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The Spirit Matters Gathering, which took place in Toronto during May 2004, brought together some of the world's leading visionaries in conversation. Six hours of conference DVDs—with David Abram, Maliha Chisti, Larry Daloz, George Dei, Jorge Ferrer, Matthew Fox, Laara Fitznor, Ursula Franklin, bell hooks, Satish Kumar, Michael Lerner, Chief Oren Lyons, John Mohawk, Edmund O'Sullivan, Vandana Shiva, Suwanda Suganasiri, Mary Evelyn Tucker, Genevieve Vaughan, Paulo Wangoola, Cindy White, and Marion Woodman—and a book of reflective essays explore some of our most pressing global challenges while sharing a vision and passion for building a better world.

The Spirit Matters conference was an event combining an uncommon diversity of luminous minds with a compassionate and celebratory exuberance on behalf of our fellow species and the animate earth that enfolds us all.

—DAVID ABRAM, author of *Spell of the Sensuous*

More than a conference, *Spirit Matters* was a gathering of kindred spirits passionately committed to bring forth a finer world—a nourishing feast for the soul, the mind, and the senses. I will always remember this gathering with special warmth and care.

—JORGE N. FERRER, PH.D., author of *Revisoning Transpersonal Theory*

Spirit Matters was truly a celebration of Earth Democracy—of the sacredness of life in its magnificent diversity—of the sacredness of our human diversity as a condition of peace and human harmony.

—VANDANA SHIVA, author of *Earth Democracy*

Months later the *Spirit Matters* conference still resonates. The new insights gained, contacts made, conversations generated—all continue to deepen and fan out through our many fields of work. That conference will be remembered as one of the vital nodes in the steady transformation of our culture.

—L. A. PARKS DALOZ, The Whidbey Institute

Spirit Matters was like no gathering or conference I had ever attended.... It was totally amazing.

—SUE MCGREGOR, Dept. of Education, Mount Saint Vincent University

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