

Stanislav Grof

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Each of us can manifest the properties of a field of consciousness that transcends space, time, and linear causality.

~Stanislav Grof

Consciousness does not just passively reflect the objective material world; it plays an active role in creating reality itself.

~Stanislav Grof

He suddenly understood the message of so many spiritual teachers that the only revolution that can work is the inner transformation of every human being.

~Stanislav Grof

Dying before dying has two important consequences: It liberates the individual from the fear of death and influences the actual experience of dying at the time of biological demise.

~Stanislav Grof

In the kind of world we have today, transformation of humanity might well be our only real hope for survival.

~Stanislav Grof

I believe it is essential for our planetary future to develop tools that can change the consciousness which has created the crisis that we are in.

~Stanislav Grof

It is possible to spend one's entire lifetime without ever experiencing the mystical realms or even without being aware of their existence.

~Stanislav Grof

We are not just highly evolved animals with biological computers embedded inside our skulls; we are also fields of consciousness without limits, transcending time, space, matter, and linear causality.

~Stanislav Grof

Whether or not we believe in survival of consciousness after death, reincarnation, and karma, it has very serious implications for our behavior.

~Stanislav Grof

A text of Tibetan Buddhism describes the time of death as a unique opportunity for spiritual liberation from the cycles of death and rebirth and a period that determines our next incarnation.

~Stanislav Grof

The new formula in physics describes humans as paradoxical beings who have two complementary aspects: They can show properties of Newtonian objects and also infinite fields of consciousness.

~Stanislav Grof

According to materialistic science, any memory requires a material substrate, such as the neuronal network in the brain or the DNA molecules of the genes.

~Stanislav Grof

Dying people in pre-industrial cultures typically died in the context of an extended family, clan, or tribe.

~Stanislav Grof

The human psyche shows that each individual is an extension of all of existence.

~Stanislav Grof

Ancient eschatological texts are actually maps of the inner territories of the psyche that seem to transcend race and culture and originate in the collective unconscious.

~Stanislav Grof

The elimination of the fear of death transforms the individual's way of

being in the world.

~Stanislav Grof

It is essential that we raise the image of sex, which is currently seen as a purely biological affair and often portrayed in its worst manifestations, to that of a spiritually based activity.

~Stanislav Grof

Many of us who have experienced psychedelics feel very much that they are sacred tools. They open spiritual awareness.

~Stanislav Grof

Consciousness after death demonstrates the possibility of consciousness operating independently of the body.

~Stanislav Grof

There is no fundamental difference between the preparation for death and the practice of dying, and spiritual practice leading to enlightenment.

~Stanislav Grof

Coming to terms with the fear of death is conducive to healing, positive personality transformation, and consciousness evolution.

~Stanislav Grof

As long as I had easy access to psychedelics at the government-sponsored research project, most of my energy went into psychedelic sessions.

~Stanislav Grof

If consciousness can function independently of the body during one's lifetime, it could be able to do the same after death.

~Stanislav Grof

An important consequence of freeing oneself from the fear of death is a radical opening to spirituality of a universal and non-denominational type.

~Stanislav Grof

The study of consciousness that can extend beyond the body is extremely important for the issue of survival, since it is this part of human personality that would be likely to survive death.

~Stanislav Grof

LSD is a catalyst or amplifier of mental processes. If properly used it could become something like the microscope or telescope of psychiatry.

~Stanislav Grof

It became much more complicated politically to work with psychedelics because of the unsupervised experimentation with psychedelics, particularly among young people.

~Stanislav Grof

The beliefs concerning reincarnation have great ethical impact on human life and our relationship to the world.

~Stanislav Grof

I spent much of my later childhood and adolescence very, very involved and interested in art, and particularly in animated movies.

~Stanislav Grof

I have taken part in ceremonies with North American and Mexican shamans, as well as Brazilian ceremonies.

~Stanislav Grof

In some instances, the accuracy of past-life memories can be objectively verified, sometimes with remarkable detail.

~Stanislav Grof

I have to say I regretted giving up animated movies.

~Stanislav Grof

Unlike scientism, science in the true sense of the word is open to unbiased investigation of any existing phenomena.

~Stanislav Grof

At a time when unbridled greed, malignant aggression, and existence of weapons of mass destruction threatens the survival of humanity, we should seriously consider any avenue that offers some hope.

~Stanislav Grof

There is an urgent need for a radical revision of our current concepts of the nature of consciousness and its relationship to matter and the brain.

~Stanislav Grof

When you read the psychedelic literature, there is a distinction between the so-called natural psychedelics and synthetic psychedelics that are artificially produced.

~Stanislav Grof

The motif of death plays an important role the human psyche in connection with archetypal and karmic material.

~Stanislav Grof

The experiences associated with death were seen as visits to important dimensions of reality that deserved to be experienced, studied, and carefully mapped.

~Stanislav Grof

The materialistic paradigm of Western science has been a major

obstacle for any objective evaluation of the data describing the events occurring at the time of death.

~Stanislav Grof

Research challenges the materialistic understanding of death, according to which biological death represents the final end of existence and of all conscious activity.

~Stanislav Grof

I read Freud's Introductory Lectures in Psychoanalysis in basically one sitting. I decided to enroll in medical school. It was almost like a conversion experience.

~Stanislav Grof

A number of cases have been reported in which a dying individual has a vision of a person about whose death he or she did not know.

~Stanislav Grof

It is possible to transcend the usual limitations of the body, ego, space, and linear time.

~Stanislav Grof

The knowledge of the realm of death makes it possible for the shaman to move freely back and forth and mediate these journeys for other people.

~Stanislav Grof

The psyche of the individual is commensurate with the totality of creative energy. This requires a most radical revision of Western psychology.

~Stanislav Grof

Freud said that we are born as a tabula rasa. This is a model that simply is too superficial and inadequate.

~Stanislav Grof

Patients reported that their psychedelic sessions were an invaluable experiential training for dying.

~Stanislav Grof

Many cultures have independently developed a belief system in reincarnation that includes return of the unit of consciousness to another physical lifetime on Earth.

~Stanislav Grof

The function of the brain is to reduce all the available information and lock us into a limited experience of the world. LSD frees us from this restriction and opens us to a much larger experience.

~Stanislav Grof

There are people who can start having very powerful experiences without taking psychedelics. It can happen against their will. This is a universal phenomenon.

~Stanislav Grof

It is possible to see the intermediate state between lives as being in a way more important than incarnate existence.

~Stanislav Grof

Ritual use of psychedelic plants and substances has been a particularly effective technology for inducing holotropic states of consciousness.

~Stanislav Grof

Walt Disney was my great hero.

~Stanislav Grof

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