# Brian Swimme in Calgary! June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012

### "The Role of the Human in the Earth Community"

Brian Thomas Swimme will be in Calgary at Knox United Church for a Friday evening June 22<sup>nd</sup> lecture and an all day workshop the following day Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Brian's overarching theme for the weekend will be his life's work, determining the role of the human species within the interconnected Earth Community of all Life and more generally our place in the miraculous emergent Universe Story.

This is a once-in-alifetime opportunity to interact directly with one of the greatest evolutionary thinkers of our time. Register early as the Saturday workshop is already more than half sold out!



Brian will give a 90 minute lecture on Friday evening. On Saturday up to 100 workshop attendees will hear four 60 minutes lectures on a



variety of topics related to his overall weekend theme "The Role of the Human in the Earth

Community". Lunch is included with the Saturday workshop registration.

Don't miss out on this exciting weekend!

#### About the Tuesday Night Facilitator

Don Smith will be your facilitator for these events in Winter/Spring 2012. Don is a retired petroleum engineer and "recovering redneck". He has led dozens of programs in the areas of religion, spirituality, and justice. His goal for these sessions is to discern the wisdom of the community through group discussion and sharing with the entire group. He is not a "know it all" or "guru" – just a fellow seeker.

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To register or for more information on these programs please contact Don Smith at 403-281-7065 or donsmith@nucleus.com.

#### E-Mail List

If you wish to be added to our e-mail list and receive regular updates (about once a month) on programs and news on ecological spirituality and evolutionary cosmology please e-mail Don Smith at donsmith@nucleus.com.



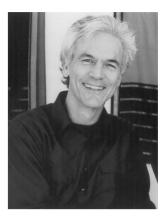
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Location for all programs: Knox United Church 506 4th Street SW Calgary, AB T2P 1S7

www.knoxcentre.ca

### Earth Community Gatherings

Calgary, Alberta - Winter/Spring 2012



#### "The Powers of the Universe"

With Brian Thomas Swimme Five Tuesday evenings 7:00-9:00PM Starts January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 February 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> Suggested Fee: \$40 or \$10 per session

#### "Journey of the Universe"

Film Screening
Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7:30PM
Suggested Fee: \$20

#### "Journey of the Universe"

Film, Book and DVD Study
Tuesday Evenings 7-9PM
March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>
Suggested Fee: \$50 (includes book)

#### **Brian Swimme Weekend Workshop**

"The role of the human in the Earth Community"
Lecture Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 at 7:30PM

Fee: \$40

Workshop Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 10AM-4 PM (lunch included)

Fee: \$120

#### **Earth Community Gatherings**

Over the past four years several dozen seekers and activists in the Calgary area have been gathering on Tuesday evenings in the Spring, Fall and Winter to learn, explore, discern, dialogue, contemplate, sing, dance, discover and celebrate what it means to be human within the Earth Community in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Many people today are either vaguely or sharply aware that the contemporary religious, political, educational, legal, and economic systems are inadequate to meet the global challenges the Earth Community faces. These challenges are not just ecological, not just about human social justice, but about the role of the human species, our meaning and purpose, as part of Earth and the Universe.

"To tell the story of anything, you must tell the story of everything" --- Thomas Berry



There is an explosion of emerging Wisdom concerning all aspects of how we can better participate in the creation of a more holistic Earth

Community and even how we might create a Cosmic Society which values our unique place in the amazing physical Universe. These Gatherings are intended to be a place where seekers and activists can engage with some of this Wisdom and together learn and discern within Community.

"It is easy for anyone to become momentarily fascinated by the wild data of the new story of the universe, but it is another thing altogether to absorb this over time into the centre of one's being. Facts by themselves are not enough; what is needed is embodiment." --- Brian Swimme

These Gatherings are not intended to indoctrinate participants into some "New Age" cult but to be a place where you can be exposed to some of the most interesting of this new Wisdom in an open discussion with like-minded seekers. Welcome!

#### Tuesday Evenings

Our Tuesday Gatherings this Winter/Spring will focus on the ideas, writings and DVDs of cosmologist and philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme. Brian is coming to Calgary in June 2012 and we will be featuring both his most recent DVD series "Powers of the Universe" and his 2011 film and book "Journey of the Universe".

### "The Powers of the Universe" With Brian Thomas Swimme



In the DVD series "Powers of the Universe" Professor Swimme asks the question "how do humans re-invent themselves and break free from the modern industrial cultural trap we are in?" In this very personal and insightful series of 10 lectures, Brian suggests that we need to re-

connect with the basic shaping powers of the Universe which brought us (and everything!) into being. This will allow us to see beyond the bounds of our human-centred culture and society and create a sustainable and vibrant role for the human species in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond.

We will view two lectures each evening with some modest time for discussion and reflection. Join us for a brilliant sweeping analysis of the present human condition in the context of the pervasive and powerful forces which shape the Universe!

#### "Journey of the Universe" Calgary Film Screening

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the acclaimed film featuring Brian Thomas Swimme "Journey of the Universe" will have its Calgary debut. From the film's website:

"An Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth, and Human Transformation, this film and book project is a collaboration of evolutionary philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme and historian of religions Mary Evelyn Tucker. They weave a tapestry that draws together scientific discoveries in astronomy, geology, and biology with humanistic insights concerning the nature of the universe."

This one hour film condenses a lifetime of wisdom of Swimme and Tucker (and their mentor Thomas Berry) into an approachable and enlightening screen experience. Don't miss it!



## "Journey of the Universe" Film, Book and DVD Study

In this four week study we will explore in more depth Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker's film and book "Journey of the Universe". The study will be supplemented by a DVD study guide prepared by Mary Evelyn and Brian drawing on the wisdom of leading scholars in the wideranging fields of expertise needed for this exploration.

Participants will receive a copy of the book "Journey of the Universe" by Brian and Mary Evelyn as part of the study package.



Participants will be guided through the key themes of the film and book with plenty of time for group discussion and discernment. Join us!