MARGARET J. WHEATLEY

Now in my 80s, I reflect on what a rich and blessed life I've had. I've been able to give my curiosity free rein and to be with extraordinary teachers and companions. I've been able to explore a wide range of disciplines, lived in several different cultures, and raised a large family. I've learned from an incredible diversity of people, from Indigenous peoples to the Dalai Lama, from small town ministers to senior government ministers, from leading scientists to National Park rangers, from engaged activists to solitary monastics. This access to so many sources of experience and wisdom, held in the container of friendship, continues to deepen my resolve to bring whatever I'm learning into my books and teachings.

I had an excellent liberal arts education at the University of Rochester and University College London. I served in the Peace Corps in Korea, 1966-1968, learning to thrive in a post-war, traditional culture where everything was different, teaching junior and senior high school English (minimum class size was 65). My M.A. is from New York University in Media Ecology with Neil Postman. My doctorate is from Harvard's program in Administration, Planning, and Social Policy, focused on organizational behavior and change.

I have been a consultant and speaker since 1973, working with all types of organizations and peoples, on all continents (except Antarctica). Working in so many different places, it's been easy to recognize patterns of behavior common across cultural and institutional differences, and to also note behaviors and worldviews specific to different cultures. And it has kept me alert to changing trends in leadership.

I was full-time faculty in two graduate management programs, Cambridge College, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and The Marriott School of Management, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. I've been a formal advisor for leadership programs in England, Croatia, Denmark, Australia and the United States and, in Berkana, with leadership initiatives in India, Senegal, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Mexico, Brazil, Greece, Canada, and Europe.

I was a formal advisor to the Army Chief of Staff, General Gordon Sullivan for three years, and the Director of the National Park System, Jonathon Jarvis, for ten years. These two men were among the top three great leaders I've advised; the other great leaders have been Catholic women religious (nuns).

I am co-founder and president of The Berkana Institute, a global nonprofit founded in 1991. I am very proud of our decades of experimentation and support of life-affirming leaders everywhere. Explore our rich and varied history at www.berkana.org

My most creative work is *The Warrior's Songline, A Journey Guided by Voice and Sound* (2020), a collaboration with musician Jerry Granelli. Jerry and I designed and offered Warriors for the Human Spirit training from 2015 until his death in 2021. We combined our talents in this legacy work, a new form that melds voice and sound to create an evocative and transcendent experience, introducing listeners to the Warrior's Path.
https://margaretwheatley.com/the-warriors-songline/

I've written thirteen books and dozens of articles (available on my website). My writings have been an invitation to explore new ways of seeing and leading based on wisdom drawn from new science, history, archeology, cosmology and many spiritual traditions. I've sought to apply this rich and crucial wisdom to the challenges of leadership and how people can live well together as a community, no matter what's happening in their external circumstances.

I've received several awards and honorary doctorates. In 2003, The American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) honored me for my contribution "to workplace learning and development" and dubbed me "a living legend." In April 2005, I was elected to the Leonardo Da Vinci Society for the Study of Thinking for my contribution to the development of the field of systems thinking. I was inducted into the International Leadership Association's Hall of Fame in 2014.

I was raised in New York and then lived in the Boston area for fifteen years. Since 1989, I've lived happily in Utah. I have two adult sons and five stepchildren, all seven from the same father. I have three dozen grandchildren and great-grandchildren, most of whom live in Utah. I am held by the guardian mountains of Utah and frequently seek renewal in red rock canyons just a few hours away. My peaceful mountain home supports me to do my work and to take

frequent brief spiritual retreats. My spiritual teachers' guidance keeps deepening my spiritual practice, and I delight in the close proximity of my beloved family.

To keep current with my work, visit https://margaretwheatley.com/library

Books by Margaret Wheatley

Opening to the World as It Is: Poems of Experience (2024)
Restoring Sanity: Practices to Awaken Generosity, Creativity & Kindness in Ourselves and Our Organizations (2024)
Who Do We Choose To Be? Facing Reality | *Claiming Leadership* | *Restoring Sanity* (2nd Edition, 2023)
The Warrior's Songline: A Journey Guided by Voice and Sound (2020) co-authored with Jerry Granelli
Who Do We Choose To Be? Facing Reality | *Claiming Leadership* | *Restoring Sanity* (1st Edition, 2017)
How Does Raven Know? Entering Sacred World | *A Meditative Memoir* (2014)
So Far From Home: Lost and Found in Our Brave New World (2012)
Walk Out Walk On: A Learning Journey into Communities Daring to Live the Future Now (2011) co-authored with Deborah Frieze
Perseverance (2010)
Turning to One Another: Simple Conversations to Restore Hope to the Future A Simpler Way (2009)
Finding Our Way: Leadership for an Uncertain Time (2005)
A Simpler Way (1996) co-authored with Myron Kellner-Rogers
Leadership and the New Science (1992)