

Awakening The Mind Lightening The Heart

In this accessible and important follow up to *The Art of Happiness* His Holiness the Dalai Lama teaches us how to live a happier and more spiritual life by fostering compassion and wisdom. Filled with his trademark honesty and warmth, this book explains how practically applying the values of Buddhism can help you find answers to both the everyday problems we face - relationships, health, work and happiness - and the major issues and changes facing humanity today including globalisation, technology and terrorism. Drawn from the Dalai Lama's teachings during his fourth visit to Australia and New Zealand, which focused on gaining strength through compassion, *Lighting the Path* reminds us that we each have the ability to change our own life for the better, and the power to improve the lives of others as well. Explaining the central tenets of Buddhism, including the Four Noble Truths, Atisha's Lamp for the Path of Enlightenment and the Eight Verses of Mind Training, this book will give you the practical guidance you need to deal with life's challenges and help you develop inner peace. This modern spiritual classic, presented as a thirty-day meditation retreat taught by Joseph Goldstein, offers timeless practical instructions and real-world advice for practicing meditation—whether walking or sitting in formal practice or engaging in everyday life. Goldstein—a beloved and respected meditation teacher who studied for many years under the guidance of eminent Buddhist teachers from India, Tibet, and Burma—uses the retreat format to explain various basic Buddhist teachings including karma, selflessness, and the four noble truths, while also drawing connections to many different spiritual traditions. With a new preface reflecting on how the conversation around meditation has changed over the last forty years,

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this book is the perfect companion for both experienced practitioners and those looking to get into meditation for the first time.

An introduction to Tibetan Buddhism which highlights the core teachings of the faith, based on a 15th-century text and presented in easy-to-follow steps.

Discover the path to your energetic core and bring each chakra into its full potential with *Chakras Beyond Beginners*. Building on concepts presented in *Chakras for Beginners*, David Pond takes you past basic understanding to explore the many ways chakras can enhance the flow of vital energy in all aspects of your life. Learn how to identify and remove the obstacles that inhibit your energy, as well as how to keep that flow open. Raise your awareness of other people's energy fields and use it to improve your relationships. Find fulfillment, security, and happiness by balancing your chakras. With this guide, you'll unlock your true essence and the source of your well-being. Praise: "[*Chakras Beyond Beginners*] catapults the serious student into a completely transformed self, awakening to a new reality. This broad-ranging powerhouse is the premier treatment of the subject and beyond!" —Diana Stone, author of *Playing the Ascension Game* "An insightful and uplifting gift—a true gem. David takes us on an enlightening tour of each chakra, explaining the energetic essence of who we are and making clear that when we control our energy, we control our destiny." —Alex Holland, MAc, LAc, author of *Voices of Qi* "Anchored at the center of converging illumination, inspiration, and compassion, gifted teacher David Pond opens the way for a spiritually mature journey, embracing the depths and riches of the eternal path through the chakras." —Linda Howe, author of *How to Read the Akashic Records* "[*Chakras Beyond Beginners* is] a seminar preserved in book form so that we can refer back to it when stress gets our chakras get out of alignment." —Donna

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Cunningham, author of *Counseling Principles for Astrologers* "David's knowledge of the chakras is what Rumi is to sacred poetry and Eckhart Tolle is to the present moment."—Cheryl Thomas, owner and operator of Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum, Idaho "David takes the reader on a journey, teaching new skills to deepen our relationship with our highly creative and magnetizing true selves."—Marie Manuchehri, author of *Intuitive Self Healing* "Without question, [Chakras Beyond Beginners] will be the 'go to' book for many years to come. David Pond has indeed penned both a valuable resource and a treasure."—Andria Friesen, author of *Speak for the Trees*

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fragmented world. Serving as the perfect introduction to the Dalai Lama's philosophy, both Buddhist and secular, *In My Own Words* is just the book for gleaning insights into the mind of one of the world's greatest spiritual icons.

