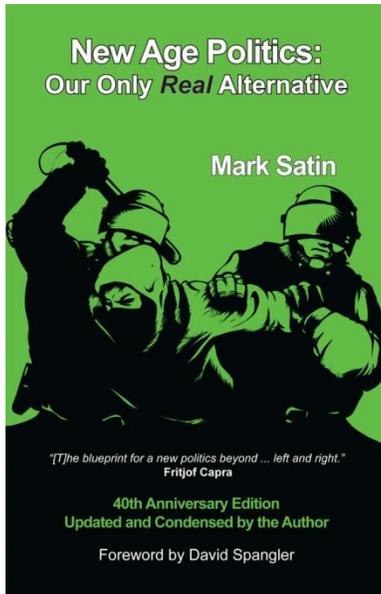


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Lorian to publish updated “40th Anniversary Edition” of Mark Satin’s classic *New Age Politics: Our Only Real Alternative*

Upstart Seattle publisher obtains rights from Random House

In new foreword, David Spangler says it was the first book to capture the entire new “transformational” political perspective emerging out of the social movements of our time

In new introduction, Satin says it’s still the best single expression of the “common ground” many good people and movements share

SEATTLE, WA – Lorian Press is proud to offer the “40th Anniversary Edition” of Mark Satin’s classic and well-received book *New Age Politics: Our Only Real Alternative*, hitting Amazon and bookstores in five nations November 16, 2015.

Obtaining the publishing rights from Random House in the U.S. and Fitzhenry and Whiteside in Canada took many months’ work. But it was worth every minute.

We believe the current edition, radically condensed and “streamlined” for the 2010s by the author, is more relevant now than ever.

When first published in the 1970s, *New Age Politics* was immediately recognized as a “breakthrough” book, taking the ideas from the then-emerging feminist, spiritual, ecology, human potential, decentralist, and similar movements, and combining them into a comprehensive new perspective that is just as powerful as Marxism, conservatism, or liberalism ... and far more relevant to the “New Age” we are entering.

On the first four pages of the book, you’ll find praise for earlier editions from a staggering variety of published sources – conservative (*Toronto Star*), socialist (*The Nation*), libertarian (*Reason* magazine), communitarian (*The Sun* magazine), human potential (*Yoga Journal*), anti-war (*Peace News*), feminist (*Plexus*), decentralist (*Communities* magazine), globalist (*One Family*), postmodernist (Lawrence Grossberg’s *Cultural Studies*), spiritual (Rick Fields’s *Chop Wood, Carry Water*), ecological (Andrew Jamison’s *The Making of Green Knowledge*), and more.

In the years since *New Age Politics* first appeared, many new movements have come onto the scene. Often they end up re-discovering some but by no means all of the ideas that were first brought together systemically and holistically in *New Age Politics*. Therefore, all social change activists and all caring people – whatever their perspective, age, race, gender, or spiritual leanings – can benefit from seeing the unforgettably powerful way the most cutting-edge political ideas of our time are woven together here.

Drawing on nearly 200 texts, and at least that many late-night conversations with innovative thinkers and activists, the weave consists of five interconnected strands:

Part I, “THE PRISON WITHIN US,” shows that we’re trapped by a “Six-Sided Prison” of consciousness (patriarchal attitudes, egocentricity, the bureaucratic mentality, etc.) that goes back hundreds of years before capitalism – but can’t be blamed on human nature, either. Racism, ecocide, emotional repression, etc., are products of the Prison;

Part II, “MONOLITHIC INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE US,” shows that the Prison has generated “deep monopolies” not of brands but of products and processes: private automobiles, the jobs economy, military “defense,” doctor-dependent health care, compulsory heterosexuality ...;

Part III, “WHO WILL BREAK FREE?,” shows that “life-oriented” individuals from all social and economic classes are ready for real change now;

Part IV, “JAILBREAK! – NEW AGE SOCIETY,” makes the case for “Prison-free” consciousness, “biolithic” institutions, decentralized government, and a radically re-designed economy;

Part V, “GETTING THERE,” outlines an “evolutionary transformational” strategy based on inner work (personal change) *as well as* relevant “outer work” – everything from participating in local and national groups to electoral activity to nonviolent direct action.

When Mark Satin visited Marilyn Ferguson (author of *The Aquarian Conspiracy*) in the early 1980s, he told her that her book would define the transformational worldview in the 20th century, but his more politically oriented book would define it in the 21st. Was he wrong? In a foreword to the German edition of *New Age Politics*, systems thinker Fritjof Capra calls it “the blueprint for a new politics beyond ... left and right.” Who doesn’t long for that today? In his foreword to the current, Lorian edition, spiritual thinker David Spangler calls it “the first comprehensive articulation of a transformational political ideology.” And in their popular book *The Cultural Creatives* (Random House, 2001), social scientists Paul Ray and Sherry Anderson write:

[Many] decades later, we know that Satin’s hopes for a new political platform did not materialize. But ... he caught sight of and began to plan for the general movement for change that is taking place now.

Anyone who cares deeply about today’s movement for REAL change should not be without the first book to express its foundational political vision – *New Age Politics*.

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About Mark Satin: After *New Age Politics* was published in 1976, Satin helped start two national political organizations and ran two cutting-edge national political newsletters in Washington DC spanning three decades. For more information, see the Satin Wikipedia biography, now a starred “Featured Article” there.

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