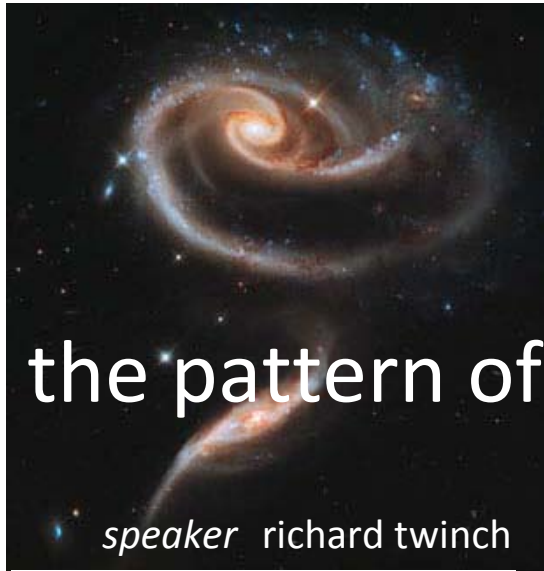


the beshara lecture



'a rose made of galaxies'
Hubble telescope april 2011 (photo: ESA/Hubble)

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25 february 2012
at the
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The way in which we view ourselves, the world around us and the vastness of the universe, has dramatically altered within our lifetimes. Huge leaps have been made in scientific developments and technologies in many fields that are intrinsic to the way we live now.

the pattern of meaning

*human consciousness –
the mind of the universe*

Science now stands at another threshold where deeper questions must be considered (is there something faster than the speed of light?). These require a perspective which steps beyond the strictly scientific method into the arena of metaphysics and mysticism and connects the understanding of the world 'out there to that of 'in here' – where human consciousness is viewed not just as the recently arrived microcosm but is the place of the 'mind' of the universe itself. This perspective includes time and place but is not limited by them.

the speaker

Richard Twinch trained as an architect under Keith Critchlow, the respected geometer, at Cambridge University then at the Architectural Association. He has attended courses at the Beshara School over the last 40 years. He has worked in the fields of software development, building technology and journalism and wrote extensively for *beshara magazine*. He has examined at the Royal College of Art, taught at the Prince of Wales School of Architecture and Oxford Brookes University, and was an expert assessor for the University of Wales. He currently practises architecture in Oxford and acts as events co-ordinator for the Ibn 'Arabi Society.

*I am convinced that human
understanding of nature through science,
rational reasoning and mathematics
points to a much deeper connection
between life, mind and cosmos than
emerges from the crude lottery.....*

*Somehow, the universe has engineered
its own self-awareness.*

Paul Davies 'the Goldilocks enigma'

*It is the required birthright
of today that it should be allowed to
benefit from a new expression
of both religion and physics
in the formulation of a
new vision – and this vision
is beshara.*

Bulent Rauf 'to suggest a vernacular...'

the beshara trust

The Beshara Trust was established as an educational charity in the UK in 1971. Its aim: 'the advancement of education in the consideration of the basic unity of all religions, in particular by the provision of courses to provide an understanding of the relationship of man to the universe, the earth, the environment and the society he lives in, to reality and to God.'

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