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MARGARET (MEG) WHEATLEY, Ed.D.

Margaret Wheatley writes, teaches and speaks about how we can organize and accomplish our work in chaotic times, sustain our relationships, and willingly step forward to serve. Since 1973, Meg has taught, consulted, and advised an unusually broad variety of organizations: Her clients and audiences range from the head of the U.S. Army to twelve-year-old Girl Scouts, from CEOs and government ministers to small town ministers, from large universities to rural aboriginal villages. All of these organizations and people wrestle with a very difficult dilemma—how to maintain their integrity, motivation and effectiveness as they cope with the relentless upheavals and rapid shifts of this troubling time.

Because Meg has worked for more than 40 years with leaders on all continents and with most types of organizations and communities, she feels compelled to challenge leaders at this historic juncture with these questions: Who do we choose to be for this time? Do we contribute to the deterioration of human capacity by our silence and compliance, or do we act bravely and use our power and influence to champion the human spirit? Can we use the resources we have available to create islands of sanity wherever possible?

Since 1992, she has published eight award-winning books, all published by Berrett-Koehler Publishers. She began with the path-breaking ***Leadership and the New Science*** (1992, '99, '06 in 18 languages). In 2012, she published ***So Far From Home: Lost and Found in Our Brave New World***, describing how we ended up in a world no one wants, a harsh, destructive world that's emerged in spite of our best efforts to change it. Facing our current reality without the blinders of denial, she invites us to take on the role of warriors for the human spirit and create islands of sanity wherever we can. In 2014, she published ***How Does Raven Know?*** a personal meditative memoir describing her experiences of working with sacred world.

Her five other books are:

- *Walk Out Walk On: A Learning Journey Into Communities Daring to Live the Future Now*, co-authored with Deborah Frieze. (2011)
- *Perseverance* (2010)
- *Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future* (2002, 2009)
- *Finding Our Way: Leadership for an Uncertain Time*. (2005)
- *A Simpler Way* (co-author Myron Kellner-Rogers) (1996)

Meg earned her doctorate in Organizational Behavior from Harvard University, and a masters in Media Ecology from New York University. She studied at University College London, U.K. and received a B.A. in History and Literature from the University of Rochester, N.Y. She has been a global citizen since her youth, serving in the Peace Corps in Korea in the 1960s. She began her career as a public school teacher, and also has been a professor in two graduate management programs (Brigham Young University and Cambridge College Massachusetts).

She is co-founder and President emerita of The Berkana Institute, founded in 1991. Berkana has been a leader in experimenting with new organizational forms based on a coherent theory of how living systems adapt and change. Berkana has worked in partnership with a rich diversity of people around the world who strengthen their communities by working with the wisdom and wealth already present in their people, traditions and environment. These pioneers do not deny or flee from our global crisis; they respond by moving courageously into the future now, experimenting with many different solutions. Berkana's most recent work is "Gathering Friends"--supporting the creation of friendship groups so that we create the conditions to sustain ourselves as warriors for the human spirit. www.berkana.org

Meg has received several awards and honorary doctorates. Her most recent award in 2014 is the *Leadership Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement* of the International Leadership Association, where she was inducted into the Leadership Hall of Fame. (www.ila-net.org/Awards/LLA/index.htm) In 2002, The American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) honored her for her contribution "to workplace learning and development" and dubbed her "a living legend." In April 2005, she was elected to the Leonardo Da Vinci Society for the Study of Thinking for her contribution to the field of systems thinking. In 2010, she was appointed by the White House and the Secretary of the Interior to serve on the National Advisory Board of the National Parks System; her primary responsibility is to support the growth of a 21st century culture of adaptation and innovation throughout 401 national parks.

She returns from her frequent global travels to her home in the mountains of Utah and the true peace of wilderness. She has raised a large family now dispersed throughout the U.S. and is a very happy mother and grandmother.

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