

# Storyboard - Conversations with Carl Rogers

## A View of the Universe?

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The following storyboard covers 5 minutes of the 30-minute program #6 - Emergent Relational Consciousness.

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### **CARL ROGERS.**

I think we are seeing a whole shift in that way of viewing the universe and viewing humankind. The new developments in the physical sciences and in the biological sciences give us a vastly changed view of the universe. Just one item in that we've always thought that if we kept searching, searching, searching - we would sometime find the material unit out of which the universe was constructed, and so we've gone smaller and smaller and smaller until we get to the particles of the nucleus and atom and it turns out they are nothing but oscillating energy. There is no material unit in the universe, and that is going to change our view of things. And in the same way, I feel that in that new cosmos, there is going to have to be a new type of individual, and I see that new person emerging. You're quite right. I do see him or her in counseling sessions. I see that person emerging in groups. I see it emerging in a new type of family life. I see that person emerging in the children of parents who have respected their children. I think that . . . I think it's exciting to . . . I think it is a new step in evolution. I think it is going beyond what is present, in many different ways.

### **BOB LEE.**

And I like your putting the emphasis on what you have always done . . . You see him or her emerging. Not prescribing anything. It seems that some people think that the Person-Centered Approach is a prescription for living life. And it's not at all. It's more a statement of 'Do you see what I see?'

### **CARL ROGERS.**

I think that these new persons are more expressive of feelings; I think they are more aware of themselves and their inner life; I think they are better at communicating. I think that the man accepts the feminine aspects of himself and the woman accepts the masculine aspects of herself, so that there is a coming together. It is not the macho man and the subservient woman, they are more equal . . . a lot of exciting characteristics that really do represent a new pattern; a willingness to share power instead of always being the person of power. And the numbers of those persons may be small at the present time compared to the total population, and yet I think they are very important ferment in the world at the present time...

... And they exist in a different context. I've forgotten the exact figures now, but a survey done by Yankelovitch, showed that a very sizeable proportion of the American population now consider the enhancement of self as one of the major goals of life. And that is certainly quite a difference from the materialistic goals of a generation ago; so that we are seeing a change in the kind of people we are producing.

**MAUREEN O'HARA.**

And you don't mean to say that these are a special breed apart. It seems that wherever you meet with people in this way, then this other kind of consciousness is present. . . It's not . . . in relationships of respect and shared power . . . that's how we are.

**CARL ROGERS.**

That's it. As we say, that person is within and emerges.

**MAUREEN O'HARA.**

Yeah, yeah.

**CARL ROGERS.**

I don't think we are creating something new. We are eliciting something which has been lying dormant within the person but ready to emerge.