

Welcome to the
GATEWAY TO CONSCIOUS EVOLUTION
SEVEN PORTALS INTO THE EMERGING WORLD

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“In the course of the evolutionary journey of our species, there have been three seminal events. The first occurred some seven million years ago, when our humanoid ancestors silently entered on the evolutionary scene. Their journey toward the second crucial event lasted more than six million years, when—as the greatest event of our evolutionary history—Homo sapiens sapiens, started the human revolution, the revolutionary process of cultural evolution. Today, we have arrived at the threshold of the third revolution: the revolution of conscious evolution, when it becomes our responsibility to enter into the evolutionary design space and guide the evolutionary journey of our species.”

Guided Evolution of Society: A Systems View, Bela H. Banathy

GATEWAY TO OUR CONSCIOUS EVOLUTION

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to participate in the Gateway to Conscious Evolution. Thank you so much for your willingness say yes to this great adventure and make a commitment to your own self evolution, for the transformation of humanity begins within each of us.

You are joining a field of early pioneers who helped us prepare the Gateway for you, and they welcome you with open arms as well. Take a moment to feel this welcome, you are not alone at this time of great change - we are walking this path together.

I, Barbara, will serve as your senior guide and storyteller, taking you through the Gateway and linking you with the ideas and work of inspiring and magnificent social and spiritual innovators. They, too, will be mentors and guides in your journey, offering treasures from the global movement for positive change.

The Gateway presents a framework of information designed to trigger your own deeper insights, your unique evolutionary potential and purpose. Our intention is that the Gateway will become a resonant field, an Internet Communion-Communication, in which you will be able to discover and cultivate your deeper life purpose, and share your creative gift more fully into the new culture now being born in our midst.

Each of us is “coded” with an inner knowing of our next step in personal and social evolution. This code often lays dormant until it is revealed to us through our resonance with two or more others who share our common yearning to fully express who we are.

We might compare ourselves to ‘imaginal cells’ in the body of a caterpillar. These cells hold within them the image of the still invisible butterfly. At first the caterpillar’s immune system recognizes them as foreign and tries to destroy them. But soon the imaginal cells proliferate and connect with each other until at last the immune system is overwhelmed, and the imaginal cells transform the very substance of the caterpillar into the butterfly.



In the 1960s imaginal cell-like people appeared in the social body in all the great movements of positive change, holding the images of a possible new future. But there were few social forms capable of redesigning society. Now so many years later, at the dawn of the 3rd Millennium, there are millions of us, arising in every faith, culture, and region of the world. We are being called forth from within by a flame of expectation that burns in our hearts, motivating us to be more, know more, and do more towards a positive future. Those who are called to conscious evolution are part of a vast uprising of social wellness and transformation.

THE FIRST AGE OF CONSCIOUS EVOLUTION



We live in an unprecedented time in the evolutionary history on planet Earth. The human species has gained powers great enough to destroy our world, or to co-create a vastly better future for all Earth life. Through science and technology, we are probing into the invisible processes of creation—the atom, the gene, the brain. We are learning to place human intent into matter. We are participating in the evolution of evolution from unconscious to conscious choice, from natural selection to selection according to human purpose.

Those of us alive today are the first generation born with the choice of learning conscious, ethical evolution, or suffering devolution and the destruction of our life-support systems with unimaginably more tragedy than the world has yet experienced.

We do not have much time. Within the next 30 to 50 years, we must change our fundamental behavior to be more in alignment with our natural systems and our visions of a positive future. Never before has the human species had to change this quickly in order to survive.

We are the generation of the gap between “here”—a highly technological, over-populating, polluting, brilliant species on the brink of social and environmental chaos, and “there”—a compassionate, spiritually awakened humanity, capable of transcending the limits of our past human existence and moving toward the unknown. This “unknown” has been surfacing in human imagination for thousands of years as a species-wide yearning for—and intuition of—a higher state of being. “Cosmic consciousness, species immortality and universal life,” in the words of astrophysicist Eric Chaisson.

