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Urgent Message from Mother

Gather the Women, Save the World

Jean Shinoda Bolen, M.D.

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“Jean Shinoda Bolen’s *Urgent Message from Mother* is a book whose time has come. Our earth home and all forms of life in it are at grave risk. We men have had our turn and made a proper mess of things. We need women to save us. I pray that many will read Bolen’s work and be inspired then to act appropriately. Time is running out.”

— **Desmond Tutu**

“This is the most inspiring and optimistic book I’ve read in years. It tells how women working together can bring us peace and save the planet. Jean Shinoda Bolen invites us all to join the next, most powerful wave of the women’s movement. Count me in!”

— **Isabel Allende**

“Always urging us into circle and into peace, the healing power of Jean Shinoda Bolen’s work and thought transforms all who will allow encounter. Jean never tires of wanting, and working for, our freedom, our healing and our health.”

— **Alice Walker**

“Jean Shinoda Bolen shows us how the cult of masculinity is endangering us all. Women and men are equally human and fallible but at least women don’t have our masculinity to prove—and that alone may make us the main saviors of this fragile Spaceship Earth.”

— **Gloria Steinem**

Urgent Message from Mother is a heart-shaking book which offers a powerful vision of why the world must change and how such a pivotal undertaking might be accomplished. In these compact pages Jean Shinoda Bolen courageously brings us to the brink of an erupting and necessary wisdom and to a feminine spiritual activism whose time is here and now.

— **Sue Monk Kidd**, author of *The Mermaid Chair* and *The Secret Life of Bees*

“Never have we needed the wisdom of Jean Shinoda Bolen more. This book brought me back to my spiritual center reminding me how much we need the stories of women to restore empathy to the world. Bolen has given us all an assignment: Gather, circle, act. Mother Earth is asking for our help. How can we not respond?”

—**Terry Tempest Williams**, author of *The Open Space of Democracy*

“An inspiring call to action, powered by real examples of how women can save the world.”

—**Gloria Feldt**, author of *The War on Choice : The Right-Wing Attack on Women’s Rights and How to Fight Back* and former president, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

“Jean takes feminist spirituality to the next level to collective activism. *Urgent Message from Mother* is a timely and critical call for a new wave of feminism that will inspire and galvanize women and girls everywhere via interlaced circles. *Mother* tells us that our circles are the mechanism for positive change and healing in a world of fear and fundamentalism. Since women were the first democracy builders, gathering in circles since the beginning of time, we understand the invisible power of the conscious circle as the polar opposite of hierarchy. I applaud Jean’s call to action!”

—**Marilyn Fowler**, President, Women’s Intercultural Network and State Coordinator, California Women’s Agenda

“If Jean Shinoda Bolen says, ‘Gather the women,’ I’m there. *Urgent Message from Mother* is a call to the deepest womanself—our passion, our wisdom, our intelligence, our love. Just reading the book gives comfort and hope, reminding us who we are and what we’re capable of doing. Bravo!”

—**Marianne Williamson**, author of *A Return to Love*

“Jean Shinoda Bolen’s *Urgent Message from Mother: Gather the Women, Save the World* aims at a day that is coming but has not arrived. A day when religions will not be exclusively patriarchal, when makers of war will first ask questions which mothers ask, when societies will measure success factoring in the health of our planet as of the first order! This book emboldens readers by referring to ancient wisdom that has been muted and by aspiring to a way of living in the future that includes the feminine genius. Obviously the critical matter of garnering and wielding responsible power must be addressed. Bolen takes beginning steps in that direction; more will follow, no doubt. But *Urgent Message from Mother* moves our attention upward to a time of needed fundamental change in the way people of this world think and act. It is a foundational book and a strong one.”

—**The Right Reverend William E. Swing**, Episcopal Bishop of California and President of the United Religions Initiative

“Jean Shinoda Bolen’s potent *Urgent Message from Mother* has the empowerment to be the right catalyst for the right time. This book will most certainly motivate women to gather together to be spiritually uplifted and to bring to the world the love and peace that is so sadly lacking in the world we see today.”

—**Gerald G. Jampolsky**, M.D., founder, Center for Attitudinal Healing

“*Urgent Message from Mother* is a passionate book, a call from the heart. Drawing from archeological and cultural sources, Jean Shinoda Bolen shows that we can shift from the path of domination and violence that threatens us all to a world of peace and

partnership-if women worldwide put our love into action at this critical moment in history.”

—**Riane Eisler**, author of *The Chalice and The Blade*, *Sacred Pleasure*, and *The Power of Partnership*

“ Shinoda Bolen has done it again. *Urgent Message from Mother* shows us as women who we are and what our destiny is, leaving no wiggle room to feign powerlessness. Saving the world requires women’s wisdom and mothering *now*.”

—**Patricia Smith Melton**, Executive Director, PEACE X PEACE