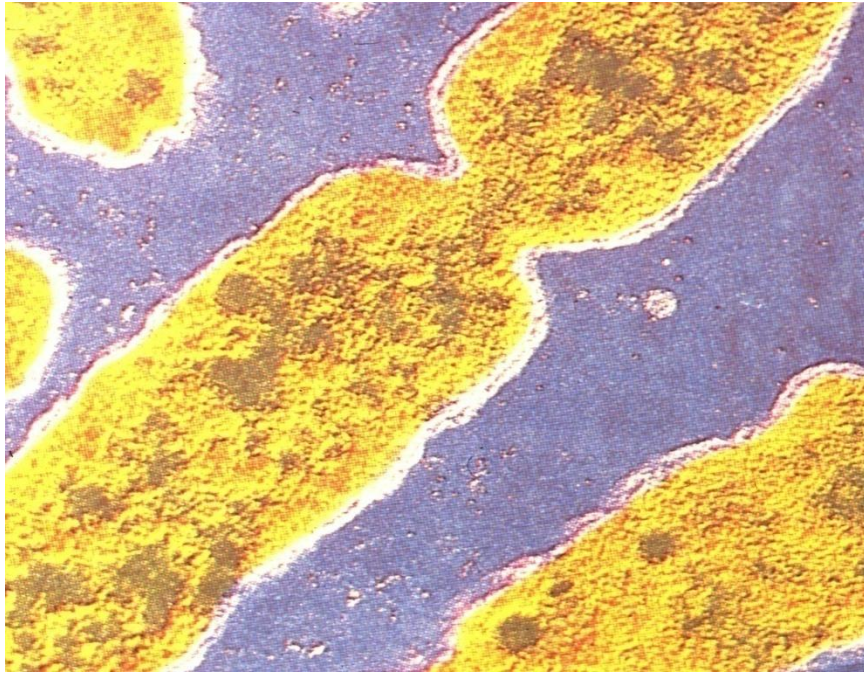


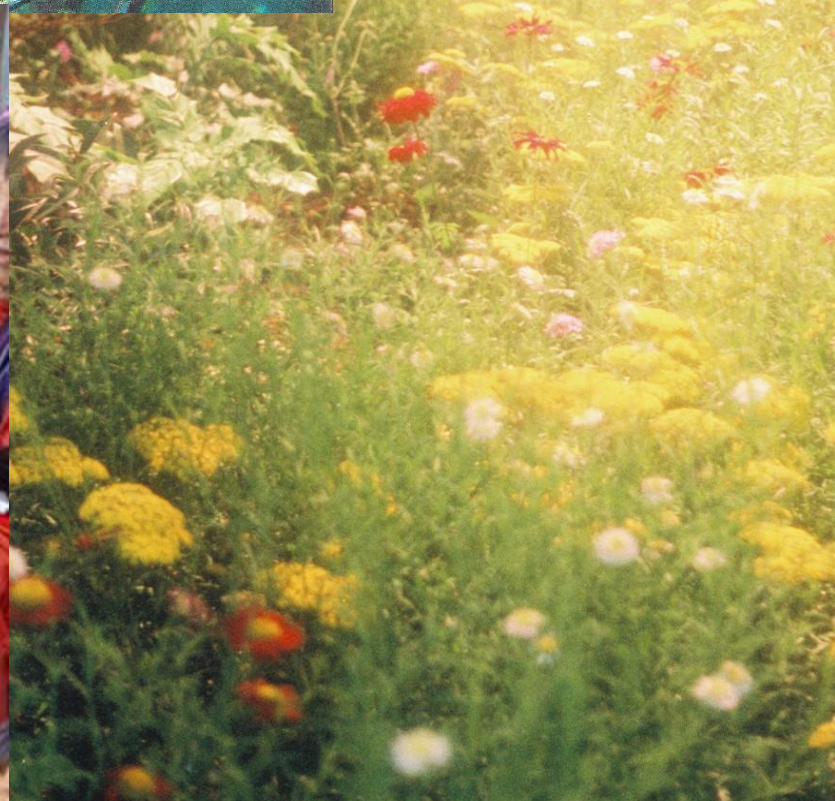
Atoms to Molecules

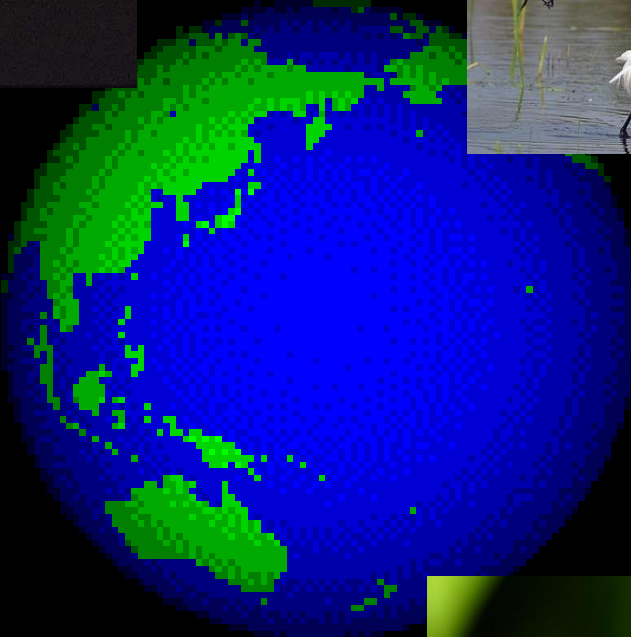
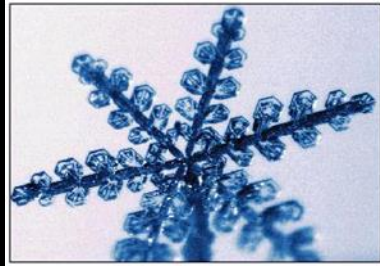
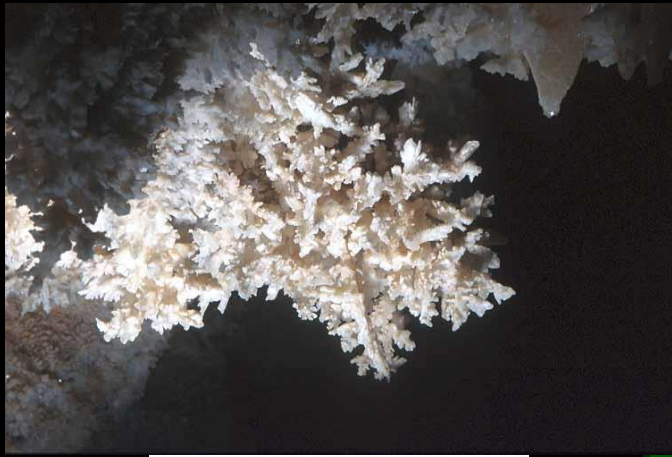


Molecules to Cells

Cells to Organisms









Complexity/Consciousness

As Matter complexifies, it becomes capable of generating and sustaining more developed forms of consciousness.

As Matter becomes more conscious, it encourages greater complexity.





