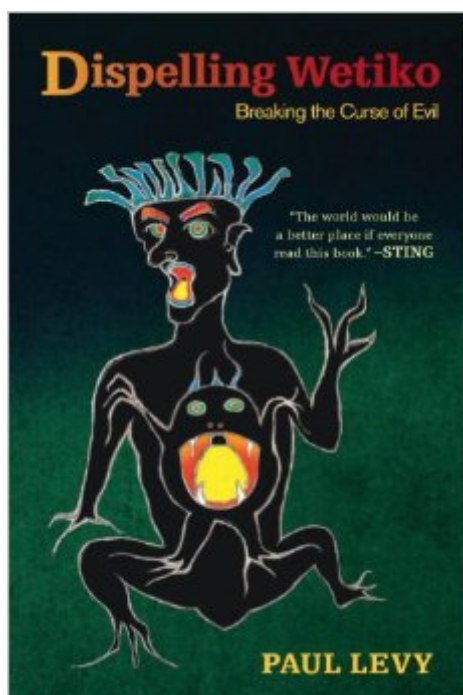


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Dispelling Wetiko: Breaking The Curse Of Evil



Synopsis

There is a contagious psychospiritual disease of the soul, a parasite of the mind, that is currently being acted out en masse on the world stage via a collective psychosis of titanic proportions. This mind-virusâ "which Native Americans have called "wetiko"â "covertly operates through the unconscious blind spots in the human psyche, rendering people oblivious to their own madness and compelling them to act against their own best interests. Drawing on insights from Jungian psychology, shamanism, alchemy, spiritual wisdom traditions, and personal experience, author Paul Levy shows us that hidden within the venom of wetiko is its own antidote, which once recognized can help us wake up and bring sanity back to our society.

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Customer Reviews

"Dispelling Wetiko, Breaking the Curse of Evil," by Paul Levy is a couregous, fascinating, and thought-provoking book. Many years ago when I was in my early twenties I had an eery and disturbing exposure to true evil. I was working as a newspaper reporter and reported on the famous Gary Gilmore murder case and execution. I was given access to over 1,000 pages of letters Gilmore had written from death row recounting his life story, and confessing and describing the murders of the two young men he had murdered. Gilmore had said in his letters that murder is an acceptable act of rage. The evil I was exposed to in reading the letters shadowed me for years. How I wish this precious offering of a book had been placed in my hands earlier. But few their be that have the guts to touch such a touchy subject. With his own life experience with evil as a powerful motivating force

Levy writes, "There is a psychospiritual disease of the soul that originates within ourselves and that has the potential either to destroy our species or to wake us up.. ." He speaks of evil as being at "the root of humanity's inhumanity to itself." And he explains that it grows in the petrie dish of unconsciousness. Recent violent acts in the United States shine the light on our culture as a whole. There is a compelling need for introspection about the kind of emotional climate that gives way to senseless acts of violence. While a reasonable discussion about gun control is relevant, to not go deeper would miss the mark. What are our attitudes toward the mentally ill, the different and odd among us? Do we care about how we tend to criminals and those who have been labeled criminal who are innocent? How is power shared? How are we desensitized?

I read all the praise and positive reviews and realized that I had a somewhat different view of this book. Prior to reading it I had never heard of the term wetiko but I came across it in the documentary, "I Am." So I bought Levy's book, started reading it, then discovered Levy's website and his many articles, some of which really resonated with me. I am African American and a few years ago I had travelled to the Basin of Peru. I took the shaman's visionary medicine and saw for myself many of the same things that Levy was saying about wetiko, but before I knew the word. In effect, Levy was validating my experience and speaking to some deeper truths in my life. I grew up in the Jim Crow South under segregation. My mother, younger sister, and I came to the NYC, the south Bronx. I was 12 years-old during the 70s and in the urban jungle I found at least as much segregation and prejudice and poverty that we ironically sought to escape in the South. These conditions, as far as I can tell from visiting family still there, have deepened since I left the 'hood. So looking in the rearview mirror, I went to the and sat with the shamans in five ritual ceremonies over nine days to understand 1) how my experience being black and poor had affected me and 2) why conditions in the 'hood persist to this day with seeming tenacity despite the "wars" on crime, poverty, and drugs. In the real jungle I saw in my visions, among other things, that conditions in the `hood were not necessarily what they seemed to be. Namely, they were not independent and separate, standing alone and isolated, from what was going on elsewhere. Rather, the `hood was a microcosm for what was happening in world, especially to indigenous cultures, when faced with disease, guns, steel, and Western education.

Thanks to Paul Levy, the cat is now out of the bag, the genie out the bottle. The very nature of Light, is to expose or illumine that which is not light, i.e. darkness; which is precisely what Levy masterfully illustrates between the covers of "Dispelling Wetiko ..." With this book's release, there is no longer

any excuse for being oblivious as to how Evil operates in the World. Evil diminishes and distorts our shared dream, turning our so-called "reality" into a simplistic Spy v. Spy cartoon of "seeming opposites", which left unchecked, relentlessly exploits polarities to spawn epidemics of war, addiction, genocide, and a host of other Archetypal Evils onto the world stage -- conjuring all manner of pointless suffering for millions of the poorest and most vulnerable, caught in the cross-fire. But Mr. Levy turns all this on its head, by redirecting our attention to the collective non-local field of potentiated lucid consciousness, ready to interconnect us in wakefulness to creatively recover a right-sized sense of aliveness, and joyful abundance. In this amazing book, Paul Levy artfully puts into words what few have dared to even try: he convincingly sheds a light of compassion to illumine the Darker Side of human consciousness, meticulously tracking the psyche's unconscious shadowy machinations. Chapter by chapter, this book deflates, deciphers and dissipates Archetypal Evil's illusory powers, excavating the way to long hidden Treasures buried there. Letting no one off the hook, Mr. Levy calls upon every human being to step up, to muster the courage to do personal "inner work", to expose evil where ever it is, within or without, dispelling its faux-power.

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