Why do things happen the way they do in our lives? How do we create the causes for a happy life? The Buddhist practice of mind training gives us the answer to these questions: it involves overcoming our self-centered attitude and replacing it with an attitude that cherishes others. This, in turn, leads us to act in ways that naturally lead away from suffering and toward happiness—in short, to create good karma. Thubten Chodron offers a commentary on one of the great Tibetan Buddhist poems, *The Wheel of Sharp Weapons*, which shows, clearly and practically, how to eliminate the causes of anxiety, fear, and depression and to create the causes of joyful liberation for oneself and all others.

"Shantideva pointed out that everything good--every form of happiness, all positive qualities and so forth--comes through the kindness of others. Therefore, the mind devoted to their welfare is like a wish-fulfilling jewel, the source of all happiness and everything good and useful in the world. Just as a farmer who possesses an extremely fertile field, where everything he plants always grows, is very happy to have it and cherishes and takes great care of it, we should feel the same way about other sentient beings--that they are extremely valuable, and cherish and take care of them. "It is interesting that, whether we are Buddhist or not, if we think about the great kindness of all beings it will be evident that all our happiness does indeed depend upon them." In this book, Khensur Rinpoche Geshe Jampa Tegchok explains how we can train our mind away from self-cherishing, the cause of all suffering, and develop compassion, the cause of everything that is good. He bases his explanation on Kadampa

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Geshe Chekawa's classic text, *The Seven Point Mind Training*, which, amongst other things, teaches us how to transform problems into happiness. This book is made possible by kind supporters of the Archive who, like you, appreciate how we make these teachings freely available in so many ways, including in our website for instant reading, listening or downloading, and as printed and electronic books. Our website offers immediate access to thousands of pages of teachings and hundreds of audio recordings by some of the greatest lamas of our time. Our photo gallery and our ever-popular books are also freely accessible there. Please help us increase our efforts to spread the Dharma for the happiness and benefit of all beings. You can find out more about becoming a supporter of the Archive and see all we have to offer by visiting our website. Thank you so much, and please enjoy this book.

From Ram Dass, one of America's most beloved spiritual figures and bestselling author of *Be Here Now* and *Be Love Now*, comes this timeless classic about the experience of being and the risks and rewards of our spiritual path. Originally published in 1976, *Grist for the Mill* offers a deep spiritual journey of self-discovery, and a universal understanding of what it means to "be" and to grow as human beings. The book is fully revised with a new introduction. As Ram Dass puts it, "When the faith is strong enough it is sufficient just to be. It's a journey towards simplicity, towards quietness, towards a kind of joy that is not in time. It's a journey that has taken us from primary identification with our body and our psyche, on to an identification with God, and ultimately beyond identification."

As an adult who leads a busy life, you have to deal with the stresses of home, work, and family. The Buddhist idea of Zen seeks to help you reduce stress so

that you can remain calm when conflicts arise. This book begins with the basics, telling you what Zen is and how you can use it to deal with the situations that come up in your fast-paced life.

A combination of scholarly, commercial, and popular interests has generated a large quantity of literature on every aspect of Chinese life during the past two decades. This bibliography reflects these combined interests; it is broken up into sections by subject headings, and cross-references refer the researcher to related topics.

You're no idiot, of course. Sometimes you just want to relax, clear your head, rest your aching muscles, and rejuvenate your weary soul. You've heard meditation is a great stress reliever, but sometimes it seems so complicated it makes you downright uptight. Relax! Meditation is easy to learn-especially if you rely on *The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Meditation*, second edition, as you follow the path to inner peace. In this *Complete Idiot's Guide®*, you get:

- Zen techniques, including guided imagery and mindfulness, to help you meditate effectively.
- Tips for learning how to use meditation in daily life, including stressful situations, exercise, and fatigue.
- An easy-to-understand explanation of the connections between meditation, sleep, and dreams.
- Expert advice on how and when to meditate and detailed drawings and diagrams for breathing, positions, and more.

- Techniques for meditating to music or modern chants.

"An unforgettable account, crackling with energy and full of heart, of how one man discovers the twin worlds of the martial arts and Buddhist practice. This is the kind of book that can change your life." -- Philip Zaleski, Editor of The Best Spiritual Writing series, author of Gifts of the Spirit and The Recollected Heart The Library of Tibet.