The Noosphere



DAWN
OF
TIME

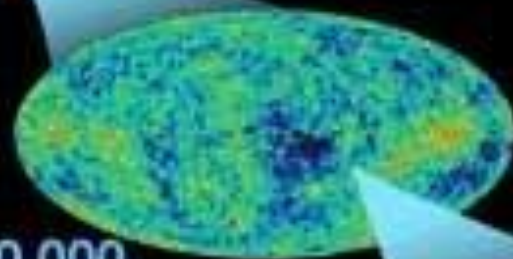


tiny fraction
of a second



inflation

380,000
years



13.7
billion
years





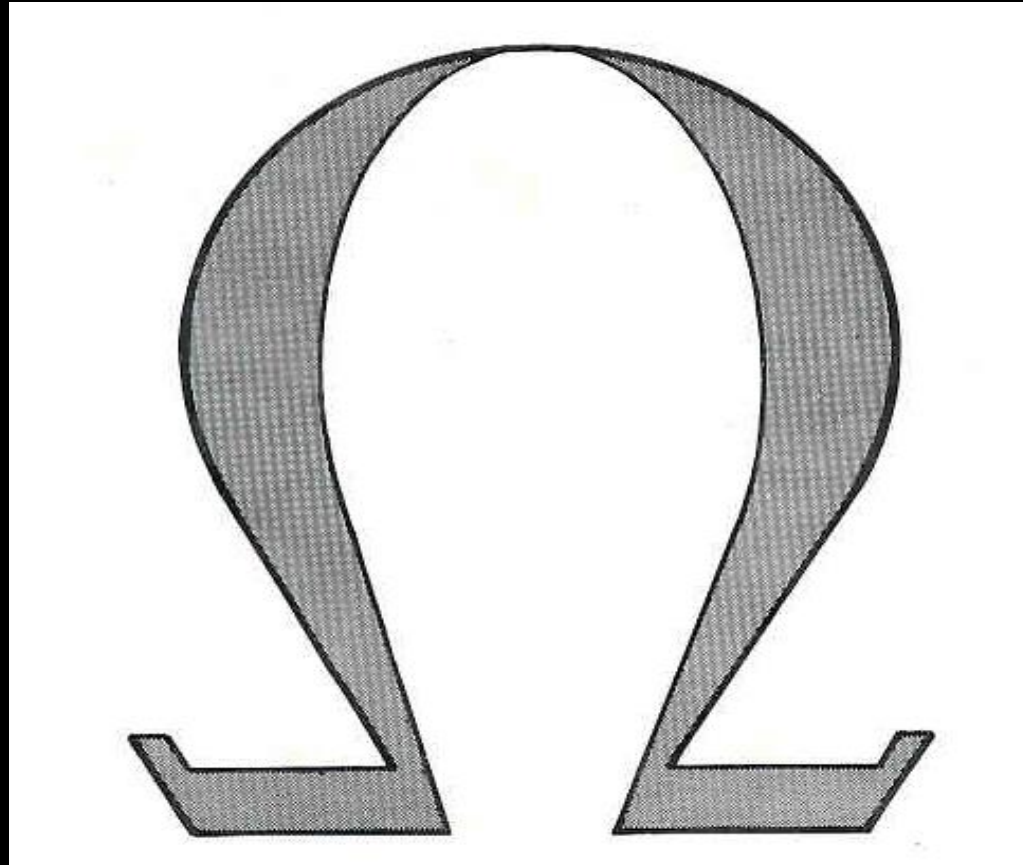


INCARNATION and EVOLUTION

