

THE CASE FOR HUMANITY

AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

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*Foreword by
José Ramos-Horta
Nobel Peace Prize Laureate*

About the book

In the first ever meeting of its kind at the United Nations, over one hundred of the greatest leaders, artists, and philosophers that have walked the earth gather in New York City. Among them, Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln, Emily Dickinson, Carl Jung, Nikola Tesla, Helen Keller, Martin Luther King Jr. and Lao Tzu have traveled across space and time to help us resolve seemingly insurmountable challenges, set the standards for 21st century leadership, and chart the way forward in our quest for purpose. Do we choose the will to power or the will to humanity, or, perhaps, a new configuration of both? But, how do we make the connection?

"May it guide and inspire our generation, and all those yet to come."

José Ramos-Horta, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate

"Yasmine Sherif is the most inspired, deep-souled diplomat I have ever met. Her writing burns with a passion for humanity and a relentless focus on calling all of us, particularly in governments, to walk a journey within ourselves, to discover the universal wisdom we possess to move forward as one world. By drawing on both her own long experience with the United Nations and the voices of some of humanity's greatest sages, she delivers a work rich in inspiration. For the sake of all of us, may we hear its timeless call."

Ricken Patel, President and Executive Director of Avaz

"This book reviews the founding principles of the United Nations, and reminds us that is indeed possible to create a political reality based on international law and universal values. It is cutting-edge and changes the way we look at the world and our own untapped possibilities to attain the vision of the United Nations – as nations, organizations and individuals. Inspirational, and grounded in reality, it could not have been more timely."

Annika Söder, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Government of Sweden and Former Executive Director of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation

"A book that achieves what we all aspire to: putting the humanity back into humanitarianism. Sparkling with nuggets of wisdom and wit, suffused with imagination and a practitioner's intelligence, distilled through time and space, all aid workers, diplomats and politicians, anyone engaged with the daunting task of helping others should have a copy in their back pocket."

Chris Guinness, Spokesperson and Director of Advocacy & Strategic Communications, United Nations Relief Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

"We are a reflection of the world as it is and not as we want it to be but we have to bridge that gap."

Jan Eliasson, United Nations Deputy Secretary-General



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