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They know that we can only master the challenges of our times when we unite. It’s only by standing together that we’ll be able to defend what lives, what is sacred, both inside and outside ourselves. Defend the Sacred!

Their contributions testify to a power which is in the hearts of all people. The main aim of this book is to awaken and strengthen this power in more and more people around the world.