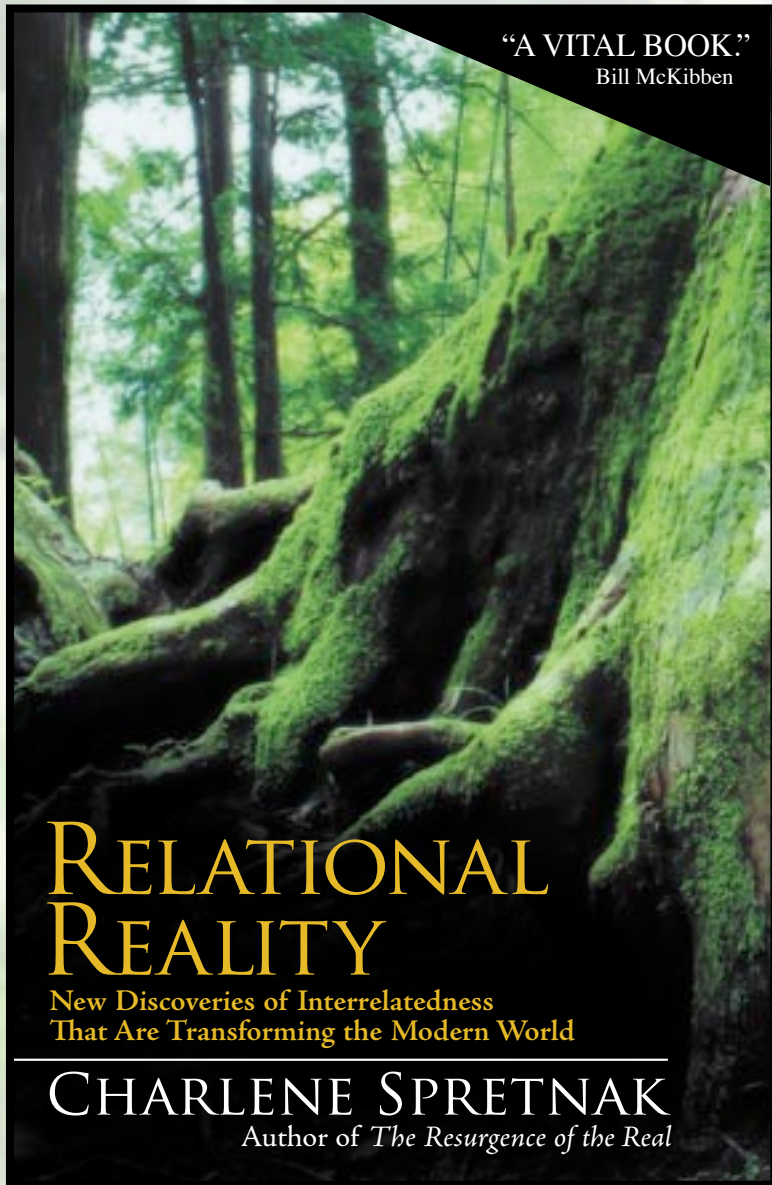


“Our hypermodern societies currently possess only a kindergarten-level understanding of the deeply relational nature of reality.”



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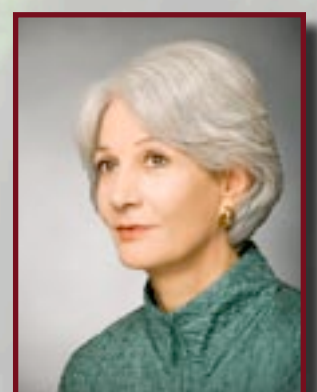
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