



## Wrestling with the BIG QUESTIONS

### Recommended Pre-Consultation Reading

You may find it helpful to read Parker Palmer's *A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life*, particularly Chapters 4 and 5.

"In *A Hidden Wholeness*, Parker J. Palmer reveals the same compassionate intelligence and informed heart that shaped his best-selling books *Let Your Life Speak* and *The Courage to Teach*. Here he speaks to our yearning to live undivided lives—lives that are congruent with our inner truth—in a world filled with the forces of fragmentation.

"Mapping an inner journey that we take in solitude and in the company of others, Palmer describes a form of community that fits the limits of our active lives. Defining a "circle of trust" as "a space between us that honors the soul," he shows how people in settings ranging from friendship to organizational life can support each other on the journey toward living "divided no more."

"Inspired by Palmer's writing and speaking—and challenged by the conditions of twenty-first century life—people across the country, from many walks of life, have been coming together in circles of trust to reclaim their integrity and help foster wholeness in their workplaces and their world.

"For over a decade, the principles and practices in this book have been proven on the ground—by parents and educators, clergy and politicians, community organizers and corporate executives, physicians and attorneys, and many others who seek to rejoin soul and role in their private and public lives.

"*A Hidden Wholeness* weaves together four themes that its author has pursued for forty years: the shape of an integral life, the meaning of community, teaching and learning for transformation, and nonviolent social change. The hundreds of thousands of people who know Parker J. Palmer's books will be glad to find the journey continued here—and readers new to his work will be glad they joined that journey."

-- From the inside flap

*A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward an Undivided Life*

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