

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Spanning much of the 20th into the 21st century, David Loye's has been a life of unusual creativity in the pursuit of paradigm-puncturing scientific and social advance.

For the past twenty years Dr.Loye has been involved with other scientists from around the world developing the cutting edge fields of chaos, complexity, and integrative theory from the powerful new perspective of evolutionary systems science. He is a co-founder of two international organizations for the expansion and updating of evolution studies: The General Evolution Research Group, and The Society for Chaos Theory in Psychology and the Life Sciences; co-founder with his wife and partner—pioneering cultural evolution theorist and well-known author of *The Chalice and the Blade*, Riane Eisler—of The Center for Partnership Studies (www.partnershipway.org); and founder of The Darwin Project (www.thedarwinproject.com), with a Council of more than 50 progressive American, European, and Asian scientists, educators, and media activists.

Darwin's Lost Theory

In the 1980s Dr.Loye uncovered Darwin's long ignored

moral- and action-oriented completion for his theory of evolution. With widening corroboration by biologists, brain, social and systems scientists, his reconstruction of the “rest of Darwin” was hailed as a major contribution to our understanding of evolution (See What the Experts Say, www.davidloye.com).

Bringing to life a new understanding of Darwin that head on challenges the disastrously entrenched paradigm of “survival of the fittest” and “selfish genes,” after the years of rejection by American book publishers during the Greed Era, Darwin’s “lost theory” of love and moral sensitivity as prime drivers for human evolution first gained formal book publication in Germany and China. Then late in 2004, the State University Press of New York (SUNY Press), published *The Great Adventure: Toward a Fully Human Theory of Evolution*.

The New Faith and World View

“In times like these a new worldview often arises at the margins of power, at the periphery of the action unfolding on the main stage,” internationally known psychologist Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi writes in the foreword to this book by Loye with chapters by eleven other members of the General Evolution Research Group and The Darwin Project Council.

“The themes introduced by the authors are likely to be among the central ones of any new world-view,”

Csikszentmihalyi writes. “The organizing principle of the new faith—a faith of human beings about human beings—is evolution itself. Not the traditionally taught evolutionary scenario dominated by competition and selfishness, but an understanding closer to the original Darwinian one that sees cooperation and transcendence of the self as the most exciting parts of the story.”

This is the science and story Loye unfolds in *Darwin’s Lost Theory*, *Darwin in Love*, *Bankrolling Evolution*, *Measuring Evolution*, and the forthcoming trilogy *Darwin and the Battle for 21st Century Mind* (*Revolution and Counter Revolution*, *The Battle of the Books*, and *Up Against the Paradigm*; see www.davidloye.com, for covers, table of contents, index, and excerpts). Closely allied are six more forthcoming books for Loye on his central lifetime concern with moral evolution. (For covers and descriptions, see www.benjaminfranklinpress.com).

A Life Shaped by Our Times

Behind the science lies a life shaped by our times. A concern for others was ground in by Loye’s childhood during the Great Depression. While a very young news correspondent with the U.S.Navy in the closing years of World War II, he docked and roamed the same ports in South America that Charles Darwin, as a similarly very young man, visited one

hundred years earlier on the famous voyage of the Beagle. He became a television newsman during the Edward R. Murrow days. He wrote the national award-winning *The Healing of a Nation* and gained his doctorate in psychology in early middle age. While a Princeton and UCLA School of Medicine faculty member, he was the research director for major studies of political values, the use of the brain and mind in prediction, and the impact of movies and television on adults.

His earlier books include *The Leadership Passion*, *The Knowable Future*, *The Sphinx and the Rainbow*, *An Arrow through Chaos*, *Darwin's Lost Theory of Love*, and, as editor, *The Evolutionary Outrider: The Impact of the Human Agent on Evolution*. Among publishers for his early books are Norton, Wiley, Jossey-Bass, New Science Library, Park Street Press, Bantam Books, Delacorte, Praeger, Adamantine, Gordon & Breach, and publishers in Japan, China, Italy, the Netherlands, and three publishers in Germany.

Still “going up against the paradigm”—in this case the expectation for decline as we age—is Loye’s current burst of creativity. Now midway into his eighties, he’s writing and publishing still another “cycle.” Alongside the paradigm-puncturing and stereotype-shattering books of his Darwin and moral evolution cycles are new books about the best of life, as he sees it—books exploring travel, history, mystery, humor, family life, and love. (For covers and descriptions of *Brave Laughter*, *Return to Amalfi*, *The Parable of the Three Villages*, and *Tangled Tales of the Book Trade, or the Mystery of the Missing Century*, see www.benjaminfranklinpress.com).

Of increasing popularity is *3,000 Years of Love*, his joint biography of the early lives and the adventure of life together in science, social action, and love for Loye and his wife and partner Riane Eisler. In *100 Days of Love* and *1001 Days of Love*, he's also published two books of love poems—so far 158 in number, already four more than for the benchmark 154 for Shakespeare's famous sonnets.