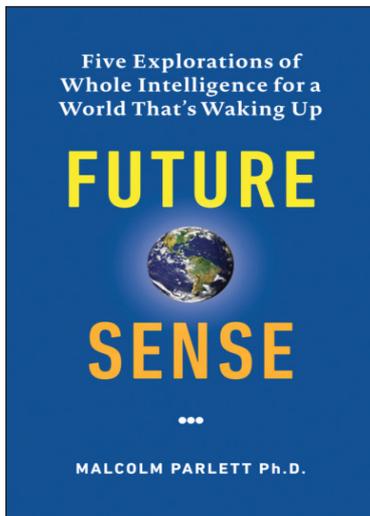




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FUTURE SENSE: FIVE EXPLORATIONS OF WHOLE INTELLIGENCE FOR A WORLD THAT'S WAKING UP by Malcolm Parlett Ph.D.

Future Sense brings together two fields usually kept apart: the global crisis and personal experience. Malcolm Parlett identifies “the human dimension” as the most significant factor in determining our common future. Can human beings act together sensibly and cooperatively to solve problems and manage the world’s systems? If we cannot – and we act with collective stupidity – our species is endangered. But then, how does such stupidity come about? And what needs to happen to help human beings act with more insight, sure-footedness, and maturity?

Malcolm suggests in this book that our ideas of what it means “to be an educated person” are far too limited. Human beings need to embrace their *whole intelligence*. Taking someone like Nelson Mandela, we can recognise an intelligence that extends well beyond our normal ideas of cleverness, intellectual brilliance, and speed of thinking. We recognise whole intelligence in action when we see an individual, community, or organisation acting in a way that is original, courageous, to the point, and reflects humanity’s best values. These are often stand-out moments, where human energy, commitment, courage, and skilfulness are seen to come together with perceptiveness and maturity of perspective. Suddenly, a positive future seems more achievable.

The argument of this book is that leaders, experts, and government agencies – as well as activists and individual citizens – need to have greater access to their whole intelligence. They / we need to cultivate it, and grapple with the obstacles and attitudes which prevent or undermine it from being given fullest scope. Malcolm Parlett writes: “I am inviting readers to accompany me in exploring key dimensions of whole intelligence that I have identified in the course of my long experience as a psychological researcher and practitioner”. The book makes use of case histories, his own life experience, examples, and stories.

Readers and reviewers describe *Future Sense* as “the book that we have been waiting for” and as a “crucial guide to our new steps”. It has been described as “moving, ground-breaking and very readable”. As one reviewer wrote: “those concerned about the future of the world and their place in it will find their imaginations fired and their spirits lifted.”



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