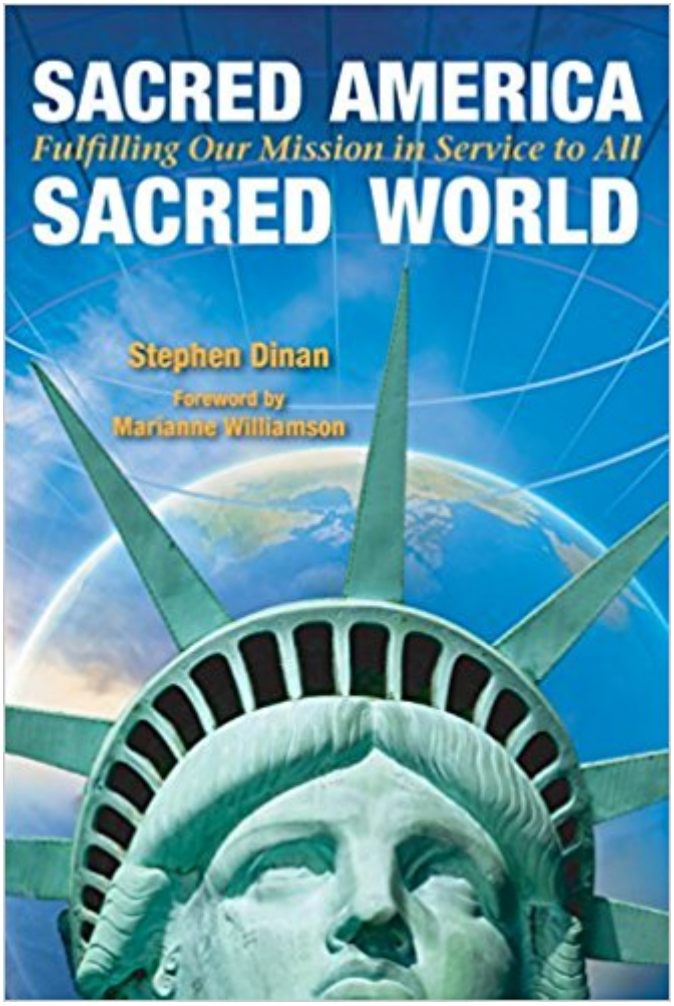
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Synopsis

Infused with visionary power, Sacred America, Sacred World is a manifesto for our countryÃ¢â ¬â„¢s evolution that is both political and deeply spiritual. It offers profound hope that America can grow beyond our current challenges and manifest our noblest destiny, which the book shows is rooted in sacred principles that transcend left or right political views.Filled with practical ideas and innovative strategies honed from the authorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s work with over 1000 luminaries via his company, The Shift Network, Sacred America, Sacred World rings with a can-do entrepreneurial spirit and explains how America can lead the world toward peace, sustainability, health, and prosperity. This vision of the future weaves the best of todayÃ¢â ¬â„¢s emergent spirituality with seasoned political wisdom, demonstrating ways America can grow beyond its current stagnation and political gridlock to become a world leader in peace and progress. Published to coincide with the party conventions and presidential debates, this book will promote a return to the sacred principles cherished by America's forefathers in order to create a Ã¢â ¬Å“transpartisan,Ã¢â ¬Â• non-ideological, pragmatic approach to social reform. This uplifting discussion explores evolutions in political leadership, environmental concerns, and economic reformation.It is time to forge a bold new image of AmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s future. Here is a road map for getting there.

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Ã¢â ¬Å“Sacred America, Sacred World provides an unprecedented vision of global possibilities,

