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These VoiceAmerica Specials, 1 & 2, feature major global Thought Leaders discussing "OUR MOMENT OF CHOICE: ATLAS SHRUGGED OR ATLAS HUGGED?", the historic choice between the iconic Ayn Rand message of radical individualism, selfishness, tribalism and competition in ATLAS SHRUGGED and that of synergy and cooperation visioned in ATLAS HUGGED, a novel by celebrated evolutionary biologist Dr. David Sloan Wilson. Guests include (1) David Sloan Wilson, David Korten (THE GREAT TURNING), Mark Gerzon and Ben Rehki (the major film THE REUNITED STATES OF AMERICA), (2) Duane Elgin (CHOOSING EARTH), Jude Cu

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**David Sloan Wilson**

Dr. David Sloan Wilson, author of the trending novel ATLAS HUGGED, has made foundational contributions to evolutionary science and its applications to human affairs. He is SUNY Distinguished Professor of Biology and Anthropology at Binghamton University, president of the Evolution Institute and founder of Prosocial.World and AtlasHugged.world. A contributor to OUR MOMENT OF CHOICE, a book from The Evolutionary Leaders Circle, he is also author of two pivotal books in cultural evolution: DOES ALTRUISM EXIST?—Culture, Genes and the Welfare of Others and THIS VIEW OF LIFE: Completing the Darwinian Revolution. David, also an associate of Nobel laureate Elinor Ostrom, conducted important discussi

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**David Korten**

Dr. David Korten is well known for his acclaimed and influential books WHEN CORPORATIONS RULE THE WORLD; THE GREAT TURNING: From Empire to Earth Community; AGENDA FOR A NEW ECONOMY: From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth; and CHANGE THE STORY, CHANGE THE FUTURE: A Living Economy for a Living Earth. He is a co-founder and board chair emeritus of YES! Magazine, President of the Living Economies Forum, and a member of the Club of Rome. He writes a regular "A Living Earth Economy" column for YES! With MBA and Ph.D. degrees from the Stanford Business School he has served as a Harvard Business School professor, and has thirty years of experience as an international development professional in Asia, Af

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**Ben Rekhi**

Ben Rekhi is director of the acclaimed film THE REUNITED STATES OF AMERICA. An American film director, producer, and screenwriter he is also well known for WATERBORNE, THE WATCHLIST, CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MAN and THE ASHRAM. About THE REUNITED STATES Ben says "We're at this crossroads where we can descend further into chaos and division, or turn the course and learn to find a new way through this. And we hope that the film can be small part of that conversation of healing and reconciliation. People need hope in their lives. I think we're all craving that and we're all missing it right now in our lives. I just hope that this can be a small part of amplifying the movement. This isn't about

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**Mark Gerzon**

Mark Gerzon is author of THE REUNITED STATES OF AMERICA on which the film is based. Director Ben Rekhi says "Mark is considered a godfather of this bridge-building movement. What we tried to capture in the film is that divisions are not just outside of us, they're inside each of us, and we all have a role to play in reuniting the country." Founder and President of the Mediators Foundation, Mark has advised many organizations including the US Congress, multinational corporations, and UNDP. He is one of the key architects of the field of global leadership and an experienced peace-building facilitator. The author of numerous other books, including LEADING THROUGH CONFLICT and GLOBAL CITIZENS, h

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**Deborah Moldow**

The Rev. Deborah Moldow is also a co-editor of OUR MOMENT OF CHOICE: Evolutionary Visions and Hope for the Future. She is International Director of the Evolutionary Leaders Circle, a project of the Source of Synergy Foundation that brings together visionaries committed to the acceleration of the conscious evolution of humanity. Deborah is an ordained interfaith minister committed to assisting in the transformation of human consciousness. She is the founder of the GARDEN OF LIGHT, providing an online platform for the emerging global spirituality so that this community can become visible as a powerful force in uplifting the human spirit. She is also Vision Keeper at UNITY.EARTH. She served for

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**Robert Atkinson**

Dr. Robert Atkinson, co-editor of OUR MOMENT OF CHOICE: Evolutionary Visions and Hope for the Future, is an author, speaker, and developmental psychologist. He is a 2017 Nautilus Book Award winner for THE STORY OF OUR TIME: From Duality to Interconnectedness to Oneness. He is also the founder of One Planet Peace Forum, and Story Commons, an internationally recognized authority on life story interviewing, a pioneer in the techniques of personal myth making and soul making. His books on life storytelling, THE GIFT OF STORIES: Practical and Spiritual Applications of Autobiography, Life Stories, and Personal Mythmaking, and THE LIFE STORY INTERVIEW, have been translated into Japanese, Italian,

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**Kurt Johnson**

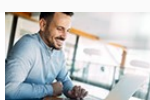
Dr. Kurt Johnson, your CONVERGENCE host, will also moderate Part 2 of this Special in April, welcoming Duane Elgin, Jude Currivan, Terry Patten, Anne-Marie Voorhoeve, Lynnaea Lumbard and Teana David. Also a co-editor of OUR MOMENT OF CHOICE, Kurt is a noted evolutionary biologist and comparative religionist, co-author of the award winning books THE COMING INTERSPIRITUAL AGE, NABOKOV'S BLUES, and FINE LINES (Brian Boyd Prize winner 2019). A former monk, Kurt is well known as a co-founder of the international Interspiritual Movement. With PhD in evolution and ecology, Kurt was associated with the American Museum of Natural History for 25 years. With a fifteen year association with New York Ci

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