## A Mindshift Charter **By Michael Mannion and Trish Corbett**

Since antiquity, searchers in physics, metaphysics and the arts have intuited and speculated about a "ground of being," or a "field." Comprehension of, and direct contact with, this field has eluded humanity for millennia.

The "field" humanity has been looking for is all around us. It surrounds, supports and nurtures us as water does fish in the sea. It is the underlying unity in creation that is perceived in peak moments as "oneness with nature" or as "the interconnectedness of all things." It transcends the dichotomies and dualities of our present worldview. As Goethe wrote, "The One brings the many out of itself."

This postulated field is real. It is not a metaphysical concept or philosophical premise. It is a cosmic, primordial energy manifest throughout existence. It is the essential, living aspect of being. It is the actual force underlying the connectedness in the universe that the emerging new science is discovering and examining. It is the energy that is expressed in love, joy, work, knowing, learning, emotions, sexual passion, and all of the creative, expansive dynamic functions of Life Itself.

The lawful yet spontaneous functioning of the cosmic primordial energy can help guide our lives. One of its defining features is that it is inherently life-positive. If we align ourselves with the Life Energy functions in nature, we will feel one with nature; one with our own self; and connected with one another. When we are in harmony with the Life Energy we resonate with each other and we are connected energetically. Everything then becomes possible. We can often create and fulfill our own destinies while being of service to Life Itself.

The Mindshift that is urgently needed will only come about through direct experience, not through an intellectual understanding of premises or concepts. The most crucial experience we can have is direct contact with the cosmic primordial energy within us and outside of us. This contact will reconnect us once again with our true selves and with the source of our being.

Among the life-positive experiences essential to the Mindshift are:

- waking up together and discovering who we really are
- acting creatively together in service
- connecting and collaborating to create our new world
- learning new ways of knowing
- exploring emerging new knowledge
- developing an expanded view of reality

There is great power and beauty to connect with in the eternal field of the cosmos. Many now see that "connectedness" is an organizing principle of the universe and an essential feature of the new worldview that is emerging. We see the functioning of the cosmic energy as the foundation of that connectedness. A science of connectedness, supported by other ways of knowing, can help us better comprehend the cosmic energy field in which we exist. This new understanding would bring about a profound Mindshift. Nicanor Perlas, a winner of the Right Livelihood Award, has said, "…each of us is confronted with the fundamental choice of participating in patterns of development and interactions that are either lifethreatening or life-enhancing." In a similar spirit, Wilhelm Reich wrote, "Tell your fellows in work all over the world that you are willing to work for life only, and no longer for death."

The choice is ours. There is not a lot of time left as humanity moves through this pivotal turning point in its existence. If we align ourselves and our activities with the exciting possibilities "the field" is offering to us, we can be the co-creators of a Mindshift and leave a life-positive legacy for our children and grandchildren.

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