The Sacred Science Circle www.sacredsciencecircle.org gathers a sacred circle of individuals and groups that honor the “fires” of transformation implicit in all scientific, scholarly, and artistic endeavors. Our mission is to further that profound route to knowing, wisdom and enrichment of being that the confluence of science and the Sacred can bring to us and to our modern world. In pursuing sacred science, the Sacred Science Circle and our partner institution, the Alef Trust, aspire to transform both ourselves and the world.

Newsletter #3 features reflections and announcements related to the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Transpersonal Psychology. Also included are announcements of international conferences related to the exploration of sacred science.

In service to the Sacred,
Rosemarie Anderson & Les Lancaster, Sacred Science Circle, Co-Directors

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TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY: 50TH ANNIVERSARY REFLECTIONS
In 1961, Editor Anthony (Tony) Sutich with the support of Abraham H Maslow, Erich Fromm, Kurt Goldstein, Carl Rogers, Karen Horney, and Gordon Allport launched the Third Force in Psychology called Humanistic Psychology with the first issue of the Journal of Humanistic Psychology. In 1969, Editor Tony Sutich with the support of Abraham H. Maslow, Francis Vaughan, Stan Grof, James Fadiman, Miles Vich, and Sonja Margulies launched the Fourth Force in Psychology called Transpersonal Psychology with the first issue of the Journal of Transpersonal Psychology. Given the common history between Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology and their common vision to further human capacities to the fullest, it may be no surprise that the conference themes of the two fields’ associations are starting to sound more and more alike. For example, the theme of this spring’s Society for Humanistic Psychology was “Liberation Through Wisdom & Love” and the theme for the International Transpersonal Conference 2017 Prague was “Beyond Materialism—Towards Wholeness.” Articles in humanistic and transpersonal journals now show similar overlap.

**Question #1:** Is it now time for individuals and associations in Humanistic and Transpersonal Psychology to renew their relationship and begin a new era of mutual collaboration and support?

Furthermore, note in the newsletter announcements below the many international conferences that support the growing realization that spiritual realization is crucial to meeting the challenges
of our times.

**Question #2:** What is the unique role of transpersonal psychology as a field of practice, scholarship, and research among these many similar initiatives and venues?

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**TRANSPERSONAL PSYCHOLOGY:**
**MAY WE DISCOVER & HONOR OUR NARCISSISTIC SHADOW**

by Ingo Benjamin Jahrsetz

2018 is the year of the 50th Anniversary of Transpersonal Psychology, a time to celebrate its beginnings as a new paradigm of psychological research, (self-)exploration of consciousness, and emerging world-view. The coming together of science and spirituality seems to be a “must happen” because the merging might create the strength and humility required to resolve the ongoing existential conflicts of our world. Nowadays, this view is shared by many practitioners and scientists and not only by transpersonal ones.
However, amazingly, Transpersonal Psychology has not found its way out from the fringe where it began. Perhaps our unseen narcissistic shadow has played out its contra-productive energies on individual and collective levels?

Pushed away and ignored, narcissism is like a virus. It occupies the most fragile place of the human consciousness—the "I am" that promises to liberate consciousness from the grip of the ego. Instead, a bullet-proof ego is created.

- How does narcissism function? Here a bit of psychopathology:
  - Narcissi people appear in the public as sensitive, creative and empathic and narcissi women are often beautiful and attractive.
  - Narcissistic people feel drawn to many transpersonal and spiritual techniques. They often are found in meditation retreats where they often have mystical experiences. Sometimes they seem to be in oneness with God.
  - This oneness is more than a façade. One part of them lives in an ongoing state of merging with everybody and everything. They seem to live an extended “honey-moon” with all the universe, and they feel unconditional love. It seems that they don’t have an ego; but ego shows up when they feel left alone and rejected.
  - Then, a defense system becomes activated that completely changes their energy and personal appearance. Psychopathology calls it the secondary narcissism. It creates splits and abuse in groups and in the big collective.
  - Narcissism is the main obstacle on the way of coming home, hampering trustful relationships and sabotaging world-peace.

May Transpersonal Psychology become courageous enough to discover our own shadow. May Transpersonal People overcome their fear of not being accepted and loved. May we all find our place in the world, humbly surrendering and courageously creating a world of freedom and compassion.

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**CONFERENCES**
Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of Transpersonal Psychology (1969-2018)

Transpersonal Symposium at the APA Convention 2018

Saturday, August 11, 2018
Division 32 Hospitality Suite
Marriott Marquis Hotel, San Francisco, CA, USA

The 2018 Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of Transpersonal Psychology will be hosted by APA Division 32, The Society for Humanistic Psychology, and the Association of Transpersonal Psychology (ATP) during the APA Convention 2018 in San Francisco. The Transpersonal Symposium will be held on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel within walking distance of the Moscone Convention Center in San Francisco. Look for the Division 32 Hospitality Suite listing in hotel lobby. The schedule is below:

Transpersonal Symposium Schedule

2 PM – Rosemarie Anderson & Harris Friedman: Welcome

2-3 PM – Richard Katz & Cuff Ferguson: Indigenous Healing Psychology and Healing Race-linked Wounds from Spiritual and Transpersonal Perspectives

3-4 PM—Rosemarie Anderson & Meili Pinto: Transpersonal Perspectives in the Writings of Lao-Tzu and Confucius

4-5 PM—Lawrence Graber, Katherine Rosemond, Terri Goslin-Jones & Anthony Williams: An embodied transpersonal perspective on trauma and healing and Contemporary Neo-Shamanism as a Path to Multidimensional Healing through Expressive Arts, facilitated by Stanley Krippner

5-6 PM— Rick Dobin, Harris Friedman, Beatriz Caiuby Labate, & Adele Lafrance: Transpersonal Implications of the Psychedelic Renaissance.

6-7 PM--Abraham Maslow Award to Miles Vich, followed by Miles Vich & Steven Schmitz: Past,
Present, and Future of Transpersonal Psychology

Reception and Celebration to follow
XIX EUROPEAN TRANSPERSONAL CONFERENCE

September 19-23, 2018, Saint-Petersburg, hotel «AZIMUT»

Tools for Evolution: Knowledge and Practice That Make Us Real

www.eurotas2018.com
Science and Non-duality (SAND) Conference 2018

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.”

~ Albert Einstein
Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Transpersonal Psychology in Journal Publications

The following two journals will publish special issues or issues dedicated to the 50th anniversary celebration of the founding of Transpersonal Psychology:

- The Humanistic Psychologist, Special Issue edited by Rosemarie Anderson
The Journal of Transpersonal Psychology, edited by Marcie Boucouvalas

ADVANCE NOTICE

Conference Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Transpersonal Psychology
April 12-14, 2019
Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, CA, USA
The **Fourth Transpersonal Research Colloquium (TRC) 2019** will be held in Paris following the EUROTAS Conference there in late September 2019. Details to follow at [www.transpersonalresearchnetwork.com](http://www.transpersonalresearchnetwork.com).


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