**In the beginning, the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us. John 1**

All things hold together in Christ. Col. 1,17

Christ: the Omega Point of Evolution



Incarnation



scripture

evolution



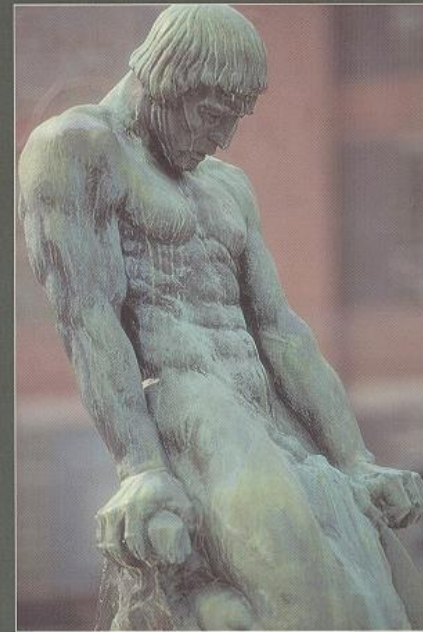
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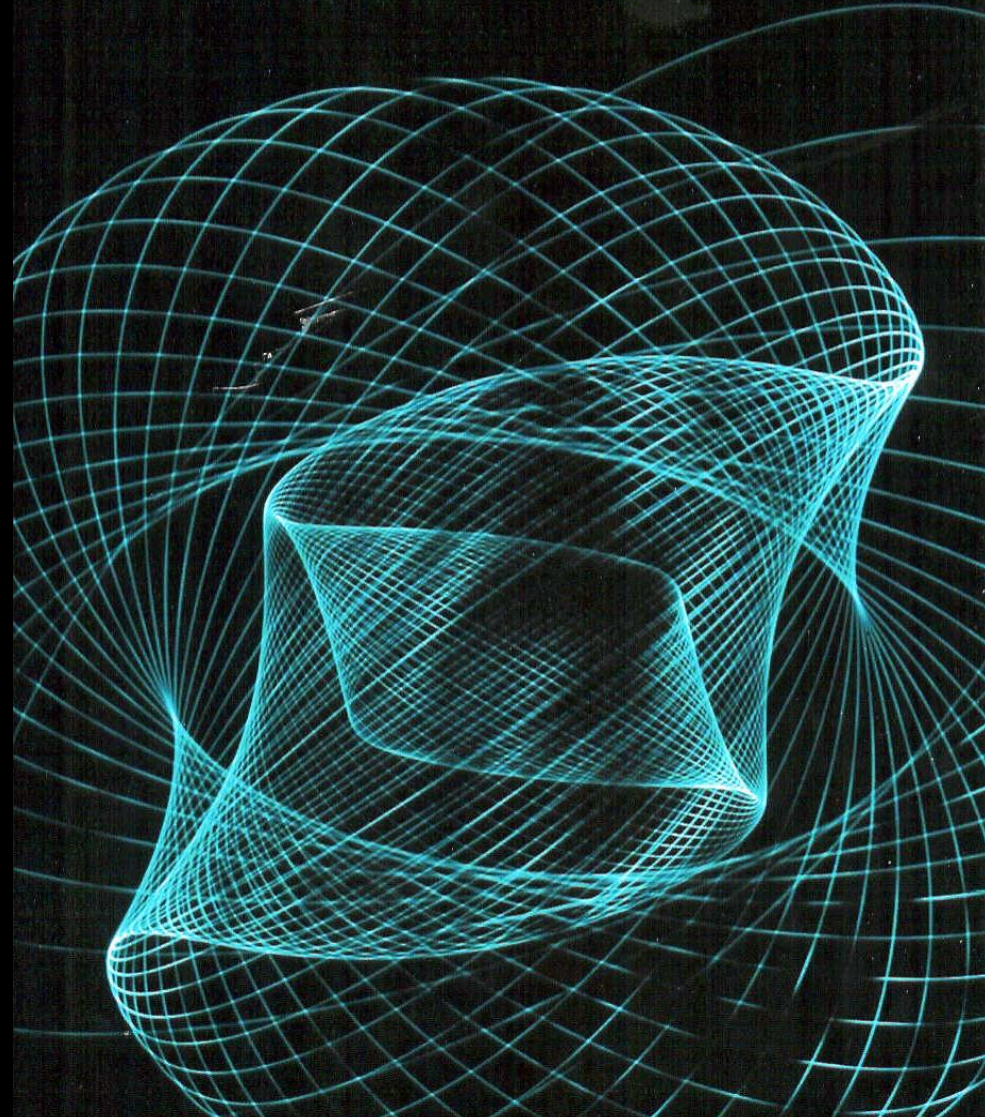
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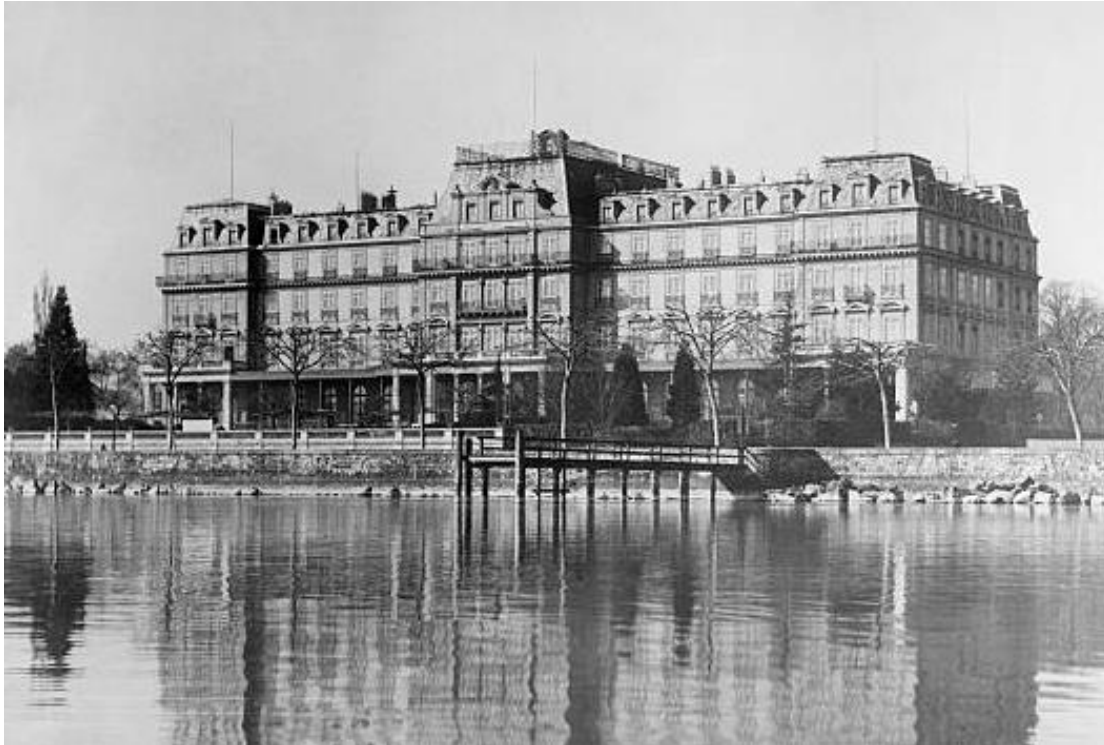




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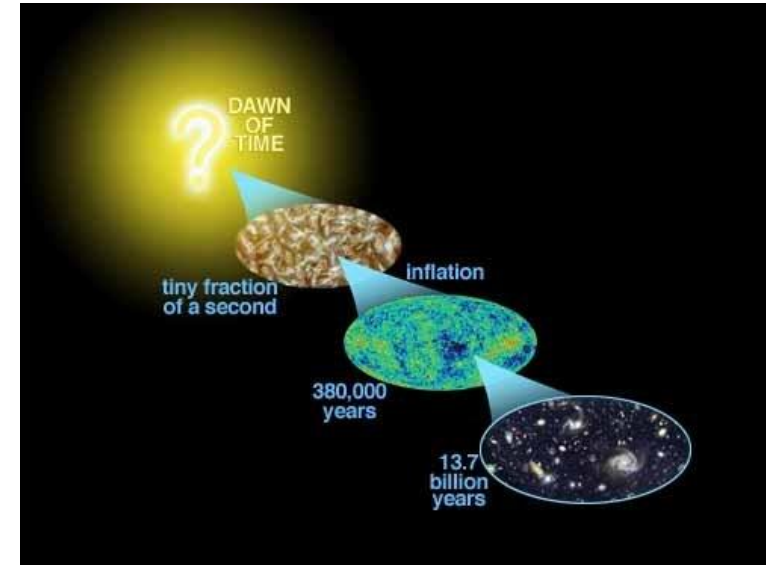
League of Nations





