

**A REVOLUTION OF HOPE**  
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Does our individual practice of meditation or prayer have repercussions upon social life? Do our spiritual experiences affect our immediate circles and beyond? Can we really find a link between the personal sphere of action and the social arena? Aren't these two areas – the personal/spiritual and the social/political — traditionally separated from each other, somehow like faith and science, in a way that justifies perceiving the spiritual person as someone who is remote from daily cares, or at least socially uninvolved?

In calling this book *A Revolution of Hope*, I challenge these assumptions. In so doing, I join a growing group of leaders, entrepreneurs, social activists and visionaries who inform their daily choices from a wellspring of spiritual commitment to their inner self. For them, spirit is the indispensable springboard of their work and their lives, not a separate realm of existence.

Spirit, actively engaged with, isn't just what shapes our values and motivates us to make the right decisions in our lives. The revelation of the spirit is also the answer itself to what culture and social renewal are asking of our time. It isn't a fortuitous coincidence that the deep ecological, social and moral crises we witness today occur at the height of a materialistic worldview that pursues materialistic gain alone and that reframes all culture on the lowest common denominator of the bottom line. Materialism fails to understand culture and reduces us, first, to exclusively political creatures, and finally to consumers who should receive the blessings of, and live contentedly under, the promises of the free market.

*A Revolution of Hope* explores in a phenomenological way the growing host of spiritual experiences accessible to humanity at present, gradually building from these the picture of the “spiritual atmosphere” of our time with the growing opportunities for a truly global consciousness.

At the same time as spiritual experiences are becoming more widespread we also witness a groundswell of movements of cultural renewal that have in common a desire to promote human development in a non dogmatic, non-analytical fashion. Some of these are Twelve Steps, Nonviolent Communication, Hospice, Family Constellations (Hellinger); countless others proliferate at present. To these already existing and growing

sets of 'tools' as a whole we have given the name of "experiential spirituality"(See also Experiential spirituality document)

Next to the renewal of culture at the individual and/or group level the book briefly explores the societal counterpart. This corresponds to the emergence of Civil Society as a third sector, independent from the political (nation state) and the economy (business sector: Trans National Corporations). This is the new vision of social change – moving beyond political change – that can be called tri-sector partnership or threefolding (See Civil Society document).