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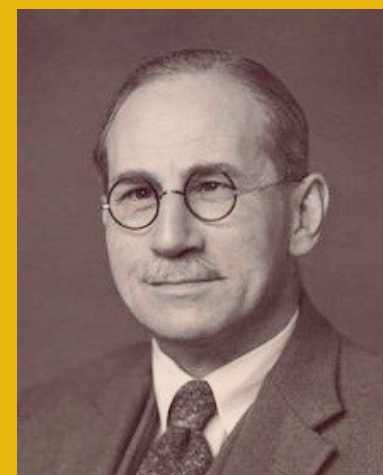
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The Alister Hardy Trust 50th Anniversary Celebration

of the establishment of the Religious Experience Research Unit
by

Sir Alister Hardy FRS (1896-1985)



Dr Rupert Sheldrake

and

Hardy Family Members

and Scholars of Religious and Spiritual Experience

Saturday 19th October 2019

10.30am – 4.30pm

Oxford Quaker Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3LW
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Programme

- 10.30 am Registration
- 11.00 am Welcome
- 11.15 am **2019 Alister Hardy Memorial Lecture**
Dr Rupert Sheldrake
Ways to Go Beyond and Why They Work: Science and Spiritual Practices
- 1.00 pm **Lunch** bring your own lunch, buy sandwiches nearby or enjoy local venues (tea/coffee provided)
- 2.00 pm **Dr Mark Fox**
Researching in the RERC Archive
- 2.45 pm **Memories of Sir Alister Hardy**
From family, friends and those inspired by his work
- 4.00 pm **Celebratory Reception**
- 4.30 pm Close

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Cost: £25; AHT members £20; students £5

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Dr Rupert Sheldrake

Dr Rupert Sheldrake is a biologist and author of more than eighty-five technical papers and nine books, including *The Science Delusion*, and the co-author of six books. As a Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge, he was Director of Studies in Cell Biology, and was also a Research Fellow of the Royal Society. He worked in Hyderabad, India, as Principal Plant Physiologist at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), and also lived for two years in the Benedictine ashram of Fr Bede Griffiths on the bank of the river Cauvery in

Tamil Nadu. From 2005-2010, he was Director of the Perrott-Warrick Project for the study of unexplained human and animal abilities, funded from Trinity College, Cambridge. He is currently a Fellow of the Institute of Noetic Sciences in Petaluma, California and of Schumacher College in Dartington, Devon. He lives in London and is married to Jill Purce, with whom he has two sons. His web site is www.sheldrake.org

This talk is based on the themes of Rupert Sheldrake's recent books, *Ways to Go Beyond* and *Science and Spiritual Practices* in which he looks at fourteen spiritual practices that are personally transformative and have scientifically measurable effects. All provide ways of going beyond our everyday states of mind into a sense of a greater conscious presence, bliss, fuller understanding, or deep connectedness. Sheldrake writes as both a scientist and a spiritual explorer and discusses practices that are not normally thought of as spiritual, such as participation in sports, learning from animals and psychedelic experiences, as well as more traditional practices like meditation, fasting, praying, pilgrimage and being kind. He asks why these practices work. Are their effects 'all inside the brain' and essentially illusory? Or can we really make contact with forms of consciousness greater than our own? Sheldrake suggests that we can.

Dr Mark Fox

Dr Mark Fox is a writer and researcher who has made extensive use of the RERC archive in his writing and speaking. His books include *Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death: Religion, Spirituality and the Near-Death Experience*, *Lightforms*, *The Fifth Love* and *Temple and Tomb: Fresh Light on John's Gospel*. His latest book, *Cold Inn*, explores religious and spiritual experience within a fictional context.

For more information, see www.markfox.co.uk.

