

## Review Excerpts & Quotes on *The Guru Papers*

### FROM THE BACK COVER:

“Easily the most comprehensive, erudite, and timely book in print to explore authoritarianism in religion, institutions, power, the family, intimacy and sexual relations, and personal problems such as addiction.... Argue[s] persuasively that any system of values that places tradition and the past above the imperative to question the present is destined to become increasingly lethal.”

-- *SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE BOOK REVIEW*

“Spells out...the dangers of becoming addicted to another's authority” -- *LONDON TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT*

“A thorough, wide-ranging analysis of the way power has historically been maintained.... Purports to be no less than a diagnosis of what's wrong with the world and how, not merely to fix it, but to save it. Its thesis is elegant and nearly unlimited in its ramifications.... authoritarianism is not merely a political phenomenon. It's part of the way we think.” -- *THE NEW MEXICAN*

“An exciting and provocative new concept about the origin and process of addiction. A must read for therapists and addiction counselors.” -- Ann McKain, past President of The American Academy of Psychotherapists

“The potential to shift readers' minds in a deep way...onto something big—possibly even the root of human error. It can actually change the way one views the world.... Elegantly articulates many of [our]...unformed thoughts”

-- *SYNAPSE*

### INSIDE THE BOOK—and more:

“Provocative and thorough....Covers vast territory ...raises all the vitally important questions....It should definitely be placed in the hands of anyone who has been, or is, or contemplates becoming involved with a guru or cult.”

-- *YOGA JOURNAL*

“Crystal-clear....[Goes] deeply into the inherent paradoxes in much of world religion...[explains] with blistering clarity why we get seduced.” -- *WHOLE EARTH REVIEW*

“Very important...Simply and elegantly written, I predict that this will prove to be one of the most helpful books on psychological oppression of the decade.”

-- *CREATION SPIRITUALITY*

“Keen appreciation of developmental and evolutionary processes.” -- *COMMON BOUNDARY*

“A contribution of the highest order....Of immense and immediate consequence....May [it] be widely read and discussed.” -- *BRAIN/MIND BULLETIN*

“Undertake[s] the monumental task of reforming the very basis of civilization....their conjectures are certain to step on the toes of nearly every sacred cow at some point...steadfast and unapologetic....Offers both affirmation and optimism.”

“An essential key to understanding...control and manipulation.” -- *THE BOOKWATCH*

“One of the most compelling, ‘can't put it down’ books [Reveals] the usually veiled authoritarianism embedded in the worldviews and values of [the] West.” -- *COMMUNITIES*

“A powerful and magnificent book about our own individual integrity beyond any historic and self-appointed authority.”

-- James Kavanaugh, author of

*God Lives: From Religious Guilt to Spiritual Freedom*

“One of the most deeply insightful works of our time....Nearly every page crackles with statements that...provoked one ‘Aha!’ after another....The most reasonable...picture of the evolution of religious ideas to date, and brilliant sections on love and control, and...addiction.” -- Richard Heinberg, *MuseLetter*

“One of the most important books for the 21st century ...Elegantly identifies the masks that power uses to hide its abuses. It's about time!” -- Ford Greene, anti-cult attorney

“Anyone who reads *The Guru Papers* will be profoundly changed. Its ideas are like a medical laser beam vaporizing cancer cells, exposing the underlying healthy tissues of truth...[It]will serve to bring hope...”

-- Steven Hassan, author of *Combatting Cult Mind Control*

“Deals with the most fundamental aspects of the Yin and Yang of human nature and the meaning of social community.” --Philip Zimbardo, Stanford psychology professor

“Brilliantly analytical, always probing, pushing at the edges of what we know, this adventurous book offers...an unflinching view of the structure and psychology of reality.” -- John Tytell, author of *Naked Angels, Ezra Pound*

“A brilliant book...inspires new insights each time one re-reads it. [In]...opening the book randomly [I received] just the wisdom I needed to help me take my next step toward freedom.” -- Susan Campbell, author of *Getting Real*

“X-ray analysis and laser precision [disclosing]...authoritarian structures....Expands consciousness of the consciousness journey itself, exposing its ever present darker side....They even offer a flashlight guide through this darkness. Uncompromising in its thesis...sparing no current idol, it is a poignant attack on the illusions of our times.”

-- Mike Arons, West Georgia College psychology professor

“Alarming, enlightening, and riveting, scary in what it uncovers...Helps us understand society's serious failures ...Eminently readable...provide[se] us with powerful tools for building a better, more humane, society.”

-- Merrill Joan Gerber, author of *Gut Feelings*

“If one thoroughly absorbs the message...the questions raised by it are so profound...that they can never be put out