The Gateway is designed to take you through the steps of a new developmental path for an emerging world, an emerging humanity. Its purpose is to help you discover how to guide your own evolution from “here” to “there”—in your personal life, together in communities, and in society as a whole. The Gateway offers a perspective for possible species success and metamorphosis in this time frame—now.

Conscious Evolution as a new world view is a context for a meta-discipline composed of the growing edge of all disciplines seen as parts of a living whole. It may even set the framework for a “meta-religio,” an all-inclusive space in which the great faiths and wisdom traditions can contribute their unique gifts to the conscious evolution of humanity.

The ultimate purpose of Conscious Evolution as a world view is to foster the evolution of our species to full potential, based on the harmonious use of all our powers—spiritual, social, and scientific—in harmony with the deeper patterns of nature and the Great Creating Process itself, traditionally called God.

SEVEN PORTALS TO CONSCIOUS EVOLUTION

In the Gateway, there are seven magnificent “portals” you will pass through on your journey of self and social evolution. Each portal marks a stage in the developmental path of the new human and the new humanity and is an entry point into a vast domain with volumes available for study and growth. We are pioneering in the new field of Conscious Evolution, and in this entry level course we are merely touching upon key points. For all of us, this is a process of life-long learning.

Imagine yourself passing through each of these portals, absorbing and contributing to the dynamic process of evolution occurring within and around you. At each portal you will add your experience to the growing profile of the evolving human.

PORTAL ONE - A NEW WORLD VIEW Exploring fundamental new ideas about the nature of reality that are essential aspects of our new world view. From this look at the liveing universe we take a poetic journey from the Void, the Mind of God, Mother Universe, seeking new understandings of the nature of the universe. We trace the amazing story of our evolution, quantum change by quantum change – the great flaring forth of the material universe, the emergence of Earth, Life, Animal Life, Human Life. And now it is our time, those of us alive today, to take our turn on the great wheel of evolution as it spirals into the future. In this first portal, we learn lessons of evolution to guide us now, and conclude with a “planetary birth experience,” a guided visualization with intimations of the next stage of evolution even now emerging throughout the world.

PORTAL TWO - THE EMERGENCE OF THE CO-CREATIVE PERSON The new planetary dangers and opportunities are bringing forth not simply a better human but a universal human, a co-creator. A universal human is one who is connected through the heart to the whole of life, attuning to the deeper intelligence of nature, spiritually awakening, and called forth to express his or her gifts in the evolution of the world. This new kind of human has been prefigured in the lives of great mystics and visionaries of the past, and is now coming forth in millions of us, due to planetary conditions that require this emergence for the survival and development of Earth life. We place our personal growth in the new context of the quantum change and focus on the vital internal shift of identity from ego to essence, critical to the developmental path of the universal human.

PORTAL THREE - CO-CREATIVE RELATIONSHIPS As we awaken to our deeper identity, there is a natural desire to be known as who we truly are, for resonance with one another, echoing back our higher qualities of being. We seek partnership, coequal cocreation, as couples, families, in the workplace, and throughout our lives. The third portal offers guidance on this great theme.

PORTAL FOUR - CO-CREATIVE VOCATION As we make deeper contact with our own essential nature and with that of others, our life purpose arises in us. Our “genius codes” awaken—the unique destiny that’s been dormant within us—and our creativity is aroused. We desire to join not our genes to give birth to a baby, but our *genius* to give birth to ourselves and to the work we can give as our gift to the world. We place our passion to create within the larger whole, and seek partners and teammates for our expanded vocations.

PORTAL FIVE - SYNERGETIC COMMUNITY We cannot do our work alone or in a dissonant world. There are new models emerging that demonstrate how to form organizations and communities in alignment with nature and human nature. They are models that are designed so each of us can give our unique gift for the good of self and the whole. We learn key processes to cultivate social synergy, which is the coming together of separate people and projects to form a whole system that is different than, unpredictable from, and greater than the sum of the individual parts. At this portal, we offer guidelines for and linkages to communities inspired by conscious evolution that are forming throughout the world.

