

What makes this book a classic is its profound stretch across the philosophical, metaphysical, scientific, and spiritual panorama of existence, all wrapped in the universal language of connectivity that unites all sentient beings: Love. It is a must-read by the widest of global audiences. —Michael Bernard Beckwith

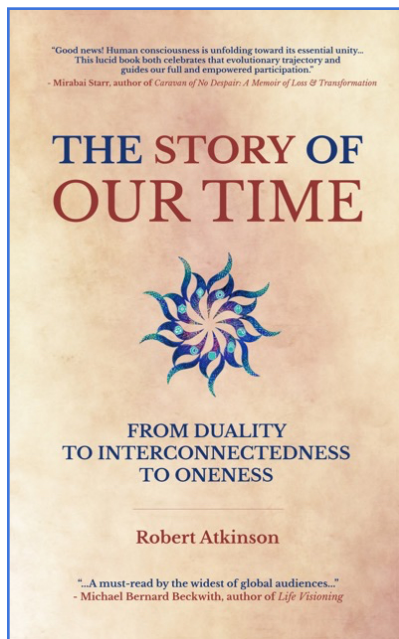
A remarkable work that I recommend wholeheartedly. —Barbara Marx Hubbard

Consider Atkinson's book as a survival manual, and spread it as widely as possible. —Larry Dossey, MD

The Story of Our Time by Robert Atkinson



Earns Rave Reviews from Spiritual Thought Leaders as a Must Read Guide That Can Shift the Consciousness of Humanity Towards Unity.



HACKETTSTOWN, NJ (March 31, 2017)—*The Story of Our Time: From Duality to Interconnectedness to Oneness* by Robert Atkinson, Ph.D., (Sacred Stories Publishing), a new book released last month, attained #1 Bestseller status in multiple new release categories on Amazon.

During these chaotic times, with political divisiveness, terrorism, alarming climate changes, and an unknown future, people want answers. *The Story of Our Time* addresses these issues from a big-picture perspective and suggests how a cyclic pattern of historical progress, with built-in periods of strife and conflict, exists within a linear process of social evolution. Framed by 7 timeless principles that are guiding our evolutionary leap forward, this is a book that inspires readers with hope.

“Collective Evolution is always a process of expanding consciousness leading to change, growth and eventually transformation and renewal.”

—from the book Introduction.

In this timely and timeless book, Atkinson offers a deeply thoughtful narrative of conscious evolution drawn from the continuous wisdom of the world's religions and spiritual traditions. ***The Story of Our Time*** traces love's unifying power throughout history to its presence in our midst, pointing towards oneness as our ultimate destination. The author proposes that getting there depends upon the stories we live by and the action we take.

The book offers a spiritual perspective for understanding why our world seems to be going through a “dark night,” but is actually experiencing a rebirth which will lead to the emergence of a consciousness of oneness, through which we will come to see humanity as one family, a time foretold by many indigenous and spiritual traditions.

Atkinson explains how the “sacred” story of the Earth is ultimately about no longer getting caught up in the opposing forces around us, but rather shifting our consciousness from duality to interconnectedness and eventually to oneness. He offers readers a full “Meditation for Living in Oneness” to support this shift in consciousness.

Dr. Atkinson is professor emeritus of cross-cultural human development and religious studies at the University of Southern Maine and author of nine books. ***The Story of Our Time*** merges his life's work and research into an informative and inspirational book that includes a timeline of Humanity's Conscious Evolution, a resource guide identifying groups dedicated to supporting our planet's evolution, and more.

According to Mirabai Starr, “Human consciousness is unfolding toward its essential unity – not only with other humans but also with all Life. This lucid book both celebrates that evolutionary trajectory and guides our full and empowered participation.”

The author has started a *Oneness Pledge* campaign to support readers in focusing on seeing all things with the eye of oneness, which is more fully explained on his website:

RobertAtkinson.net | StoryofOurTime.com

The Story of Our Time is available at amazon.com and nationwide at retail booksellers.

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BOOK TESTIMONIALS

*As Muhammad said, "To every age its own book." Atkinson's *The Story of Our Time* aptly summarizes today's story of emergent conscious unity across our species. Organizing the scientific, spiritual, and myriad other elements of this story into seven binding principles only further enhances the value of this book.*

~Kurt Johnson, organizer of *The Interspiritual Network*, and author of *The Coming Interspiritual Age*

With clarity and insight, Atkinson describes this pivotal moment in our collective evolution. Here are the guidelines for the shift in consciousness humanity needs to make if we are to survive and transform, if we are to make the transition from "the love of power to the power of love." Here is real hope grounded in the deep understanding of life's essential unity and our innate capacity for love.

~Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, Sufi teacher and author of *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth*

*Robert Atkinson's *The Story of Our Time* is a thoughtful, balanced, and gracious contribution from the Baha'i perspective, introducing a stream of unitive evolutionary wisdom that has been ahead of the curve for a long time and deserves to be more widely known.*

~Cynthia Bourgeault, author of *The Wisdom Way of Knowing; The Holy Trinity and the Law of Three; and, The Heart of Centering Prayer: Non-dual Christianity in Theory and Practice.*

*In *The Story of Our Time*, Robert Atkinson bravely, audaciously, and compellingly identifies factors that can move the consciousness of humanity toward the unity that underlies the divisions of ordinary perception – and, as he astutely illustrates, there is no greater task before us. This is an important contribution to the evolutionary dialogue that is our best hope of transcending the problems that our constricted awareness has created.*

~Philip Goldberg, author of *American Veda: From Emerson and the Beatles to Yoga and Meditation, How Indian Spirituality Changed the West*

*In our western cultures we have developed an obsession with ego, self, individuality, and personhood, and have neglected the collective, unitary aspects that bind all of life into an integral whole. This has led to an unbalanced focus on exploitation, selfishness, and greed, which now threaten our very existence. "We humans are meaning makers, and our primary vehicle for meaning making is story telling. What we need most desperately today is a new story reflecting the interdependence of all reality. Robert Atkinson's *The Story of Our Time* is a powerful call for creating that new story. I urge you to heed it.*

~Rami Shapiro, author of *Perennial Wisdom for the Spiritually Independent*

Congratulations on presenting us with a beautifully choreographed prayer with words that gracefully guides us on a path toward resolution of the confounding forces escalating in these times. These are the themes I strive to express through traditional Indigenous music and dance.... well done!

~Kevin Locke, Lakota Hoop Dancer, Northern Plains flute player, storyteller, educator, and National Heritage Fellow.

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