

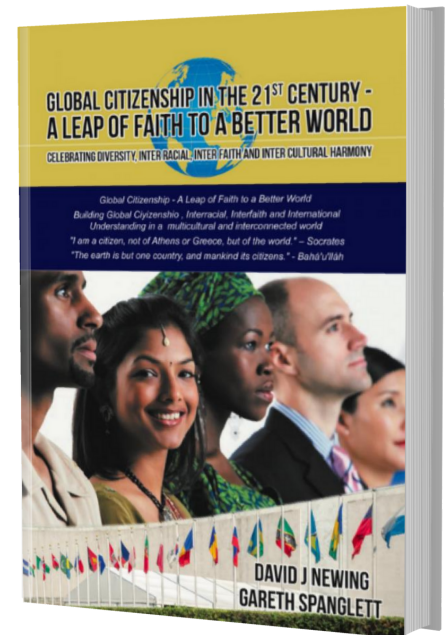
GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY

A Leap of Faith to a better World

Over the past two decades, two opposing currents have been building. On the one hand a resurgence of jingoistic nationalism, racial intolerance, violent and distorted radicalized extremism, Xenophobia and Islam phobia.

On the other hand, there is a growing recognition that in a globalized world of instant information and social communication, old prejudices and outdated nationalistic sentiments must give way to a new era of pluralism and well informed global citizenship shaped by universal humanitarian values and ethics

Canada's multiculturalism is a widely admired model for the world. Canada can indeed become a credible lens through which to act as an international model that showcases how mutual understanding and harmony among people of all races, cultures and religions is possible.



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ABOUT THE BOOK:

The purpose of this book is to promote, through education and dialogue, global citizenship, multiculturalism, and mutual understanding and harmony among the people of all races, cultures, religions, and alternative belief systems.

Global citizenship education, including learning about and respecting each other's cultures and faiths, leads to harmony, cohesion and mutual understanding within often increasingly diverse communities and also to the wider, interdependent global community, of which we are all members.

This book is divided up into 7 distinct easy to read chapters that collectively make up the key building blocks to become informed global citizens:

Chapter 1. Exploring Cultural Diversity

Chapter 2. Exploring Spiritual Diversity

Chapter 3. Exploring the Ties That Unite Us –Our Shared Humanitarian Values

Chapter 4. Exploring Citizenship

Chapter 5. Exploring Global Citizenship

Chapter 6. Exploring Canadian Citizenship

Chapter 7. Uniting our Shared Humanitarian Values and Principles – Understanding the United Nations

"I am a citizen, not of Athens or Greece, but of the world." – Socrates

"The earth is but one country, and mankind its citizens." - Bahá'u'lláh

"We know in our bones that Canada was built by people from all corners of the world who worship every faith , who belong to every culture , who speak every language . We believe in our hearts that this country 's unique diversity is a blessing" - The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau , Prime Minister of Canada

"Diversity is the Artwork of the Universe"- ZahraZahra LibertéAldünia, Founder

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