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Andrew's Angle

The vastness of the cosmos is humbling. But Google the molecular structure of the tiny and rather beautiful SARS-2 spike protein. Even if you've never had COVID-19, that protein is affecting your health and wellbeing and will for some time. A protein that has humbled humanity. As I write, students are returning to University Park from all over PA, the nation and the world. So far, COVID has only lightly touched Centre County, but that's about to change.

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Riane Eisler and David Loye are two veteran systems scientists who have collaborated for more than 40 years as both researchers and marriage partners. In this first of a 2-part conversation, they unpack lost insights of Darwin and explore the basics of cultural transformation theory as a tool that could turn the current pandemic into an opportunity for social evolution. [View a 2-minute trailer here.](#)



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