

Giuliana Colella



RUMI: DIALOG WITH THE UNIVERSE

The teachings of
the great Persian
mystic poet

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A journey into the poetic and spiritual world of the great Sufi mystic Rumi, who lived in the thirteenth century, considered not only a poet but also a prophet and a saint, so much so that for many Muslims he is a new Mohammed; for many Christians, a new Jesus; for many Jews, a new Moses.

His message - love is the essence of all things - can be compared to St. Francis' and Dante's, his contemporaries; but there is also evident affinity with the thinking of Pythagoras, Socrates and Plato.

The book, through a selection of evocative verses by Rumi, explores the path connecting it with Dante's work, explaining how the treasure of doctrines and ecstatic techniques still preserve a very modern flavor. This is because Rumi's approach, free and universal, transcends the specifics of the individual religions.

TOPICS

- Includes practical instructions on meditative techniques used by Rumi.
- Gives an unprecedented experiential and spiritual angle unlike studies on Rumi that have a predominantly literary and historical approach.

DETAILS

- Pages 256
- Size: 13.5 x 21.5 cm [5.25 x 8.5 in.]
- € 24.50

THE AUTHOR

Giuliana Colella, born in Rome, lives and works in Rome and Milan. After graduating with honors in Modern Literature, she taught Humanities for many years. She is also a researcher, writer, and lecturer in the field of spiritual evolution for thirty years. In 2011 she founded *Lamakan-L'Infinito in noi* [The Infinite in Us] Cultural Association to promote intercultural dialogue and disseminate modern tools for the expansion of consciousness based on the ancient wisdom of the East. Since 2016 the Association has become the *Casa di Rumi*, a cultural center and cozy meeting place in a central area of Rome.
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To prospective international editors of Giuliana Colella's *Rumi: Dialogue with the Universe*
To whom it may concern

My name is Filippo Dal Fiore, I am an MIT-educated, multi-disciplinary and internationally minded social scientist. I conduct both academic work, teaching Sustainability in Business at the University of Bologna, and professional work, serving companies through the Great Place To Work Institute. I had the opportunity to know Giuliana Colella by reading her book, and I recently met her in Rome to exchange opinions on the development of human spirit and potential, a subject of common interest and expertise.

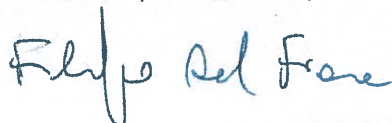
I warmly welcomed Giuliana's invitation to write this review of her book, for I sincerely believe that it deserves to be read by a wide international audience. Giuliana is a spiritually enlightened person endowed with a rare ability to get to the essence of complex subject matters. Her book is extraordinary in that Giuliana does not simply narrate Rumi's timeless teachings, but builds a wider context for them, with her words becoming a modern extension of those of the Master. Her reflections and interpretations are infused with the same Love, revealing Giuliana's pure heart and her intimate understanding of life. As a result, this book creates new space for Rumi and for us all, in a time when many non-specialist people feel choked by the proliferation of intellectualisms and self-centered conceptualizations.

Giuliana's main effort throughout the book is that of revealing the universality and modernity of Rumi's message. Readers can't help but be amazed by discovering the many parallelisms with the work of other great Masters of the past, ranging from Plato to Jesus and Dante Alighieri, all the way to Einstein. Giuliana is uniquely able to transcend the specificities of each language and historical context, revealing the common essence of otherwise unconnectable teachings. What unites the great masters is the same spiritual experience of God, a fire that leaves - to the expert eyes of Giuliana - detectable traces in their works.

Ultimately, *Rumi Dialogo con l'Universo* is a highly important and present-day relevant book, because it addresses the current craving of humanity for more evolved and universally acceptable forms of religiosity. Not only Giuliana builds new common ground between the East and the West, but she does so between the traditional religious sphere (Christianity, Islam, Buddhism) and the modern spiritual movements (sometimes still defined as New Age).

This book is in my opinion very appealing to a Christian audience, because it asserts the ultimate preeminence of Love. Many highly educated Christians throughout the world appear to be crying for new ways to reactualize the message of Jesus Christ in today's complex world: those of them who still have not encountered Rumi will welcome his words as a balm for their hearts and souls.

Yours faithfully, with gratitude for your attention,
Filippo Dal Fiore



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