PORTAL SIX - CO-CREATIVE SOCIETY This portal marks the point where we take our turn on the great spiral of the “Wheel of Co-creation” by forming a global Peace Room on Internet. The Peace Room is a new social function, eventually to become more sophisticated than our governments’ War Rooms. In our Peace Rooms, we scan for, map, connect, and communicate what is working. The ultimate purpose of the Peace Room is to shift the tide of history from “weaponry to livingry,” a phrase used by Buckminster Fuller. Our mission is to redirect our vast scientific and technological power by affirming our collective visions of a desirable future, discovering and connecting what is already working toward the future we choose. Just as psychologist and founder of the human potential movement, Abraham Maslow, first mapped the peaks of human experience and discovered the self-actualizing person, we are mapping the peaks of social excellence and discovering a new culture emerging in our midst.

At this portal, you enter the evolving world of leading edge innovations, people, and projects. You become an architect of the global Peace Room in partnership with powerful associates and companions throughout the world. You meet a community of Evolutionary Colleagues—visionaries and scholars whose life and work is now transforming society. The human potential movement expands into the social potential movement. We seek the further design of evolution based on what is actually already working, and participate in codesigning our own futures.

At this next-to-final portal in the Gateway, we are all standing symbolically around the center of the Wheel of Co-creation, a global circle of pioneering souls who hold the *Whole* in their hearts. We come from every faith, discipline, culture and color, and yet are joined through an “incorruptible love,” as my daughter, interspecies communication researcher, Alexandra Morton, describes the new bond we share with others. We are life in the service of Life.

PORTAL SEVEN - VISIONS OF A UNIVERSAL HUMANITY We believe that revelation—the heralding of something new—is unfolding through the process of evolution. For millennia, the human species has looked forward to a higher state of being for humanity. This state has been called many names —paradise, the New Jerusalem, Nirvana, Shambhala, the Promised Land, a new heaven and a new Earth.

Now we are discovering that what we have intuited we might actually be able to co-create, not in another world, but through the evolution of this world—if we can integrate our new powers in science and technology with our expanded consciousness, wisdom, and love.

At the seventh portal, we create a new space in virtual reality and invite intuitions of our chosen future—our passionate desires, our new capacities and peak experiences—to collect and connect until we can see a picture of our emerging world. In this way we allow something new to be seen—the next stage of human evolution. For as we project visions of a positive future that attract us, we can move more consciously toward them.

It was said in Proverbs that without vision the people perish. It is equally true that with shared vision, we flourish, grow and evolve. Our image of the future acts as a self-fulfilling prophesy, propelling us forward to its fulfillment. We are co-authors of our creation. Our future is a choice, not an inevitability. As we see ourselves, so we act, and as we act, so we become.

I leave you with some words that have come forth from my deepest essence to describe the implications of our billions-year journey from the Void to the present and beyond:

Our story is the birth of a universal humanity capable of co-evolving with nature and co-creating with the Great Creating Process itself.

What will occur to you as we take this evolutionary journey together?

I welcome you as you enter the Gateway, and am excited as we all join together in forming a global community of conscious evolutionaries.

Welcome pioneering souls!

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“Conscious Evolution is a master meme or all inclusive frame of meaning for the 21st century. As yet, it is undefined and casts an evocative shadow over the mental inscape of all of us in these days. We know something is over, an era or simply the bad dream that has frightened many of us into awareness, giving us our human maturity. This meme is the headlong convergence of science with the core realizations of the major world religions. Its constituency is composed of universal sovereign persons, awakened ones, all those who stand free of the old divisive social forms, however noble their past history. We are called to come together in an open and level field with no boundaries, a space in consciousness of the universal person, the sacred precincts of the cosmos itself, our new temple and home.”

– Thomas Sidney Lanier