

# FALL FLANNERY LECTURE

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## EVOLUTION AND THE POWER OF LOVE:

### Towards a Holistic Consciousness

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In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis calls for a new awareness of the cosmic family marked by new levels of relationships. To do so, however, we need a new perspective in which to view our personal, social and economic relations, and we need new images to fire our imaginations, which in turn, will direct much of our life. Any real revolution must be a revolution in consciousness. Teilhard de Chardin had a Christian vision of life that began with the whole of life, including God, in evolution. We will explore his vision of Christogenesis as a vision for a new world ahead where creative freedom and convergence will lead to new consciousness.

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