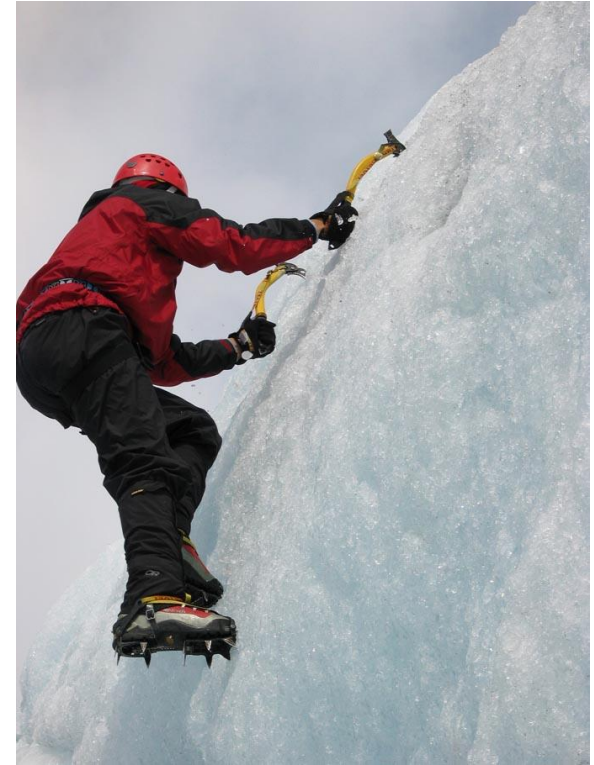
Teilhardian Principles:

- All Matter is infused with divine presence and is sacred.
- Each element of the cosmos is responsible to move the cosmos forward.
- Chaos is often a necessary step in transformation processes.
- Change takes time and we need patience.



Values that impede us:

- The demand for comfort, ease, efficiency
- Individualism, anthropocentrism, consumerism
- Resisting change and new ideas
- Feeling powerless



Values that will help us:

- Respecting the sacred nature of Matter
- Valuing relationship, communion, interdependence
- Practicing Creative union by joining with others
- Learning how to grow in greater consciousness
- Looking with hope and confidence to the future



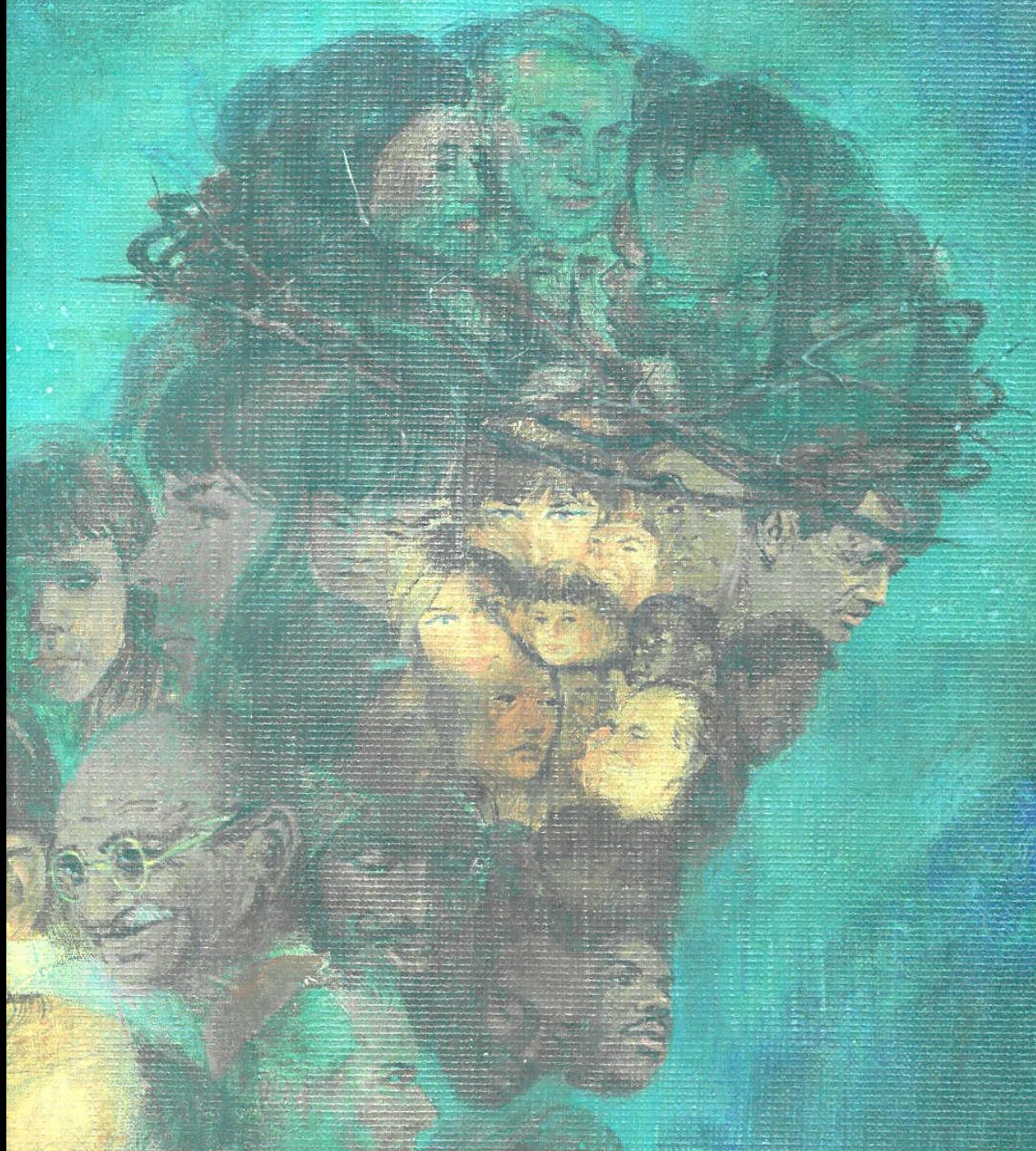
Where do we find the energy, the motivation?