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Stephen DinanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s epic tome during a presidential election year full of debased debates is like opening a window to a room thatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s been hermetically sealed for decades. This book is disruptively sacred, delectably stimulating, and deeply spiritual. Read it and reap.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Chip Conley, bestselling author of Peak, entrepreneur who built a $250M business, top-rated TED presenterÃ¢â ¬Å“When divisive and mean-spirited politics occupy so much of our public conversation, itÃ¢â ¬â„¢s easy to become cynical and resigned. But we are capable of something better, we crave something better, and in his sparkling new book Stephen Dinan has given us a vision of how we might actually achieve something far better. He outlines a clear path toward healing the rifts that have torn our society asunder, appreciating our differences, and uniting in common cause to create a world worth passing on to our children.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢John Robbins, author of Diet for a New America and cofounder and president of the Food Revolution NetworkÃ¢â ¬Å“This wise and moving book will help us all in the central task of our time. That of reinventing a way of being and doing that reflects our sacred nature and sacred purpose.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Andrew Harvey, author of over 30 books and founder of Institute for Sacred ActivismÃ¢â ¬Å“A wonderful book for all futurists, evolutionaries, social entrepreneurs, spirit-motivated activists, and pioneering souls everywhere.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â œBarbara Marx Hubbard, President, Foundation for Conscious EvolutionÃ¢â ¬Å“Stephen Dinan has performed a unique feat: he has created a holistic view of the future of the United States without demonizing anyone. This is book is a powerful road map to a better world and a better country. It will be a guidebook for visionaries, activists, and change agents for years to come.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Tim Kelley, global consultant, author of True PurposeÃ¢â ¬Å“Responding to a broken political world of ends-justified tactics and narrow self-interests, Dinan provides a positive, holistic vision for our democracy.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Don Ness, former mayor, Duluth, MinnesotaÃ¢â ¬Å“Stephen Dinan invites us to connect with the sacred mission to reinvent the world that is AmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s deep reason for being. He provides us with many transformative strategies to do that, but underneath each of them is a being infused with hope for the future and an indomitable belief in possibility. Read this book if you wish to be infused with StephenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s two precious gifts for navigating the 21st century on Planet Earth.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢David Gershon, CEO of Empowerment Institute and author of Social Change 2.0: A Blueprint for Reinventing the WorldÃ¢â ¬Å“Sacred America, Sacred World offers an inspiring vision of our spiritual roots and our future potential as a nation, while also addressing shadow elements that need healing. It provides fascinating insights on how to transcend rigid liberal/conservative ideologies, based on the authorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s own experience, and gives many useful ideas for how citizens can get engaged in transforming America.Ã¢â ¬Â•

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exploration of how to truly serve the collective whole in a way that works better for everybody.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Yanik Silver, author of Evolved Enterprise and founder of Maverick1000Ã¢â ¬Å“I loved this book! Stephen Dinan is finally illuminating how politics can elevate America. This book takes us on a journey of hope and change, one not focused just on externals but on how we can unite our country as a whole to bring forth our best from within.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Sister Jenna, radio host and director of Brahma Kumaris, Washington, D.C.Ã¢â ¬Å“Reading Sacred America, Sacred World is like plugging into an evolutionary dynamo for the betterment of our precious country. It positively crackles with creativity, insight, unflinching analysis, and vision both sublime and practical. This Ã¢â ¬ËœCommon SenseÃ¢â ¬â„¢ from a fiercely patriotic, 21st-century Tom Paine is a must read for forward-thinking Americans of all parties and persuasions.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Saniel Bonder, founder of Waking Down in MutualityÃ¢â Â¢ and author of Healing the Spirit/Matter SplitÃ¢â ¬Å“Read Sacred America, Sacred World. Like breaking in new shoes, DinanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s prescription may be uncomfortable at first. But my prayer is that it can empower a seismic shift in perspective from focusing on oneÃ¢â ¬â„¢s own life to centering rightly on the good of our country and our world.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Gayle S. Rose, CEO of EVS CorporationÃ¢â ¬Å“This book is simply beautiful, wise, and brilliantly conceived. It is a work of intellectual prowess, leavened with heart and wisdom that calls us to a new American Dream. It inspires hope for higher possibilities in our nation and the world.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢J. Manuel Herrera, Silicon Valley elected officialÃ¢â ¬Å“We live in a sacred Ã¢â ¬Ëœweb of life,Ã¢â ¬â„¢ with intricate connections that indigenous peoples have honored and respected for millennia. We are interdependent with everyone and everything. Stephen DinanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s call to embrace that interdependence in a new era of democracy is core to healing our country and our world. Thank you, Stephen, for sharing this vision for a sacred world and for this timely message to us all.Ã¢â ¬Â• Ã¢â ¬â ¢Betsy Hall McKinney, founder and CEO of ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Time Network

