

# Cosmosophia



## *Cosmology, Mysticism, and the Birth of a New Myth*

"A new beginning is possible, a new feeling of the interconnectedness of all things is before us. Richards takes us on a journey into the edge of the universe which is the edge of the human being which is the edge of God."

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"Theodore Richards is a unique and gifted social activist, one with a well nourished brain as well as a conscience. His commitment to inner city youth wounded as so many are by a culture that prefers consumption to compassion and preaches couchpotatoism over creativity, he has spent years bringing alive the potential of young people in finding their in-depth selves and their place in our amazing universe. In a previous generation someone of Theodore's depth and integrity might have worked out his vocation in a monastery. In our time, he finds his way in the urban world of struggle and promise, despair and hope. He is a philosopher-activist who listens deeply and walks his talk. What he is learning is worth our all listening to."

—Matthew Fox, author of *Original Blessing* and *The Hidden Spirituality of Men*

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