Even busy days are filled with opportunities for affirming, rejuvenating, and calming meditations. The 60 simple ideas in Glow Guide: Meditation show readers how to slow down and relax, right here, right now. Absolute beginners will find that the step-by-step instructions and delightful illustrations in Glow Guide: Meditation make for a friendly and accessible introduction. And for the adept, meditations ranging from traditional to creative provide new inspiration for a daily practice.

Paul Gilbert brings together an international line-up of leading scholars and researchers in the field to provide a state-of-the-art exploration of key areas in compassion research and applications. Compassion can be seen as a core element of prosocial behaviour, and explorations of the concepts and value of compassion have been extended into different aspects of life including physical and psychological therapies, schools, leadership and business. While many

animals share abilities to be distress sensitive and caring of others, it is our newly evolved socially intelligent abilities that make us capable of knowingly and deliberately helping others and purposely developing skills and wisdom to do so. This book generates many research questions whilst exploring the similarity and differences of human compassion to non-human caring and looks at how compassion changes the brain and body, affects genetic expression, manifests at a young age and is then cultivated (or not) by the social environment.

Compassion: Concepts, Research and Applications will be essential reading for professionals, researchers and scholars interested in compassion and its applications in psychology and psychotherapy.

Capt Suryanarayanan Pullat is a merchant mariner hailing from Kerala India having circumnavigated the globe during his very first voyage in '71. He swallowed anchor and settled in Chennai in '90 and is a Consultant, Broker and Arbitrator. In his debut novel DESTINED ENCOUNTERS, he traces spiritual voyage of five characters Baig, Crised, Dastur, Ingrid and Risto who pass through the University of Realisation and their lives thereafter. Their trysts with destiny and each other at turning points in their lives and at particular cities in the world, offer ideas and answers for new generation to manoeuvre in troubled world held hostage by society, religion and politics.

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The Core Teachings of the Dalai Lama series begins with this small book of teachings by His Holiness—the perfect introduction to traditional Tibetan Buddhist thought and practice. There is no one more suited to introduce beginners—and remind seasoned practitioners—of the fundamentals of Tibetan Buddhism than His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Speaking to an audience of Western students, the Dalai Lama shows us how to apply basic Buddhist principles to our day-to-day lives. Starting with the very foundation of Buddhism, the Four Noble Truths, he provides the framework for understanding the Buddha's first teachings on suffering, happiness, and peace. He follows with commentary on two of Buddhism's most profound texts: The Eight Verses on Training the Mind and Atisha's Lamp for the Path to Enlightenment, often referring to the former as one of his main sources of inspiration for the practice of compassion. With clear, accessible language and the familiar sense of humor that infuses nearly all of his work, the Dalai Lama invites us all to develop innermost awareness, a proper understanding of the nature of reality, and heartfelt compassion for all beings. This book was previously published under the title *Lighting the Way*.

Awakening the Mind, Lightening the Heart is His Holiness the Dalai Lama's gentle and profoundly eloquent instruction for developing the basis of the spiritual path: a compassionate motive. With extraordinary grace and insight, His Holiness shows how the Tibetan Buddhist teachings on compassion can be practiced in our daily lives through simple meditations that directly relate to past and present relationships. This illuminating and highly accessible guide offers techniques for deepening and heightening compassion in our lives and the world around us.

The mind training teachings are a great vehicle instruction, because they are most concerned