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This book is so timely as we face one of the most crucial elections of our time.The author not only

describes important history of our country up until the present, but then goes on to lucidly show how we can evolve/create future in a sane, patient and compassionate manner.Have lived much of history & traveled the world and wish his message of evolution of younger generations,with intent and consciousness, will be the change agents that will advocate for US/World peace and prosperity NOT power and greed, as we are now experiencing.All I know, is this too shall pass and hope my wish will come true!l

As a psychotherapist, I tend to be someone who who focuses largely on internal change, DinanÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s book opened up a new and exciting doorway, finally convincing me that our efforts to participate more fully in the world community are in fact sources of the greatest healing; not just for others but for ourselves. This important book presents a vision of sacred citizenship which is electrifying in its possibility and its challenge. It guides the reader step by step through a new understanding of enlightened activism, and the specific steps each of us can take to become what he calls sacred citizens. I also love his concept of the 2% rule; simply committing 2% of our time, efforts, or profits toward world healing and change is enough to create radical shifts both in the world and in our lives. After reading this book, I felt inspired to sit with my husband and to make plans to act on these principles as a family. This is an essential read for everyone who cares about world change and/or personal growth. As Dinan shows so powerfully, the two are actually one and the same.

The author founded the Shift Network to promote a positive and spiritual shift in human consciousness, and for those of us who want to believe that such a shift is possible and is happening, he has been a pioneer. In this book his focus is on the USA and moving beyond political deadlock. In the early and latter chapters there is a lot of repetition of what the Democrats can learn from the Republicans and vice versa. As a Canadian I found the chapters when he explores possible solutions to specific problems of greater relevance. Even there he is appealing to Americans with a call to become the great nation they could be.The world is a big place and the idea that the rest of the world (think China and Russia) would follow an American cultural lead seems doubtful to me, but no doubt Hollywood has been influential in other cultures, just as yoga has been influential in the west, and the need for a shift from materialistic consumerism is almost worldwide.The book is a call to dream great ideas and implement these dreams in a practical way. Readers who can quiet their critical mind and imagine a better world will benefit from reading this book. The writing is clear, and the call is clear.

This book by Stephen Dinan is a breath of fresh air and realistic hope for the future of the United States and the world. It provides historical context and realistic solutions for many of the problems facing our dissonant America. Stephen's visionIs both uplifting and practical. It provides a template for addressing our myriad problems viewed from a conscious, expansive perspective. Thank you, Stephen, for this important contribution~

Stephen Dinan is a friend and colleague, so I'm prejudiced. He is also one of the most intelligent and astute people I know, and also one of the most successful. Stephen's book is like a clear bell ringing throughout the community. He invites us to wake up to a much larger reality - that politics has a real role to play in our complex civilization, and that it CAN play that role if we bring it back to its original intention and its noble purpose: To serve humanity, and to raise us all to the next level of consciousness. He grounds political reality with spiritual truth - that we are evolving in our awareness, and this evolution is not just a self-centered New Age nostrum. It is inherently practical, especially when applied to real-world problems such as poverty, climate, maldistribution of resources, and plain old happiness. Our country was founded on highly spiritual values and principles, and when we invoke those principles, and wake up to those values, we have the opportunity to shift the political conversation away from the Left-Right, Liberal-Conservative polarity and toward a non-polarized, even enlightened view of the role of government. Yes, it is government BY the people, FOR the people, and OF the people. People with a greater destiny than merely consumers, or players in someone else's game. Let's do this.

Sacred America, sacred world, is truly exemplary of a brave new world. The intro alone, with its MicroView of the history of American "operating systems" is very insightful. It illuminates the process of evolution and posits that change is inevitable so why not change for the better? The idea of inclusivity is not new in cultural ideals, but to embrace the possibility of trans partisan politics is bold indeed. It's so easy to take the position of "i'm right". But ultimately we must learn to really listen and understand, to the best of our ability, another's point of view. The ideas put forth in sacred America, sacred world, give us tools to begin this process of opening to a world that works for everyone.

This is a must read for everyone who is disillusioned by the politics in America and across the planet! I got it at a time of being very disheartened and feeling like the American political process may be hopeless with all the crazy controversies surrounding candidates this year. Stephen paints

an amazingly clear and optimistic picture for taking the path of spiritual activism that both includes the positive aspects of all parties, as well as transcends them with timeless principles that can be mobilized into creative action for long-term positive change. If you feel passionate about truly affecting real change in the political landscape you MUST read this book as a guiding manifesto - it could be life changing!

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