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Stimulating and often startling discussions between three friends, all highly original thinkers: Rupert Sheldrake, controversial biologist, Terence McKenna , psychedelic visionary, and Ralph Abraham , chaos mathematician. Their passion is to break out of paradigms that retard our evolution and to explore new possibilities. Through challenge and synergy they venture where few have gone before, leading their readers on an exciting journey of discovery. Their discussions focus on the evolution of the mind, the role of psychedelics, skepticism, the psychic powers of animals, the structure of time, the life of the heavens, the nature of God, and transformations of consciousness.

“Three fine thinkers take us plunging into the universe of chaos, mind, and spirit. Instead of leaving us lost, they bring us back with startling insights and more wonder than we knew we had.” —Matthew Fox, *Original Blessing and Sheer Joy*

“A jam-session of the mind, an intellectual movable feast, an on-going conversation that began over twenty years ago and remains as lively and relevant today as it ever was. Sadly, Terence had to leave the conversation a little earlier than planned. But the appearance of this book of trialogues at this critical, historical juncture is a reaffirmation of the potency of the optimistic vision that the trialogues express.”
—Dennis McKenna, brother of the late Terence McKenna

Rupert Sheldrake is a biologist and author of many books including *The Sense of Being Stared At, And Other Aspects of the Extended Mind*. Ralph Abraham is a mathematician, one of the pioneers of chaos theory and the author of several books including *Chaos, Gaia, Eros: A Chaos Pioneer Uncovers the Three Great Streams of History*. The late Terence McKenna was a scholar of shamanism, ethno-botanist, psychedelic researcher and author of many books including *Food of the Gods and True Hallucinations*.

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Graham says

I read this book at university . It is interesting, intriguing and very cool.

Gordclements says

Quite a much needed book although I don't believe everything they suggest in the book. They don't either. They challenged and question each others constructs and perception. I don't think that the authors are hoping to convert others in a dogmatic way. Its more exploring the need for humanity to open the mind to other more comprehensive concepts and possibilities of life. In general our world vision becomes encrusted at an early time in life and with that our minds are not open to seeing things in a new way. The concepts that they raise can be difficult to grasp and there is a part of our developed identity that resists seeing things differently. They raise the possibility that humans might soon become extinct if we do not open to new possibilities. And that there is so much of our potential that is limited by our fixed persona.

Austin Tanney says

This is well worth a read. Some moments of genius, some moments of psychedelic pseudoscience. Towards the end I struggled to maintain interest as the tone tended a little much towards religion for my liking. McKenna was though, without doubt, a truly amazing mind.

Julie says

I tried. I tried because I recommended this for book club. I tried because based on the title, it's a topic in which I'm interested. I tried to finish, but just couldn't bring myself to read it. The language is, despite the title, not very conversational or at least not lay-man conversational. And while I thought some of the commentary on psychedelics quite amusing, they weren't enough to offset difficulty in following the conversation. Never tried LSD, but I fear chemicals like those are required to truly appreciate the content in this book. Not going to happen.

Khashayar Gholami says

Three of the bests in one room writing a book,Rupert Sheldrake,one of the best imaginative biologists. Ralph Abraham,a chaos mathematician and an amazing man with such great talent, that can take you out of your comfort zone in a very cognitive way, which you will enjoy Enormously.
And at the end
terence, the dearest of all, an ethno-botanist ,a psychedelic researcher with such amazing mind that breaks all

the human boundaries in the reader's mind, and offers you this new realm of consciousness, and that is the realm of the god's, where the only rule, is the rule of the human imagination.
one of the best books i had the chance to read.
The Evolutionary mind; conversations on science, imagination & Spirit.

Ryan Wilson says

Do not
read this--
unless...

Andrew says

Decent read

Worth reading for some of Terrence McKenna's quotes, but most of the good material is contained in the first half of the book. I get the feeling that the other two actors are trying to probe his understanding which is truly transcendental, but he just clams up and obfuscates. I suppose we'll never really know.

kates says

This was a fantastic read. Thought-provoking and stirring, I brought it into conversations with random people (friends old and new) multiple times while I was reading it. It's funny-- and I laughed out loud more than a few times. My eyes glazed over during some passages where it just got TOO HEADY, but admittedly, I'm a reader that likes to jump in and out of things. Prepare to find yourself on mental tangents, as well. Also: a good read if you're thinking about the end of the world.