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with developing the awakening mind, the altruistic mind of enlightenment. They are directed primarily towards the practitioner of great capacity, and deal essentially with transforming our mental attitudes. One special feature of the mind training teachings is the advice to transform adversity into advantage. So, not only do these instructions help us open out towards other beings, but they also help us transform whatever difficulties come our way into something valuable. The Mind Training Like the Rays of the Sun exemplifies Tsong-khapa's presentation of mind training. The author, Nam-kha Pel, as he mentions in his introduction, received the lineage of the explanation of the Seven Point Mind Training, which is the fundamental text here, from various sources including Je Rinpoche, his principal teacher. What is distinctive about this presentation is that he has managed to combine both the mind training instructions as they are recorded in Geshey Che-ka-wa's text with the pattern of the Stages of the Path. "We can achieve enlightenment only through the practice of meditation; without it there is no way we can transform our minds." - His Holiness the Dalai Lama With extraordinary grace and insight, the Dalai Lama shows how Tibetan Buddhist teaching on compassion can be practiced in our daily lives, through simple meditations that relate directly to past and present relationships. While many world religions have mind-transforming or purifying techniques, Buddhists have placed particular emphasis on these practices for more than 2,000 years. Basing his discussion on a fifteenth-century Buddhist text, the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people gives clear, highly accessible explanations of these methods and how they can be incorporated into the busy rhythms of modern life. The Dalai Lama won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989 and is the author of two memoirs and several books on Buddhism. Awakening the Mind, Lightening the Heart is the second volume in the Library of Tibet series, which was

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founded in order to preserve and disseminate the cultural heritage of Tibet. The volumes of the Library will cover Tibetan history and culture, from meditations practices to social history. Volume Editor Donald S. Lopez is Professor of Buddhist and Tibetan Studies at the University of Michigan. John F. Avedon, General Series Editor of the Library, is the author of *In Exile from the land of Snows*, the definitive history of modern Tibet.

The essence of Buddha's 84,000 teachings is bodhicitta: the awakening mind that aspires towards enlightenment so as to have the perfect ability to free all beings from suffering and lead them to peerless happiness. On his two visits to Singapore in 1997, Venerable Lama Ribur Rinpoche taught extensively on how to generate that precious bodhimind. Using scriptural understanding and his personal experience, Rinpoche also gave insightful teachings on lo-jong (thought transformation), the practice of which enables one to transform the inevitable problems of life into the causes for enlightenment. This ebook was designed & published by Lama Yeshe Wisdom Archive for Amitabha Buddhist Centre (ABC). We are non-profit Buddhist organizations affiliated with the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition (FPMT).

Compiled in the fifteenth century, *Mind Training: The Great Collection* is the earliest anthology of a special genre of Tibetan literature known as "mind training," or lojong in Tibetan. The principal focus of these texts is the systematic cultivation of such altruistic thoughts and emotions as compassion, love, forbearance, and perseverance. The mind-training teachings are highly revered by the Tibetan people for their pragmatism and down-to-earth advice on coping with the various challenges and hardships that unavoidably characterize everyday human existence. The volume contains forty-four individual texts, including the most important

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works of the mind training cycle, such as Serlingpa's well-known Leveling Out All Preconceptions, Atisha's Bodhisattva's Jewel Garland, Langri Thangpa's Eight Verses on Training the Mind, and Chekawa's Seven-Point Mind Training together with the earliest commentaries on these seminal texts. An accurate and lyrical translation of these texts, many of which are in metered verse, marks an important contribution to the world's literary heritage, enriching its spiritual resources.

How and when did the many schools of Buddhism emerge? How does the historical figure of Siddhartha Guatama relate to the many teachings that are presented in his name? Did Buddhism modify the cultures to which it was introduced, or did they modify Buddhism? Leading Buddhist scholar Donald S. Lopez Jr. explores the origins of this 2,500-year-old religion and traces its major developments up to the present, focusing not only on the essential elements common to all schools of Buddhism but also revealing the differences among the major traditions. Beginning with the creation and structure of the Buddhist universe, Lopez explores the life of the Buddha, the core Buddhist tenets, and the development of the monastic life and lay practices. Combining brilliant scholarship with fascinating stories -- contemporary and historical, sometimes miraculous, sometimes humorous -- this rich and absorbing volume presents a fresh and expert history of Buddhism and Buddhist life.

