What is Life? A core scientific question for today

A talk by Dr Thomas Hardtmuth

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Do we really understand what "life" is? What distinguishes a living organism from a machine?

From the fascinating abilities of the simplest bacteria and the "intelligence of plants" to the complexity of the mind–brain relationship and associated philosophical-spiritual questions – the many unsolved riddles of life far exceed our traditional, bio-mechanistic understanding, and give reason to open up to new avenues of thought.

Thomas Hardtmuth is an anthroposophic doctor and a specialist in general/thoracic surgery. He is also a lecturer in health sciences and social medicine at Baden-Württemberg University, Germany and has made a special study of virology, the evolutionary role of viruses in nature and the nature of the human biome. He is author of a number of books including *What Covid-19 Must Teach Us* (2021) and *Beyond Mainstream Medicine* (2022), published by InterActions.

Book Launch - His latest book entitled *Medicine in the Stranglehold of Profit*, which explores the threat to the art of healing and the social fabric and suggests new approaches to health, is highly topical. It will be launched the same evening and copies will be on sale at a special price.



