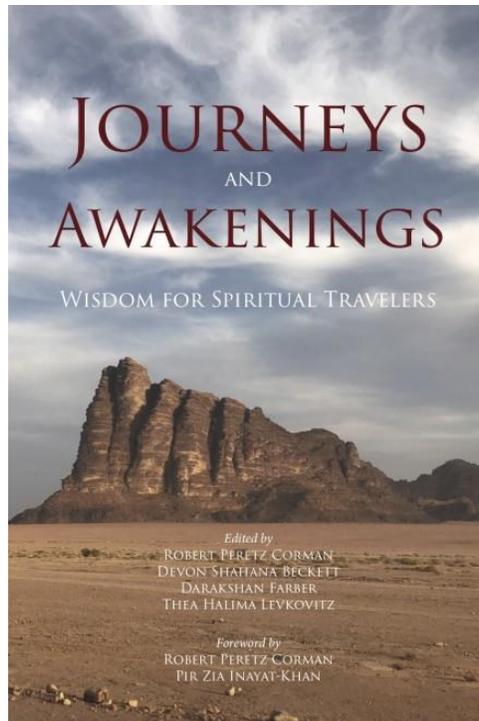


JOURNEYS AND AWAKENINGS: WISDOM FOR SPIRITUAL TRAVELERS



SELECTED EXCERPTS

In moments when we experience an exquisite alignment with the fullness of all there is, we gradually open to the almighty realm of the unknowable, and somehow, do not feel at all lost. In some ways, it feels like we have come home. The sweetness of this connection is truly divine.

Robert Peretz Corman – From the Introduction

The practice of movement and meditation is an unfolding path of discovery. We are never abandoned by the movement of life. To perceive all existence as movement is a very hopeful endeavor, as new possibilities endlessly emerge. The richness of what we are privileged to experience in life is boundless....

Robin Becker - Belonging to Life

We are the song of the universe; we really are the miracle of the universe in our mathematics, and the tree has this form of intelligence too. If you damage one tree, another of the same family next to it produces a phenol to help it heal and mend and cure itself.

Diana Beresford-Kroeger – Mystery of Trees

Where is God? He is here on this street, laying naked in the gutter. He is here on this street, homeless. He is here on this street, in all the lonely and unwanted, waiting for our love.

As I continue my walk towards the subway I wonder, what will it take for us to notice Him?

Adam Bucko - My God Lives on the Street

We know nothing. We know everything there is to be known. These contradictions can coexist within poetry, since poetry resists a bottom line, a black and white conclusion. Poetry is true to the grayness of the soul's terrain.

Poetry can contain and suggest this paradox, playing with it like a lover, coaxing it out and speaking to it from inside and outside. Poetry loves distance, and originates from closeness. But all of this is lost unless one has the courage to affirm the soul, the sacred inwardness of one's own precious vision.

Jennifer Ferraro – Returning the Soul to Poetry

It is the mystic who enters the silence of the inner life with patience and trust, who cultivates the breath as a gateway to deeper concentration, who develops the discipline of stillness, and who empties the psyche of self to more clearly receive the self-revealing knowledge coming from within.

W.S. Gebel - Does the Universe Have an Inner Life?

If the universe has an inner life, what are the implications for revising our worldview? Imagine that pure intelligence has always existed, that it is the essence missing from the picture science has discovered.

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I think it's important to say that poverty is one of the worst destroyers of the environment. Poverty on the one hand and over-consumption on the other. We in the developed world can deal with our over-consumption by just taking a firm grip on ourselves and saying as an old wise Indian once said, I ask myself every time I think of getting something new can I live without it.

Jane Goodall – Conversations with Remarkable Minds

Wisdom does not give us “answers”—She teaches us through the gifts of our own potential, reveals a resolution based on the integrity by which we live, by the honesty and truthfulness between our thoughts, words, deeds and promises.

Lee Irwin – Wisdom and the Way of Self-Awakening

In the time of Thunderbeings and Underwater Serpents, the humans, animals, and plants conversed and carried on lives of mischief, wonder, and mundane tasks. The prophets told of times ahead, explained the deluge of past and predicted the two paths of the future: one scorched and one green, one of which the Anishinaabeg would have to choose.

All of us have the same choice, and somewhere in this time, there is the potential to take a right path.

Winona LaDuke – In the Time of Sacred Places

The instant of a flash of lightning is all it takes to awaken to truth. Then, all we have to do is go there, where there is neither identity nor the possibility of losing it, neither existing nor the memory of existence, neither birth nor the fatality of death, as if one is endlessly awakening from a dream, and incessantly asking oneself: where am I?

Patrick Levy – The Endless Flow of Life

The mystics of old have been saying for centuries and in various terms that the unity of all things is the true reality. They have insisted that we do exist beyond our bodies. Isn't it fascinating that recent research is now confirming that our brain neurons actually reach beyond our bodies, connect with, convey information to, and affect living things outside of our bodies!

Yuval Ron – Sacred Ecstasy

To seek to develop the very quality whose absence has marked you and turned you away from the wholeness of Being is to invite the Beloved to blow on the embers of your heart's desire and spark them into life. How extraordinary— and ordinary—to realize, at whatever chronological age, that you are capable of capacities that seemed never to exist before.

Naomi Rose – Becoming What You Gaze Upon

So a different kind of organization is needed, one essentially structured by love and the resonances of the winged heart that can transcend differences and space, and does not need an administrative structure or membership rituals to do its work. It lives in the individual, and it's the flutter of those wings in the unique phase space of that individual that can work the transformative magic.

David Spangler – On Prophecy and Time

Enlightenment is just the beginning....

Those who have had glimmers of unity consciousness, who have cultivated it, and are establishing themselves in the Supreme, have an inkling that this is just the beginning of a deeper mastery where we not only merge with the infinite but begin to fully function from it.

Cristina Sophia Solarum – From Vision to Action

Though traditionalists may wish time to stop, it does go on, and now in our global electronic society, a new transreligious form of spirituality is emerging, one that will not replace religions, anymore than the nucleus of the cell replaced the mitochondria, but will envelop them in a much vaster form of consciousness.

William Irwin Thompson – The End of the Age of Religion and the Birth of Symbiotic Consciousness

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