

Michael Murphy cofounded the Esalen Institute in 1962.

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An Actual Man: Michael Murphy and the Human Potential Movement

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The Innkeeper's Work

things aren't what they seem

some questions are too big
for universities

for governments
requiring deep re-visioning
that only a mystic innkeeper
might facilitate

what is consciousness, really
can this rift in humanity be healed

does mind extend beyond the body
can these people talk with one another
addressing colossal issues
in a thoroughly scientific manner
in an inspired and pragmatic manner
with a radically empirical approach

the image of the ball in sight
a turquoise ball down the middle of the fairway
guided by streamers of heart power
toward a physics of the spirit
with the certainty
as much as anything might be certain
that it will also be a key
to logarithms of the just

as with so much of the work
of this innkeeper
the world depends on it
and most importantly
there is still time

God bless Michael Murphy.

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