



## **Sacred America, Sacred World** *Fulfilling Our Mission in Service to All*

**By Stephen Dinan**

Foreword by Marianne Williamson

“*Sacred America, Sacred World* points the way to the future of America's political evolution... Heartfelt and personal, yet also well informed by leading-edge political thinking, I highly recommend this thoughtful and thoroughly readable book.”

—**Steve McIntosh**, author of *Evolution's Purpose* and co-founder of the [Institute for Cultural Evolution](#)

### **Join the American Evolution**

*Sacred America, Sacred World* is a manifesto for a “transpartisan” America

As the 2016 election approaches, our country is spiraling into a dysfunction that threatens us all, including our allies around the world. The two-party system, sprung from the aims of democracy, has become violently divisive, nearly to the point where there are two Americas, each at the other's throat. America is being pulled apart, and every citizen feels the pain from this profoundly. When did political discourse become a boxing match? How did America, founded on the highest of principles of justice and freedom, get so far off course? And, most importantly, is it too late to repair the damage and get back on track?

According to leaders of the fast-growing *transpartisan* movement, it's not too late to jump-start our country's forward progress. Americans can transcend these damaging polarities—but only if we can hold to a vision that honors the ideals of both the left and the right, leaves behind their excesses, and embraces our country's evolution, both politically and spiritually.

One of this movement's most articulate champions is Stephen Dinan, a successful businessman and social innovator whose new book *Sacred America, Sacred World: Fulfilling Our Mission in Service to All* (Hampton Roads Publishing, July 2016) is considered “a compelling blueprint. ... A visionary work of the highest order,” by James O'Dea, former Director of Amnesty International.

### **Embracing a Sacred Vision of National Unity**

Dinan's timely analysis of our predicament shows how each hardened position along America's political spectrum—be they Libertarian, Republican, moderate, Democratic, or socialist left—represents a selection from a larger set of sacred American principles. In other words, the agenda of each party is *true but partial*. Putting it all together requires a *sacred vision*, which Dinan offers along with numerous practical ideas and innovative strategies. This new America will value *all* political perspectives, seeing each as a valuable yet incomplete contribution toward the emerging whole.

Dinan's solution calls for each side to *grow up and evolve*, rather than vilify each other and fight. Drawing on the findings of developmental psychology, Dinan shows how America can leave

behind our adolescent need for winner-take-all politics, and adopt a constructive, patient, and *mature adult* approach to politics. This also requires that we confront and heal our buried traumas such as centuries of slavery as well as our genocide against Native Americans.



□ **Stephen Dinan on how to evolve the political process:**

“Our task is not just about getting the ‘right’ party elected or even finding the ‘right’ leader but about evolving our political process itself so that it generates greater wisdom and reflects the best in us... As we learn to appreciate alternative positions, we can help grow a healthier political culture where opponents become allies and adversaries become friends.”

### **Fulfilling Our Higher Mission to Nation and World**

Our plunge into political gridlock began with the “culture war” that arose from the conservative reaction to the excesses of the 1960s. By the 1980’s, Democratic and Republican agendas had crystallized around sharply opposing values. By 2016 the warring parties have turned even more extreme polarizing behavior, such as Tea Party libertarianism, Bernie Sander’s democratic socialism, and the offensive posturing of a Donald Trump. How do we cope with this excess of partisan behavior?

*Sacred America, Sacred World* explores four ways America can transcend these divisions to fulfill its higher mission:

- Part I: Developing a Sacred Worldview**
- Part II: Evolving Our Political Leadership**
- Part III: Creating Innovative Solutions**
- Part IV: Building an Evolutionary Movement**

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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