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Les Lancaster, PhD, is Chair of the British Psychological Society's Transpersonal Psychology Section, and Co-Director of the Consciousness and Transpersonal Psychology Research Unit at Liverpool John Moores University. His latest book is *Approaches to Consciousness: the Marriage of Science and Mysticism*.

Dr. Lancaster is the UK's first Professor of Transpersonal Psychology, and Chair of the British Psychological Society's Section of Transpersonal Psychology. He is also an Honorary Research Fellow in the Centre for Jewish Studies at Manchester University. At Liverpool John Moores University he co-founded the Consciousness and Transpersonal Psychology Research Unit. Dr. Lancaster has been active in the area of inter-faith dialogue over many years, and frequently appears on BBC radio programs in the area of psychology and religion. He has studied Kabbalah for more than 30 years, and runs workshops and groups on kabbalistic psychology. He is the current Chair of the Transpersonal Psychology Section of the British Psychological Society. At Liverpool John Moores University he is co-founder of the Consciousness and Transpersonal Psychology Research Unit, and has been running successful postgraduate programmes in these areas for the last 10 years. In its online format, the MSc in Consciousness and Transpersonal Psychology attracts students from around the world. Dr. Lancaster is also Honorary Research Fellow in the Centre for Jewish Studies at Manchester University, UK, where he teaches on the Psychology of Religion. He has contributed to a number of programs on the media in the UK and overseas, including the BBC's - *All in the Mind*, with Anthony Clare, *Seeds of Faith*, and *Beyond Belief*.

Dr. Lancaster is unique in having trained in physiology and neuroscience and yet having an intricate understanding of Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic and Jewish mysticisms and how they operate within their respective traditions. His interests range over these topics as well as the cultural and corporate changes that are currently shaping our world.

Dr. Lancaster has delivered numerous public lectures in the UK and overseas, and is a frequent contributor to both academic and general publications. His first book *Mind Brain and Human Potential* won the Science and Medical Network Best Book Award and his second book, *The Elements of Judaism*, has been translated into 10 languages. He has recently published *Approaches to Consciousness: the Marriage of Science and Mysticism*.