

Let the Beauty We Love Be What We Do: Stories of Living Divided No More

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The Writers Circle of Trust



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stories of what it means to decide to "rejoin soul and role" and live "divided no more." All of them found support for that decision in various programs offered by the Center for Courage & Renewal: The Courage to Teach, The Courage to Lead, and Circles of Trust. Their stories offer real-life examples of the Center's mission to create a more just, compassionate and healthy world by nurturing personal and professional integrity and the courage to act on it. Parker J. Palmer

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An extraordinary glimpse inside the human journey to live with integrity, with wholeness. A reminder of the resilience of the human spirit.

still learning, inc.'s retreats offer people the opportunity to live undivided, to reclaim their gifts and to live lives of integrity. Now we have a new book that tells the stories of people who have done just that!

Let the Beauty We Love Be What We Do: Stories of Living Divided No More offers the stories of 21 remarkably diverse individuals who share the desire to live into their birthright wholeness. These individuals made the decision to live divided no more – and that decision brought them to a still learning retreat. These Writers weren't all in the same retreat – or in the same location –or even in the same year.

About the Writers Circle of Trust:

We come into the world whole. We are born fully formed with everything we need – our seeds of true Self, our birthright gifts, our temperament. We come with a sense of connectedness to everything around us.

And then the deformation begins. Our wholeness becomes hidden. We lose sight of our gifts. The seeds of true Self go dormant as they recede from the light and nurture they need to grow.

The individuals who make up our Writers Circle of Trust made the decision to live divided no more – and tell the stories of their journeys with stunning honesty and openness.

In his contribution to the book, Parker J. Palmer writes:

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About the Co-Editors:

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