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The Human Pangenome Project is a new effort to ensure that the reference genome used in medical research is broadly representative of the diversities within human culture. The introduction to this issue sees this initiative as a renewed call to recognize and incorporate the many ways we are human into the work of science.

Our general section offers a contribution to this effort within transpersonal psychology: a paper by Carl Lorenz Cervantes entitled, "Deep Ecology, Nature Spirits, and the Filipino Transpersonal Worldview." Here Lorenz describes traditional Filipino perspectives on the pervasive presence of invisible souls of ancestors and nature spirits, and how this belief intersects with care for the environment.

In the Special Topic Section of this issue, the international team of Adam Rock, James Houran, Patrizio Tressoldi, and Brian Laythe collaborate on presenting and defending their recalculation of a Drake equation applied to the question, How much of the evidence for physical survival of death can be accounted for by other possible explanations? Their work is commented on by Everton Maraldi, Christine Simmonds-Moore, Serge Merlin, and Harris Friedman, followed by a lively reply from the authors of the target paper.

The issue finishes with a book review by Nicholas Boeving, our Book Review Editor, who comments on the book, *The Myth of Normal:*

Trauma, Illness, and Healing in a Toxic Culture, by Gabor Maté and Daniel Maté. Boeving reads the book as initiation into a postmodern mystery school—overtly a mind-body analysis of how childhood traumas inflict a litany of adversities on adult lives, but just below the surface and just above the echoes of a thousand human sufferings, a revolutionary call for collective healing. This is not inspiring nostrum, but bitter medicine that calls out the fibers of our social fabric as the ones that entangle us in illness and choke out the freedom it claims to confer.

Welcome to the issue—when you find a paper useful or moving, please share the link with your friends, colleagues, and family.

Glenn Hartelius, Editor-in-Chief
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