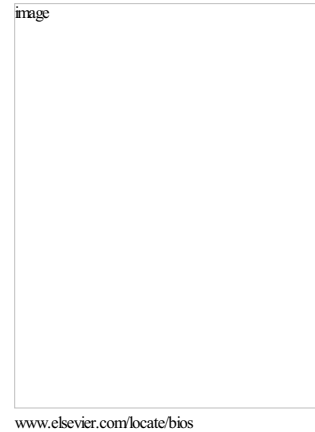


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INTRODUCTION

There are moments in the history of science when major shifts occur, and general assumptions and core conceptualizations are suddenly called into question. Thomas Kuhn, perhaps the best known and most influential historian and philosopher of science of the 20th century, made these changes his special study, and developed the concept of the “paradigm shift”¹. He defined this as a unifying vision of reality which most scientists agree. He further noted that when that vision no longer accords with the experimental data, and too many anomalies are reported, paradigms go into crisis. When that happens, he said, new worldviews emerge and become consensual. It is the conviction of the authors that an emerging vision of a postmaterialist science is now occurring exactly as Kuhn predicted. Like all such shifts this new perspective has far-reaching conceptual, experimental, and practical applications. The Academy for the Advancement of Postmaterialist Sciences has been established by the authors of this essay with the express purpose of providing a collegial institutional structure for a substantive expression and manifestation of this paradigm change.

The founding of the Academy arises from the response to the “Manifesto for a Post-Materialist Science” published in the journal *Explore* in 2014². The Manifesto was one of the outcomes of a meeting held at Canyon Ranch in Tucson, Arizona, on February 7-9, 2014. Co-organized by Gary E. Schwartz, PhD and Mario Beauregard, PhD from the University of Arizona and Lisa Miller, PhD, from Columbia University its purpose was expressly to discuss what a post-materialist paradigm might look like and its implications for science and society³. The Manifesto was drafted by Beauregard, Schwartz, and Miller, and co-signed by the participants of the meeting (listed alphabetically).

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