

Bions, Protocells, Pleomorphism and Genetics

In the early 1940s in Norway, while on the run from the Nazis, Wilhelm Reich was observing, via high-magnification microscopy, the disintegration of organic materials into small energy vesicles, which he called *bions*. These bions, upon further observation and as documented with time-lapse movies, would organize themselves into basic life forms such as amoeba and paramecia. Various control procedures, involving high temperature, pressurized sterilization, demonstrated the reality of this "natural organization of protozoa". Reich came to believe that life did not originate only in some ancient, dark corner of history, but that life is being recreated every day, right under our noses, through the specific process of bionous disintegration and reorganization. He observed bions develop not only from *organic* materials, but also from *inorganic* materials as well. Before and since Reich, other scientists have also discovered what Reich called bions, giving them other names. However, Reich had one of the most comprehensive views as he was able to later connect the bions to cosmic life energy processes: what he called *orgone energy*. Presented here are works by many of the other scientists who have observed bionous processes, and the pleomorphic nature of cellular life. Unfortunately, none of the published materials by Reich on the bion question are in-print and available today from bookstores. Photocopies may be ordered from the Wilhelm Reich Museum Bookstore, PO Box 687, Rangeley, Maine 04970 USA, Telephone (207) 864-3443.

<http://www.orgonelab.org/cgi-bin/shop.pl/page=xbions.htm>