

## **COSMIC STORY OF THE UNIVERSE**

(edited by Paulita, 2001)/ Alternate Introduction

Since the beginnings of human awareness, we have been pulled to our origins: the great mystery. That which created us. We have sought answers to the most profound questions. Who are we? Where did we come from? Where are we going? And what are we to do? Drawn to that which lies beyond our understanding, we have looked upward into the heavens, inward into the smallest particles, and deep into our own hearts, minds, and souls to find the answers to these questions. It is here that our story begins.

This evening, I want to communicate to you something of the beauty of this story, something of its deep mystery. It is a story, the story of the universe, the story of the Earth, the story of the human, the story of you and me. It is a narrative of one single integrated activity, the unfolding universe.