

# the beshara lecture 2012

*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'

## meaning

*human consciousness –  
the mind of the universe*

*speaker richard twinch*

'a rose made of galaxies'

Hubble telescope April 2011 (photo ESA/Hubble)

2.30-5.00 pm

Saturday, 18 February 2012

*at the*

Quaker Meeting House

43 St Giles

Oxford OX1 3LW

*The lecture will form the basis for discussion*

*Admission free*

*Donations gratefully received*

The way in which we view ourselves, the world around us and the vastness of the universe, has dramatically altered within our lifetimes. Science now stands at another threshold where deeper questions must be considered. 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.

Richard Twinch trained as an architect under Keith Critchlow, the respected geometer, at Cambridge University then at the Architectural Association. 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 has worked in the fields of software development, building technology and journalism and wrote extensively for *Beshara Magazine*. He currently practises architecture in Oxford.

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