



So Far From Home: Lost and Found in Our Brave New World by
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“... we can transform our grief, outrage, and frustration into the skills of insight and compassion, to serve this dark time with bravery, decency, and gentleness.”

– Margaret J. Wheatley, *So Far From Home: Lost and Found in Our Brave New World*

So Far from Home is a startlingly honest, profoundly reflective, and yet paradoxically down-to-earth book rooted in the day-to-day experiences we all share but seen with fresh eyes. It is both affirming and provoking, calling us to reexamine our expectations and redefine our role for the work ahead.

We live in a time of increasing polarization and irrationality, like a Tower of Babel with no distinction between fact and opinion, where information no longer changes minds. In cyberspace, we are bombarded with constant distractions and narcissistic self-making activities. Instant judgment and blame have replaced rational thinking. Those working for positive change have become exhausted, ill, and heartsick as their good work is ignored, underfunded, or attacked.

Wheatley explores this brave new world using several perspectives, including her experiences in many countries with organizations of all varieties, and the newest of the new sciences, epigenetics and neuroscience. Her penetrating analysis of this darkening world concludes with an inspiring invitation that we take on a new role for ourselves, as warriors for the human spirit.

This book ultimately explains how we can do our good work with dedication, energy, discipline and joy by consciously choosing a new role for ourselves--**warriors for the human spirit**. The term "warrior" is from the Tibetan tradition of "one who is brave," brave enough to never use aggression, whose only "weapons" are compassion and insight.) As warriors for the human spirit, we discover our right work – work that is ours to do no matter what. We engage wholeheartedly, embody values we cherish, let go of outcomes, and be vigilant with our relationships. We serve those issues and people we care about, focused not so much on making a difference, as on being the difference.

Margaret Wheatley is a well-respected writer, teacher, and speaker on how we can sustain our relationships, stamina, and integrity through this time of chaos. She works globally and is the author of six books.