This comprehensive research bibliography compiles, annotates, indexes and cross-references resources in the principal Western languages which focus on China, Japan, and Korea in the areas of philosophy and religious studies, supporting resources in theology, history, culture, and related social sciences. A notable additional feature is the inclusion of extensive Internet-based resources, such as a wide variety of web-sites, discussion lists, electronic texts, virtual

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Je Tsong Khapa (1357-1419) is revered as one of the most significant Tibetan Buddhist teacher whose eclectic and analytic studies and meditations in all the major schools of Tibetan Buddhism resulted in the founding of the Gelugpa system of the Tibetan Buddhist heritage. The Life and Teachings of Tsong Khapa brings together for the first time a number of extremely important and useful works by and on Tsong Khapa touching transcendental aspects of Sutra, Tantra and Insight Meditation, including mystic conversations with great Bodhisattvas and deeply spiritual songs in praises of Manjushri and Maitreya etc. The anthology concludes with a number of intensely moving songs in praise of Tsong Khapa and his immeasurable contribution to Tibetan Buddhism by such realised and remarkable Tibetan Buddhist personalities like the Seventh Dalai Lama, Eighth Karmapa, Dulnagpa Palden and Khaydrub Je etc. Ably translated by a number of Western Buddhist translators in association with Tibetan Buddhist scholars, The Life and Teachings of Tsong Khapa edited by Professor Robert Thurman, fulfils a long standing need of the contemporary Dharma community of both the East and the West.

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This is a narrative recounting a spiritual voyage taking the author around the world in a quest for the divine. A trail of chance, synchronicity, divine providence and the occasional railway and airline schedule, leads Brown from the extraordinary figure of the 19th-century occult adventuress Madame Blavatsky, via the philosopher Krishnamurti, to the genial Scottish clairvoyant who claims that the Christ of the age is alive and well and living in London. In India, he encounters the miracle-working Sai Baba, and discusses reincarnation with the world's

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most revered spiritual figure, the Dalai Lama. In Germany, he joins the pilgrims who kneel at the feet of the young Indian Woman, Mother Meera, believing she is divine. In a tiny backwoods church in Tennessee, he examines the "Crosses of Light" which are held as evidence of Christ's imminent return to Earth.; Mick Brown is the author of "Richard Branson, The Inside Story" and "American Heartbeat: Travels from Woodstock to San Jose by Song Title".

To introduce this great published work on the Eastern, yoga-inspired method of attaining enlightenment, Evans-Wentz presents 100 pages of explanatory notes. Psychoanalyst C.G. Jung offers commentary on the differences between Eastern and Western thought, and Donald S. Lopez, Jr., writes the Foreword. 9 halftones.

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Using refreshingly unconventional prose, rising theologian Wendy Farley has written a theological account of the human condition that delves into the deepest dimensions of the soul. Considering human life from the perspective of the wounding and healing of desire, with desire being that within us which longs for connection, home, and beauty, Farley presents a passionate, moving account of the human condition that draws strongly upon the Christian meditative and mystical spiritual traditions. In doing so, Farley shifts the traditional images of sin and redemption into images of healing and power. The result is a theological memoir that reaches into the human depths and draws forth a response of the soul--in courage, compassion, and delight.

"Aminah Raheem's new *Soul Lightning* reveals the sparks of hope and consciousness hidden in the background of everyday reality and amazing occurrences. Seeking to emphasize that special sense of transcendence and love that is gifted to all of us, she provides new ways of understanding, knowing, and following spiritual experience to enlighten our paths through the cosmos."-Arnold Mindel, Ph.D., originator of Process Work People the world over are awakening to soul consciousness-and that is what this book is about. Soul lightning is the term the author uses to describe this awakening. Through individual stories and anecdotes, we are taken inside the images and feelings of soul lightnings to confirm our own awakenings.

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Aminah's personal soul journey, and the life work that has evolved from it, bridges the gap between psychology and spirituality. In this book you will find models for your own life, lighting the way for a new way of being, woven from the stuff of your soul. This is essential information for anyone seeking inner wisdom and peace. Soul Lightning corroborates the evolution of spiritual consciousness that is gathering critical mass to transform our planet. Amid the great challenges of our world, this is welcome news and a reminder of the importance of our individual awakening. As one reader expressed it, "This book is a healing and a blessing for everyone."