- Believing that we do have the know-how
- Working with others
- Dedicating ourselves to a project greater than ourselves with all our hearts and minds put together





The Divine Milieu

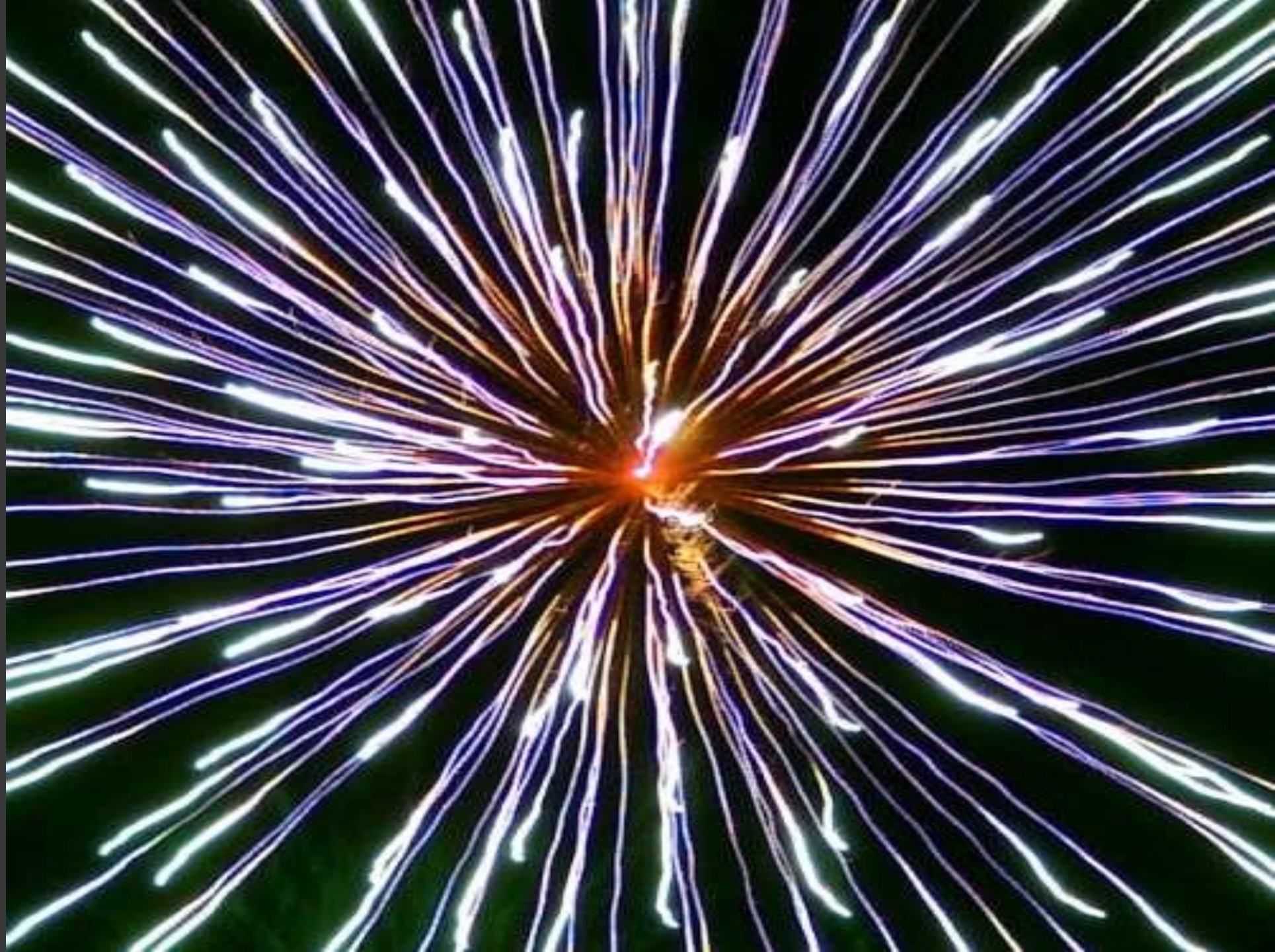


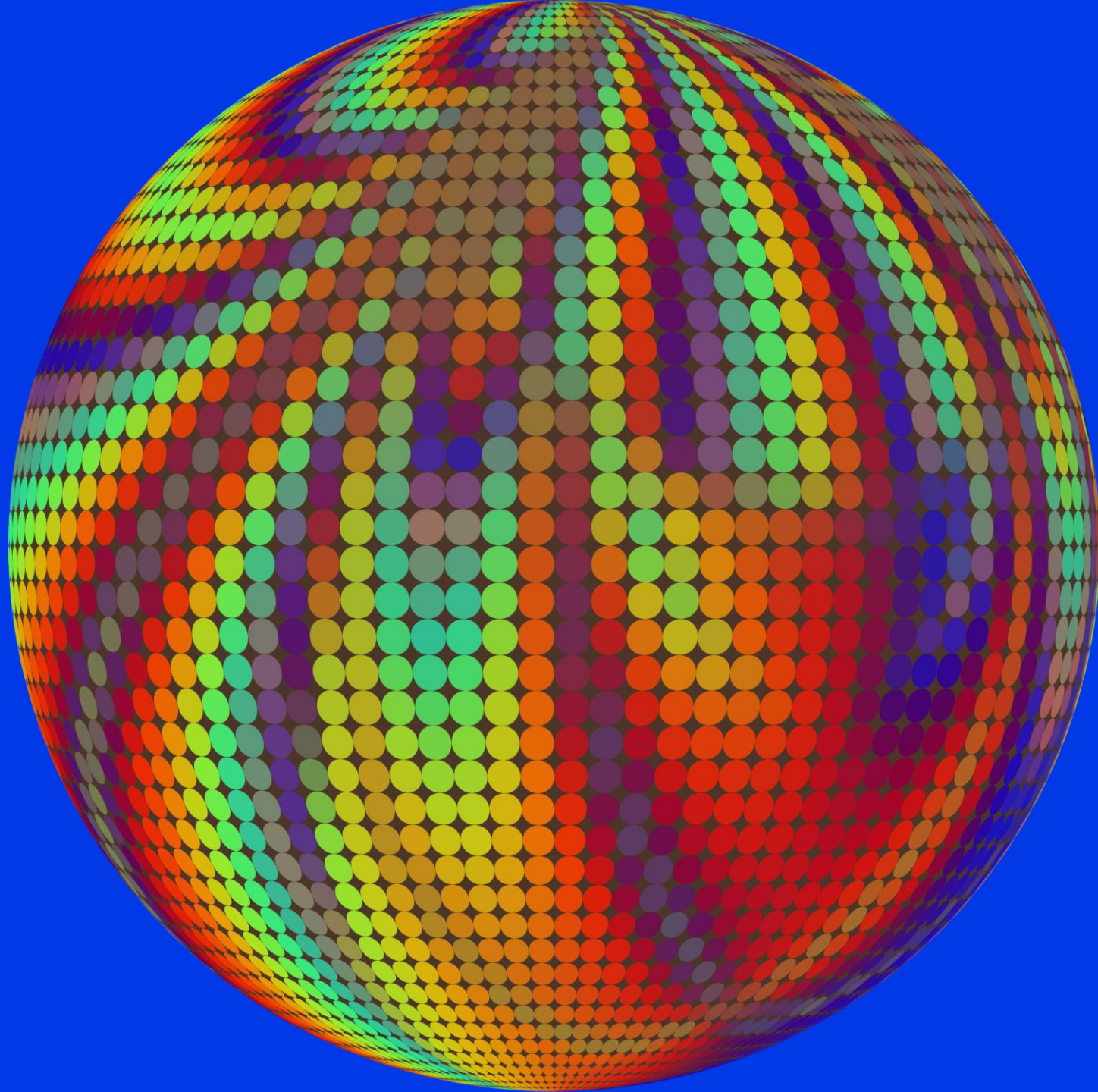
Teilhard

in his later years











**“The Heart of Matter;
A World Heart;
The Heart of God.”**

**The flame must be revived
at all costs.
At all costs,
we must renew in ourselves
the desire and the hope
for the
great Coming.**

