

COSMICAL FLOWER OF CONVERSATIONS AND REFLECTIONS

In the beginning of this article we discuss the poetics of the conversation, define the concept of interviews, and then look at the more important parts of Dimitrijević's book *In Search of the Cosmic Flower (Conversations and Reflections)*, which is the result of a kind of synthesis of three decades of action in the field of domestic and world science. We place a special emphasis on the chapter under the title *Universe*, as well as on the uncompromising critique of astrology. At the same time, we pay attention to the creative activity and social engagement of the author Dimitrijević who fought on his own against the blockade and sanctions imposed on science, during the time when he was Federal Minister.

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