



Beyond Forgiveness

Endorsements

“If we harbor thoughts of violence or hatred, or seek revenge or retribution, we are contributing to the wounding of the world; if we transform those thoughts into forgiveness and compassion, and then move beyond them to actually make amends or restitution, we are contributing to the healing of the world. This timely, powerful and compassionate book helps show us the way.”

— **Deepak Chopra**

“Beyond Forgiveness is in a league of its own—potent and capable of moving hearts, minds, and even the legal system itself. This critically important book blazes new trails beyond social justice to atonement (at-one-ment), which is the taproot of reconciliation and true peace. Beyond Forgiveness takes a bold, life-affirming stand by featuring fifteen legendary stand-takers including Jacob Needleman, Arun Gandhi, Azim Khamisa, and Diane Hennacy-Powell. Together these exemplary visionaries led by focusing on atonement, making amends and restitution, rather than punishment.”

—**Lynne Twist, author of The Soul of Money and President, Soul of Money Institute**

“When forgiveness and atonement meet an ultimate wound is healed in the field of restored relationship. Beyond Forgiveness is a profound text, appearing in a time of increasing alienation, violence and injury, to guide us out of the rage and wars that follow endlessly until we open our hearts to the other.”

— **Deena Metzger, author of Ruin and Beauty, senior advisor to everyday gandhis**

“Nothing will help us survive the present age more than breaking the tragic cycles of violence and revenge that threaten our very existence...(this) book is a profoundly important contribution to the healing of the world, and I give it my blessing.”

— **Robert A. Johnson, author of Transformation, Inner Work and Owing Your Own Shadow**



“You cannot read this book without taking up a spiritual challenge; the challenge is to see even the most painful of the wrongs that are done to us in a larger, more transparent, and perennial context. *Beyond Forgiveness* is full of stories of spiritual courage and a transcendence that passes all cultural and religious boundaries, to show us the universality of what is truly spiritual about humanity.”

— **Stephen Larsen, Ph.D., author of *The Fundamentalist Mind: How Polarized Thinking Imperils Us All*. He is also a practicing psychotherapist who works with victims of war and trauma.**

“*Beyond Forgiveness: Reflections on Atonement* is an inspiring, practical and compelling book, relevant for our times.

— **Angeles Arrien, Ph.D., cultural anthropologist and author of *The Second Half of Life: Opening the Eight Gates to Wisdom***

“Let this book open your heart, that best of all changings. ...”

— **Coleman Barks, author of *Rumi-The Big Red Book: The Great Masterpiece Celebrating Mystical Love and Friendship***

“Atonement springs not from the ego, but from the Self—the Self we have in common, all of us, the one Self that expresses itself in countless egos.. There lies the power of this book. It invites us to plug into our shared power for at-one-ment and put this power into action.”

— **Brother David Steindl-Rast, author of *The Heart of Prayer: An Approach to Life in Fullness***