Bringing Home the Mountain: Finding the Teacher Within unveils an intimate account of a path to awakening. The author tells of her retreat experiences as well as pilgrimages to the Sacred Mountain Arunachala in India, revealing both the struggles and rewards faced on the search for enlightenment. Heart opening insights, teachings, and specific meditation practices are weaved into the book to help the reader develop or deepen their own spiritual practice.

His Holiness the Dalai Lama is an extraordinary example of a life dedicated to peace, communication, and unity. What he represents, and what he has accomplished, heals and transcends the current tensions between Tibet and China. Why the Dalai Lama Matters explores just why he has earned the world's love and respect, and how restoring Tibet's autonomy within China is not only possible, but highly reasonable, and absolutely necessary for all of us together to have a peaceful future as a global community. In the few decades since the illegal Chinese invasion of Tibet, Tibetans have seen their ecosystem destroyed, their religion, language, and culture repressed,

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and systematic oppression and violence against anyone who dares acknowledge Tibetan sovereignty. Yet, above it all, the Dalai Lama has been a consistent voice for peace, sharing a "Middle-Way" approach that has gathered accolades from the Nobel Peace Prize to the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal. Modeling this peaceful resistance shows the world that nobody is free unless everybody is free -- and that a solution exists that can benefit all parties, not just one. And more than just his nation have taken notice. His inter-religious dialogues, honest, humble demeanor, and sense of compassionate justice sets him apart in a world at war with itself. When China changes policy and lets Tibetans be who they are, Tibet can, in turn, join with China in peaceful coexistence. Why the Dalai Lama Matters is not merely a book about Tibet or the Dalai Lama. It is a revealing, provocative solution for a world in conflict, dealing with the very fundamentals of human rights and freedoms. By showing the work that the Dalai Lama has done on behalf of his people, Thurman illuminates a worldwide call to action, showing that power gained by might means nothing in the face of a determined act of truth.

"A collection of the Dalai Lama's thoughts on the mystical life"--

An invaluable collection that brings together the best of the Dalai Lama's writings on all aspects of life. An inspiration to millions of people worldwide, the Dalai Lama has authored more than fifty books. Now, for the first time, The Essential Dalai Lama brings together the best of the Dalai Lama's writings on all aspects of life, from work to

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meditation. Divided into four sections-The Vision, Buddhist Perspectives, Practice, A World in Harmony-The Essential Dalai Lama contains eloquent applications of the principles of ancient Buddhist thought to contemporary issues, all expressed in the Dalai Lama's uniquely compelling voice. This is the perfect compilation for anyone who wishes to have one source for the Dalai Lama's teachings or who seeks an introduction to the philosophy and practice of Buddhism.

The wise soul Wayne Dyer said, 'Don't die with your music still in you.' For Bina Patel, the many tunes of her life, always changing as she grew, created narratives that shaped her worldview and brought her into relationship with her Cultural Parent, a term coined by the psychotherapist Pearl Drego (1983). This parent shapes us as potently as our biological parents, and lies at the core of our behaviours and social conscience. Coming from an Indian (South Asian) background, the author found herself unconsciously locked into an ancestral framework of duty, obligation and sacrifice promoting suffocating tribalism ('we') rather than individual expression ('I'). Inauthentic living led to food addiction, dysfunctional relationships and chronic stress until she stumbled upon the healing power of talk therapy, reflective practice and the written word. Amazingly, profound psychic shifts occurred as the 'verbal detox' from her inner world progressed. Bina had stuffed her feelings into layers of fat for years. Somewhere in this reflective process, her emotional body resurrected and demanded compassion, love and forgiveness, rather than self-criticism, shame, guilt, samosas and

chocolate. Surprisingly, the fat started dissolving away and fabulous insights paved the journey from Fat to Fab. Good Little Indian Girls and Stuff is author Bina Patel's honest, moving and inspiring memoir offering a new framework for twenty-first century living. Patriarchal domination and distorted feminism are rejected whilst compassion, connection and co-creation are embraced. Beyond the toxicity of power struggles, limiting beliefs and labels, the potential for immense societal cohesion and well-being exist. The author explores how the 'I' can harmoniously dance with 'We' to create a better world for all. How can we be healthy Homo sapiens rather than depleted Homo burnouts?

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