

Notes from the Chair

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The Board of Directors, Staff, and Members of Kepler Space Institute (KSI) take special pride as this Spring 2016 issue of the *Journal of Space Philosophy* is published.

At the International Space Development Conference in Puerto Rico, May 18-22, 2016 (ISDC-2016) Louis H. Kauffman, PhD, University of Illinois at Chicago, presented the latest scientific findings on Nature's Cosmic Intelligence, scientifically identified as *Recursive Distinctioning* (RD). His primary reference was this Special Issue's feature paper, "Recursive Distinctioning," by Joel D. Isaacson and Louis H. Kauffman.

Our KSI leadership has had a close long personal association with Dr. Joel D. Isaacson, who discovered the RD phenomenon in the 1960s and has been the lead scholar-scientist in its definition and research ever since. He stated that RD is a fundamental part of perception, cognition, and intelligence, and he suggested that this idea is "a law of nature, perhaps on a par with gravity" (e-mail to Bob Krone, April 20, 2011).

The important scientific paper co-authored by Dr. Isaacson and Dr. Louis H. Kauffman in this Special Science issue of the *Journal* captures the current understandings and implications of the RD intelligence reality, which may have existed from the Big Bang and which is hypothesized to be equally prevalent in the universe to Energy – Albert Einstein's legacy – and to Gravity – Sir Isaac Newton's legacy.

We consider this to be the most important scientific issue to date of the *Journal of Space Philosophy*.