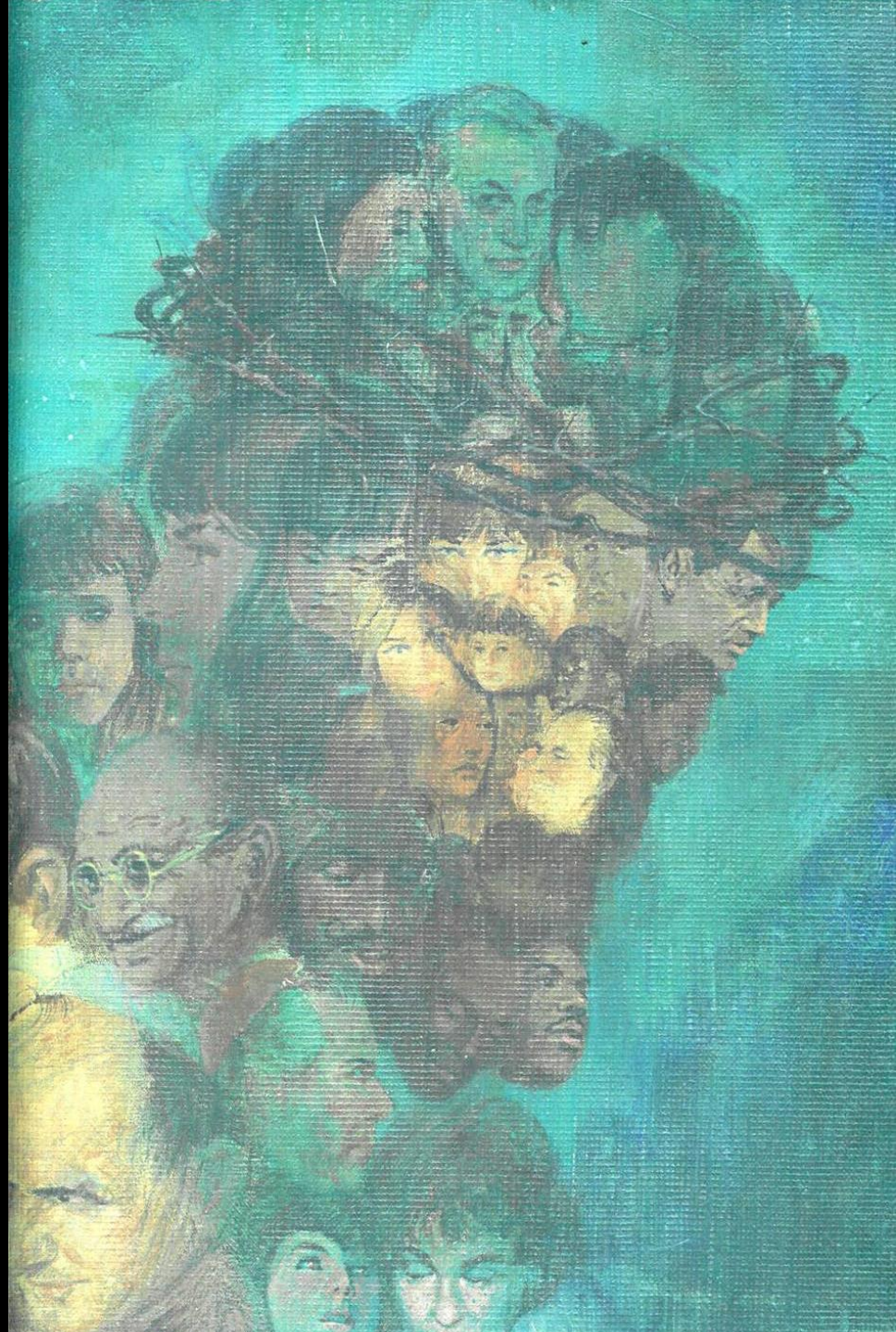
**And we must believe.
And the more threatening
and irreducible
reality appears,
the more firmly and
desperately
must we believe.**

**And we must love!
We must love
Earth
enough to give our all
for her sake.**

The day will come when,
after harnessing
the winds, the tides, gravitation,
we shall harness for God
the energies of love.

And, on that day, for the second
time in the history of the world,
we will have discovered

FIRE.



**We
are
one!**

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