

Connecting our Stories in Time

In the Universe + on Earth

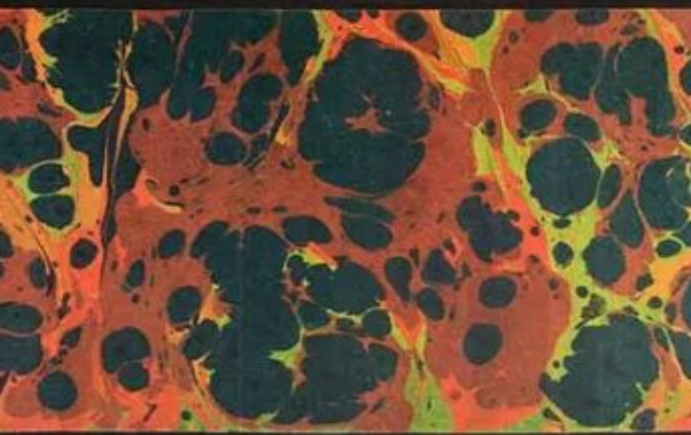
from cosmos to cosmogenesis



Our Beautiful Universe

Reflections

- What are your takeaways from Mike's presentation?
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- With what questions are you sitting?
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Additional Takeaways

- Reality: evolutionary process over time + “why?”
- Many factors over 14B years to generate our current reality (e.g., geological, biological & psycho-social/mind)
- Humans’ ability to create beauty: a result of an evolutionary process
- Humans can create both beauty & destruction



Our Beautiful Universe & The New Story: ***From cosmos to cosmogenesis***

- **Cosmos** implies:
 - spatial self-consciousness
 - time moves in ever-renewing, fixed seasonal cycles
- **Cosmogenesis:**
 - Universe is not fixed but
 - Universe evolving over time
- **Humans part of evolution of Earth and Universe**



Cosmogenesis

Central to our Self-understanding

An *irreversible* sequence of transformations got us humans to today's Earth and our universe.

Results:

- ***Greater complexity in structure and functioning***
- ***Greater variety & intensity in modes of conscious expression (e.g., creativity)***



Consequences of Shift From Cosmos to Cosmogenesis?

- In every phase of human life
- In the range of Earth's functioning - through humans' interventions with science & technology
- Human-caused planetary disturbances

“Human beings have evolved into a planetary force, but have not yet learned to align this power with our lives and culture.” (T. Berry)



April's New Story program

Thomas Berry's 4th wisdom tradition: Science

Frame: Our universe evolving over time

Topics:

- How we got here
- What science has enabled - its wisdom
- How science has gotten us into trouble
- How scientific & spiritual aspirations can be mutually supportive

Our Shared Home

