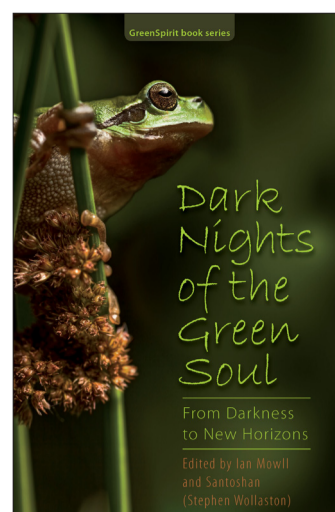


ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

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Caroline Rosie Dent was born in an old weavers' cottage in Yorkshire and has worked in creative areas for most of her life. Firstly as a designer of woven textiles, then as an artist and maker of 'remembrance' jewellery, weaving the cherished mementos of loved ones into necklaces. She suffered from profound death anxiety as a child, something that lasted well into adulthood, and this led to a lifetime of ongoing enquiry into the nature of death, which resulted in her volunteering with suicidal people for several years before training as an End of Life doula (a companion for the dying). She currently supports people living with dementias and run a monthly Death Café in North London.

William Fulford lives in County Clare, and has been a General Practitioner for 33 years. He is interested in a broad approach to health and healing, one that encourages symptoms and dreams to unfold naturally. His workshops on this theme ('Let the Body Speak, Art, Creativity, and Symptoms'), help explore the connection between symptoms and creativity. To contact William, email: williamfulford@hotmail.com

Malcolm Hollick and Christine Connelly married in 1995. Three years later, they left Australia and their professional careers to live in the Findhorn Community, Scotland. Malcolm became founding Principal of Findhorn Foundation College for 4 years, and Christine became a textile artist and healer. In 2010 they moved back to Australia, where they put much of their energy into helping establish Tasman Ecovillage and trying to set up an eco-village near Hobart. In 2015 they were both diagnosed with early stages of Parkinson's Disease, and adjusting to this has become a major focus of their lives. While Malcolm has responded well to medication and continues an independent and active life, Christine now lives in a nursing home.

Marshall Wayne Lee lived in the USA until his personal saviour/pet dog and close companion, Antigone, died in 2014. He then found a career teaching English in the Middle East. For the most part, he says his life is great, and he is very happy. Depression has not visited again. However, there is one part of his life that is missing: he doesn't have a dog. Lee fully believes that pets help us become better people.

Marian Van Eyk McCain, a retired psychotherapist, is co-editor of GreenSpirit magazine, a columnist, and author of five non-fiction books, a novel and a short story collection. She writes on green spirituality, wellness (both personal and planetary), conscious aging, ecopsychology, and green, simple living and has also published poetry and book reviews and edited the anthology *GreenSpirit: Path to a New Consciousness* (Earth Books 2010).

Ian Mowll was bought up in the evangelical Christian tradition, but even in early adolescence, he questioned a great deal and started to explore other outlooks. Over the following years, he went through what he calls a 'safari through the undergrowth of various spiritual traditions' as he searched for meaning and connection in his life. This continued until he found Creation Spirituality as articulated by Matthew Fox, followed by writers such as Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry. This inclusive, passionate and relevant eco-spirituality felt like a homecoming. Not only does he connect with the ideas presented by such writers, through this form of spirituality he has also met many like-minded people from diverse backgrounds who are essential companions on his spiritual journey. He is the coordinator of GreenSpirit (www.greenspirit.org.uk) and an Interfaith minister (www.ianmowll.org).

Mary Jo Radcliffe spent 25 years of her young and early adult life in a convent. She finally succumbed to a total breakdown which, with help, moved to a breakthrough and the development of a 'new life'. Since then she has found inspiration in the work of Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry, and her soul has been fed by the natural world. She founded Coping with Change, which is about accompanying and enabling others to move through hard times to find deeper meaning and purpose in their lives.

June Raymond is a sister of Notre Dame and has served as a council member of GreenSpirit for several years, is a member of their editorial and publishing team and a co-editor of GreenSpirit magazine. She lives and works in Liverpool doing healing with the Bach Flower Remedies and is the compiler of the book *Meditations with Thomas Berry* (GreenSpirit 2010).

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Nicola Smalley is a Shamanic Practitioner and Chartered Environmentalist living on the edge of the West Pennines in Lancashire. With her husband Jason she runs The Way of the Buzzard, a community of like-minded people who are interested in British Shamanism as a way of life. Through online courses, retreats, ceremonies, one-to-one sessions and monthly circles, she supports people in their awakening to a different way of living here on Earth. Her work encompasses the three strands of core shamanism, earth care, personal care and community care, bringing more creativity, ceremony, connection, community and celebration into the world. For more information about Nicola and her work please visit www.thewayofthebuzzard.co.uk

Stephen Wollaston was born into a poor working-class family in the east end of London, where he still lives. He was given the name **Santoshan** (contentment) by an English swami in the mid-90s. At 15 he left school with no qualifications and worked in factories. In his early 20s, he played in one of London's first punk rock bands, The Wasps, and went on to study typographic design at the London College of Printing and became an equal partner of a design studio in London Docklands for 10 years. The 90s' recession caused him to leave the partnership and be unemployed at 39, but rather than remaining jobless, he did a degree in religious studies and a postgraduate teachers' certificate in education at King's College London. Recently, he worked as a coordinator of academic writing for a medical university in the Middle East, and for eight years he has been a member of GreenSpirit's editorial and publishing team and a Council member. His books include *The House of Wisdom: Yoga Spirituality of the East and West* (coauthored, Mantra Books 2007) and *Spirituality Unveiled: Awakening to Creative Life* (Earth Books 2011).