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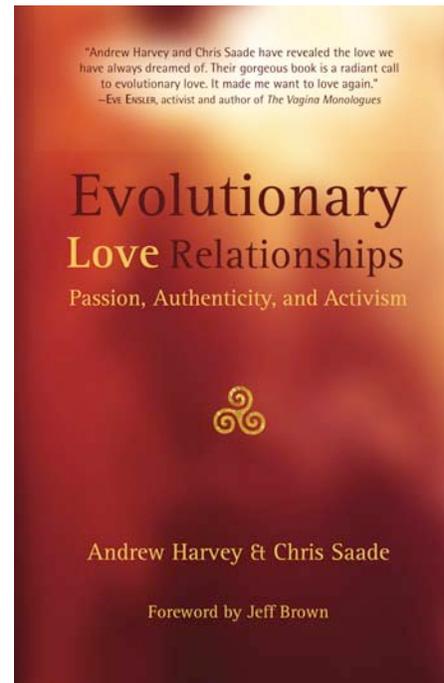
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Evolutionary Love Relationships

Passion, Authenticity, and Activism

By Andrew Harvey & Chris Saade

In this profoundly uplifting book, authors and sacred activists Andrew Harvey and Chris Saade call us to the next paradigm in human relations: love connections that are solidly grounded in individual authenticity, and passionately focused on service and solidarity. Rather than limiting their gaze to each other, partners are invited to take their focus outward, channelling their energies toward those causes that both unite them and transform the world we live in. With love as the fuel for inspired action, the relationship becomes a homage to sacred purpose, finding its deeper meaning in its efforts to positively influence the planet. There are many books that invite us to focus on love relationship- its perils and delights, its shadow and light- as the place where meaningful change happens, and there are others- including some potent ones written by these two authors individually- that invite us to unite our individual spiritual paths (sacred purpose, callings, and the like) with benevolent action, but this is the first book that focuses on the next step: the bringing together of sacred activism and love relationship. *Evolutionary Love Relationships* contains a powerful vision that offers humanity a path to coupledness, not as a privatized escape or preoccupation, but a path to evolve into dedicated activists whose combined purpose is to utilize their resources to help and sustain the planet, and which does not forsake but includes the pleasure of personal fulfilment between the bonded pair. They can enjoy the fullness of divine human love in the depths of their own personal relationship, supporting each other's authenticity, but also enjoy it in the ways that those healing depths make them powerful and strong and lucid and vibrant enough to go out into the world and pour their gifts out for the transformation of the planet. What is really at stake is this: If we continue to have a vision of relationship as purely personal, purely private, and something that we cultivate only for our own pleasure, we will keep feeding the tragic narcissism that is now ravaging the planet on every level. The real thrust and purpose and divine importance of relationship is to give us the fuel to take on the world, to give us the passion to embrace the causes of justice, to give us the energy to keep on pouring ourselves out for the transformation of the planet. With a foreword by *An Uncommon Bond* author Jeff Brown, this inspiring book shows us the way to turn our love relationship into a prayer for world transformation. And not just a passive prayer, but a prayer in action, impassioning the world with a bonfire of sacred and benevolent activism that cannot be stopped. This prayer may well save us.



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About the Authors:

Andrew Harvey is an internationally acclaimed poet, novelist, translator, mystical scholar, & spiritual teacher. He has written & edited more than 30 books including the best-selling title *The Hope*. He has won the Nautilus Prize twice. He was the subject of the 1993 BBC documentary *The Making of a Modern Mystic*. He also appeared in two recent films (*Dancing in the Flames*, & Ethan Hawke's critically acclaimed *Seymour: An Introduction*). He is the founder and director of the Institute of Sacred Activism.

A former therapist, **Chris Saade** trained therapists & coaches in the method of Individual Authenticity and Global Solidarity. Saade offers personal psychological and spiritual coaching, and cutting edge workshops. He has led more than 200 retreats. For over a decade during the Lebanese war, Chris Saade was involved in peace and humanitarian work. The challenges of those difficult years taught him to approach tragedy through heart and service, leading him to develop a great respect for freedom, authenticity, diversity, and a passion for justice, especially for children. In addition to being the co-director of The Olive Branch Center with his wife, Jessie Thompson, Saade is the author of *Second Wave Spirituality: Passion for Peace, Passion for Justice*, and *Prayers for Peace and Justice*. Together with Andrew Harvey he has also co-created one CD set: *Sacred Activism and the Epic Spirituality of Love*.



