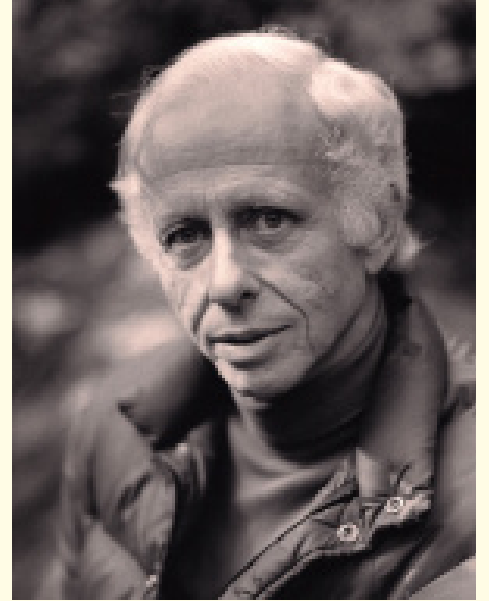


Honoring George Leonard

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To start ITP was George's idea. We had long shared the vision upon which it is based; for years we'd explored new ways of growth; and experiencing the ups and downs of the "human potential movement," we'd come to see that our hopes for human advance would never be realized without long-lasting practices to support them. I was writing a book about all this when he proposed that we join forces with his wife, Annie, and friend, Erik Riswold, to create such a program, and for the next two years he was our enterprise's Senior Partner. He invented the ITP Kata. He developed our approach to affirmations. He invented the many exercises that comprise Leonard Energy Training. And as our community of practice took shape, his memorable observations and insights informed our thinking more and more. Today, we still feel his presence.



As the years pass my gratitude for George Leonard still grows. He was always there for me and my family. He was great to dream with. He was a powerful comrade in the Paradigm Wars. And he was enormous fun. George was a friend for the ages.

"Let us celebrate this lovely day; that is, the one which, by chance alone, comes only once on this manifesting plane. Let us thank with brief thanksgiving whatever gods may be."

- George Leonard
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