

Hours of the Universe Discussion
October 7, 2021
Introduction and Matins

Questions for Discussion
What attracts your heart and mind from the readings?

What do you wish Ilia had developed more clearly?

Interesting Quotes From the Introduction:

"We have experienced a number of major crises...brought profound loss...we move on. Recognize in these disruptions a call to awaken from cultural stupor, to signs of a new reality breaking forth. See, believe, trust in the empowering presence of God...doing new things through us."

WAKE UP!

"Evolution is our fundamental reality. Life seeks more life. Evolution is the narrative of nature. We are evolutionary creatures on the level of self consciousness."

EVOLVE!

"Dialogue alone is insufficient to move us to a new level of consciousness. What is needed? A new synthesis of science and religion."

SYNTHESIZE SCIENCE AND RELIGION!

"The Catholic Church remains fixated on the theology of Thomas Aquinas...thirteenth century Scholasticism. Divinity, humanity and cosmos form one whole. Theology, philosophy and science are interrelated. God remains locked up."

THINK RELATIONALLY!

"The Universe is the new monastery, the place to find God"

THE CHURCH OF THE PLANET!

Interesting Quotes from MATINS Chapter 1 "Living In A Wavy Universe"

"Einstein's theory of general relativity

Space and time form a continuum

Gravitational waves reverberate in the cosmos that can both stretch and shrink

There is no static universe."

"Mystery permeates the universe. This mysterious new universe calls for a renewed sense of divine mystery in the cosmos, a new religious myth, a new narrative that draws us into the cosmic whole."

"We need a new religious sense of time and eternity as operative in the moment of occupied space."

"Take cues from science:

Be ready to change the religious paradigm.

Let go and let God.

Trust nature to generate new life."

ILIA BRINGS SCIENCE INTO RELIGION TO HELP US GROW IN NEW UNDERSTANDING OF GOD!

Interesting Quotes from MATINS Chapter 2 “Quantum Edge Catholicity”

“Quantum physics has undermined all the great discoveries of matter from Aristotle to Newton and we are now left with the wondrous reality of wave-particle duality.”

Underneath the surface of structured existence, dancing energy fields support an array of activity between what we observe in the outer levels of life and what is actually taking place on the fundamental quantum level.”

“Life thrives on the edge between stability and chaos, order and randomness—which leaves scientists baffled as to how this delicate balance between order and chaos is sustained.”

“Language falters as we approach the divine mystery, for God is mWore and more the ultimate energy of dizzying love, living quite comfortable on the edge between order and chaos.”

“We are not called to maintain the existing order but to engage disorder as it lingers on the edge of new order. This means living with a certain level of anxiety, uncertainty, and darkness but also with faith, trust, hope and surrender.

GOD IS DOING NEW THINGS!

Interesting Quotes from MATINS Chapter 3 “A Big Thinker For a Big Universe—-Teilhard de Chardin”

“Teilhard developed a cosmic Christology based on natural philosophy (science), scripture , (especially the writings of Saint Paul) and faith in Jesus Christ. His theological vision emerged out of a deep prayerful reflection on the dynamic relationship of Goad and world.”

“To grasp his ideas, one must follow the threads of his tapestry which begin in his integration of faith and science.”

“It is precisely his approach to the material world as a scientist charged with faith in which Teilhard could see a new role for religion in view of evolution. His insights on consciousness and the “withinness” of matter seemed farfetched in his day. Today, quantum physics is beginning to realize the “hard problem of Matter, namely, that one cannot think of matter apart from consciousness, that consciousness is fundamental to matter. Teilhard too his insights one step further by indicating that if consciousness is fundamental to matter, then religion is fundamental to evolution because religion is fundamental to conscjousness...”

“ At the social level, he says, religion expresses faith in the whole, manifested in individual thought or self-consciousness. If we are to progress or evolve, we must release ourselves from religious individualism and confront the general religious experience, which is cosmic and evolutionary and involve ourselves in it.”

“He worked to develop a philosophy of love based on the dynamic of evolution and a phenomenological method of experience. His insights on love as the prime energy of the universe, following the law of complexity-conscousness are woven through his writings...”

“Omega, God is in the midst of the whole shebang. God is not supernatural but supra-natural, not above but within and ahead, the infinite depth and ultimacy of life.”

“He believed that a new synthesis of science and religion could give rise to a new religion of the earth, one that would kindle faith in the world, faith in God and faith in the future.””

LIVE IN UNWAVERING HOPE !

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