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Margaret Wheatley is president of The Berkana Institute, and an internationally acclaimed speaker and writer. She has been an organizational consultant and researcher since 1973 and a dedicated global citizen since her youth. Her first work was as a public school teacher and urban education administrator in New York, and a Peace Corps volunteer in Korea. She also has been Associate Professor of Management at the Marriott School of Management, Brigham Young University, and Cambridge College, Massachusetts.

For the past decade, she has been working with an unusually broad variety of organizations on all continents. Her clients and audiences range from the head of the U.S. Army to twelve year old Girl Scouts, from CEOs to small town ministers. This diversity includes large corporations, government agencies, healthcare institutions, foundations, public schools, colleges, major church denominations, the armed forces, professional associations, and monasteries. All of these organizations are wrestling with a common dilemma—how to maintain their integrity and effectiveness as they cope with the relentless upheavals and rapid shifts of these chaotic times. But there is also another similarity: A common human desire to live together more harmoniously, more humanely.

Margaret' has authored many books and articles, including the path-breaking book, *Leadership and the New Science*, published in 1992. Other books include *A Simpler Way* and *Finding Our Way: Leadership for an Uncertain Time*, released in January 2005.

In May 2003, she received the highest award given by ASTD, the “Distinguished Contribution to Workplace Learning and Performance.” The citation for this award included this description: “Meg Wheatley gave the world a new way of thinking about organizations with her revolutionary application of the natural sciences to business management. Through the Berkana Institute, a charitable foundation which she started in Provo, Utah, Wheatley is supporting the development of local leaders in over 40 countries to foster societies that tap and evoke the best of human capability.

Dr. Wheatley received her doctorate from Harvard University 's program in Administration, Planning and Social Policy and she holds an M.A. in Communications and Systems Thinking from New York University.