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The Importance Of Family, CD



Synopsis

Dr. Hawkins begins this discussion acknowledging that traditionally family has been seen as an impediment to enlightenment, but he advises that if you love God and your fellow man, then you do so with or without children, whether single or not, and it doesn't really play that big of a part. You can be happy when you are alone going down the road on a bicycle or with a whole bunch of friends on bicycles. One is not better, it's just different. He explains how teaching the value of love, the reverence in which we hold spiritual figures, how integrous society holds their depiction of God, and the value of going to church are excellent ways to introduce children to spirituality. In addition, Dr. Hawkins talks about how parents can alleviate their guilt by recontextualizing their understanding of a child's behavior who has turned to crime or addiction. There is also a discussion about life after death, the value of pets in one's life and the importance of caring for something other than yourself. Dr. Hawkins parts with these closing words: "We aim for the ideal and the great Christian values of forgiveness, kindness, love, acceptance and then to serve by example and to serve others, expecting nothing in return; to be of service to others is a way of serving God and our fellow man. Dr. Hawkins is a nationally renowned psychiatrist, physician, researcher and lecturer. He has been a guest of the MacNeil/Lehrer TV program, Barbara Walters & The Today Show. His book "Orthomolecular Psychiatry" (prior to his best-selling Trilogy: "Power vs Force", "The Eye of the I", and "I: Reality and Subjectivity") was co-authored with Nobelist Linus Pauling. His most recent books are "Along the Path to Enlightenment", "Dissolving the Ego, Realizing the Self" and "Letting Go: The Pathway of Surrender"

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Sir David R. Hawkins, M.D., Ph.D. is a nationally renowned psychiatrist, physician, researcher, spiritual teacher and lecturer. The uniqueness of his contribution to humanity comes from the advanced state of spiritual awareness known as "Enlightenment," "Self Realization," and "Unio Mystica." Rarely, if ever, has this spiritual state occurred in the life of an accomplished scientist and physician. Therefore, Dr. Hawkins is uniquely qualified to present a spiritual path that is scientifically compelling to modern society. The classical hallmarks of this state are pristine awareness of Ultimate Reality, compassion for all beings, tireless dedication to alleviate suffering, radiant joy, and humor. People from all walks of life, nationalities, and spiritual orientations honor Dr. Hawkins as a teacher of advanced awareness, exemplified in the title "Rae Ryeong Seon Kak Tosa" (Foremost Teacher of the Way to Enlightenment) bestowed upon him in Korea. Founding Director of the Institute for Spiritual Research, Inc. (1983) and Founder of the Path of Devotional Nonduality (2003), Dr. Hawkins has lectured widely at such places as Westminster Abbey; Oxford Forum; Universities of Notre Dame, Michigan, Argentina, Fordham and Harvard; University of California (SF) Medical School; Institute of Noetic Sciences; and Agape Spiritual Center (Los Angeles). In addition, he has been an advisor to Catholic, Protestant, and Buddhist monasteries. He has conferred with foreign governments on international diplomacy and has been instrumental in resolving long standing conflicts that were major threats to world peace. He is featured in recent documentary films, magazines, and radio interviews (e.g., Oprah Radio and Institute of Noetic Sciences) for his work in the areas of health, healing, recovery, spirituality in modern life, consciousness research, and meditation. Dr. Hawkins entered the field of medicine to alleviate human pain and distress, and his work as a physician was pioneering. As Medical Director of the North Nassau Mental Health Center (1956 1980) and Director of Research at Brunswick Hospital (1968 1979) on Long Island, his clinic was the largest practice in the United States, including a suite of twenty five offices, two thousand outpatients, and several research laboratories. In 1973, he co authored the ground breaking work, Orthomolecular Psychiatry with Nobel Laureate chemist Linus Pauling, initiating a new field within psychiatry. His clinical breakthroughs brought appearances on The Today Show, The Barbara Walters Show and The McNeil/Leher News Hour. In the 1970s, he co founded several psychiatric organizations, including the Editorial Board of the Journal of Schizophrenia and the Attitudinal Healing Center in New York. Many awards followed, such as The Huxley Award for the "Inestimable Contribution to the Alleviation of Human Suffering," Physicians Recognition Award by the American Medical Association, 50 Year Distinguished Life Fellow by the American Psychiatric Association, the Orthomolecular Medicine Hall of Fame, and a nomination for

the prestigious Templeton Prize that honors progress in Science and Religion. In 1995, in a ceremony officiated by the H.H. Prince Valdemar of Schaumburg Lippe at the San Anselmo Theological Seminary, he became a knight of the Sovereign Order of the Hospitaliers of St. John of Jerusalem (founded in 1077) in recognition of his contributions to humanity.

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