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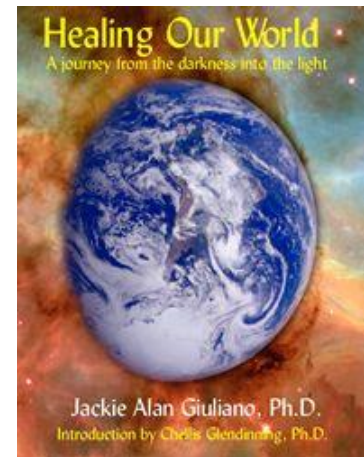
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SEATTLE AUTHOR LOOKS INTO THE DARK ENVIRONMENTAL REALITIES OF OUR CULTURE AND OFFERS HOPE

"Healing Our World is an important book. It is one of the better explanations of the concept of ecology that can be applied not only to the natural world but to our communications environment as well. I recommend the book enthusiastically."

Neil Postman, Ed.D., Chair, Department of Culture and Communications at New York University and author of 17 books including *Amusing Ourselves to Death*, *Technopoly*, *The Disappearance of Childhood*, and *The End of Education*



We live in a world where few people are equipped to protect themselves or their children from the unprecedented potential exposure to toxic substances that exists today. We are exposed to over 15,000 synthetic chemicals, most of which did not exist 50 years ago. These chemicals are dispersed widely in the environment and are found in the air, the water, and the soil. They are generated by industry, contained in the products we surround ourselves with, and occur in unexpected and unpredictable combinations with one another. Over half of them have never been tested for their potential toxicity.

Seattle author and educator **Jackie Alan Giuliano, Ph.D.**, in his new book, *Healing Our World, A Journey from the Darkness into the Light*, says individuals must invest the time and energy to improve their awareness of these realities. But he believes that the desire to become aware of the vast impact our human activities are having on our world can only come from developing a connection with the Earth, and from a deep appreciation of the complex web of life of which we are all a part. Reducing our separation from the natural world can also provide the energy to sustain the personal changes necessary to lessen our profound impact.

Chellis Glendinning, Ph.D., author of *My Name is Chellis and I'm in Recovery from Western Civilization*, *Off the Map*, and other works on the ecological dilemmas of our time, says in the Introduction to *Healing Our World*, "With revolutionary sensitivity, Jackie has put together an overview of the state of our lives and our planet with the rare quality of being rooted in daily experience." Through short essays that started as internationally acclaimed weekly Internet commentaries for the Environment News Service, Jackie exposes the eye-opening environmental and social injustices at work in our world. The greed and self interest of political, corporate and industrial leaders and the depth of the human impact on the world may shock, depress, and infuriate the reader, but Jackie hopes that such revelations will move individuals into action and profound personal examination. He presents many ideas and techniques to change behaviors and cope with these revelations.

Jackie Alan Giuliano, Ph.D. is a father, husband, activist, educator, and deep teacher. Prior to entering the field of education, he studied all the planets in our Solar System. During a 20-year career in the U.S. space program, he discovered that you can go from one end of the Solar System to the other and you may not find a drop of available fresh water or a breath of air. While we may one day live on other worlds, the Earth will always be our true home. It must be cherished and cared for now.

HEALING OUR WORLD, A JOURNEY FROM THE DARKNESS INTO THE LIGHT

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