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Recent Praise:

“In *Evolutionary Love Relationships*, Andrew Harvey and Chris Saade have revealed the love we have always dreamed of. Their gorgeous book is a radiant call to evolutionary love: where sex can be holy, orgasm a conduit to the divine, and intimate love, the expansion of justice, peace, unity on this earth. It made me want to love again.” —**EVE ENSLER**, Activist and Author of *The Vagina Monologues* and *In the Body of the World*

“This is a daring book, a needed one and a timely one. It challenges the idolatry of sentimental and privatized love, yes of narcissistic love, that the modern age has bequeathed to us. It carries us into a new paradigm of relationships that integrates both the beauty and the suffering, the ecstasy and the anguish, of the world. It puts all efforts at human love--from friendship to creativity to forgiveness to love making--into the greater context of a sacred and evolving cosmic history and with it the responsibility of divinizing culture so that healing, celebrating and justice-making are nurtured and sustained. This book enlightens the heart and challenges the comfortable to awaken a single and sacred fire expressed in both the compassion of intimacy and the compassion of service that the world is hungry for.” —**MATTHEW FOX**, Author & Religious Scholar



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“What would the world look like if two people, deeply in love with each other, harnessed the energy of their connection for the benefit of all beings and the Earth Herself? In this exciting new book, sacred activists Andrew Harvey and Chris Saade draw on a lifetime of passionately engaged spiritual practice to lift up a vision of intimate relationship as a holy fire to dissolve and transform the most intractable social and environmental crises.” —**MIRABAI STARR**, Author of *Caravan of No Despair: A Memoir of Loss and Transformation*

“The direct experience of love--honest, ragged, roll up your sleeves and get in the mud kind of love--is needed now more than ever in the world. In this book, Harvey and Saade show readers how to live from this place of authentic and unconditional love in a way that can quite literally change the world. Please, read this book and see for yourself.” —**CHRIS GROSSO**, Author of *Indie Spiritualist* and *Everything Mind*

“A sizzling collaboration unfettered by the canards of self-absorbed, new age spirituality interested only in personal happiness. Andrew and Chris dare to encourage a full engagement in sacred activism, sacred sexuality, a celebration of diversity and many more of the deeper understandings while never failing to “honor the paradox of joy and grief.” Keep this book near at hand if ever your canvas of life starts to pale.” —**CATHERINE INGRAM**, Author of *In the Footsteps of Gandhi*, *Passionate Presence*, and *A Crack in Everything*

“This is a powerful and innovative roadmap that outlines the essential evolution of human relationships. Its practical advice is coupled with revolutionary concepts that wholly redefine and elevate what it means to love in today's modern world. Far beyond what others have even attempted, these words will be referenced for decades to come.” —**SCOTT BLUM**, Co-founder, *DailyOM*

“We're living in a world that is making less and less sense. Our world needs healing. We need tools that can help us mobilize what's best in our souls and work for a world that shines with possibility, compassion and justice. This book is such a tool. Read this, and your heart will be changed. Pray this, and it will enable you to find depth in human relationships that you didn't know was possible. Act on it, and it will help you dedicate your life to working for a world your heart knows is possible. It's time to stop playing small and settling for half-truths. What we need is a spiritual revolution. May these two wise teachers, through what they share in this book, take your hand and guide you into the center of your heart and empower you to live from there. The future of the world depends on it.” —**ADAM BUCKO**, co-author of *Occupy Spirituality: A Radical Vision for a New Generation*

“This book will act as a guiding star to all humanity to deepen and expand our relationships in the light of a great evolutionary vision the world so desperately needs: a vision of loving service to each and all.” We were created as relational beings to relate in love to the entire planet... Love is and must be, love for all.” This book carries a profound, urgent and timely message for the entire world.” —**ANNE BARING**, author of *The Dream of the Cosmos: A Quest for the Soul*

“Here is a vision of partnership, a vision of love itself, that cracks open the cramped confines of



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expectation and disappointment that can plague a relationship, and widens the heart into the companionship of the Divine. *Evolutionary Love Relationships* shows us the greatest gift of coupledom - that by devoting yourselves together in service to what lies beyond your private love, you deepen into the true source of love, and into the true passion of your life. This beautiful book will help move the whole world forward.” —**PHILIP SHEPHERD**, author of *New Self New World*

“Nearly twenty years ago my beloved husband, Brian Hilliard, taught me: In basic arithmetic, one plus one equals two but in Soulmate Math, one plus one equals eleven and your love blesses and heals the world. If you are ready to blow your heart open, embrace and exude your passion, and elevate your love to serve the world, then I highly suggest you use this book as your guide. Now, more than ever, the world needs your love.” —**ARIELLE FORD**, author of *Turn your Mate into your Soulmate*

“Fun, fresh and alive. This book transmits a radiant vision for a kind of relationship that is just beginning to emerge, but which is already an urgent necessity--and it does so with clear eyes. The authors speak penetratingly and compassionately to anyone yearning for a truly evolutionary partnership, or already co-creating one. Marriage is evolving, and what we are daring to dream for now is something new. Behold what is emerging: dynamic love relationships between unique, autonomous, passionate individuals who are inspired by divine love and dedicated to a higher purpose.” —**TERRY PATTEN**, co-author of *Integral Life Practice*