

## **Dedication**

**This work is dedicated to my spiritual Master Maharaji Charan Singh who directs my understanding of inner Life.**

Emerging from the new sciences ( Bateson, 1979; Goodwin 1994) from the early part of the twentieth century onwards came the emphasis on understanding the whole called ecological, holistic or systemic thinking (Capra 1996).....This way of thinking has focused attention on systems being integrated and searches for patterns to facilitate understanding of how systems interrelate and make sense(Clark 2000, p. 4).

How is the search for a sense of wholeness to be achieved in a world whose speciality is specialisation, whose language is linear and literal, whole sense of symbolic is derived from cartoon and caricature? How is the sense to be expressed in a world made horizontal by sheer immensity of our knowledge about the world? Linda olds Metaphors of interrelatedness (Clark 2000 p. 3).

**Within the body He himself resides;  
Yet He cannot be seen, that invisible one.  
Under the sway of mind,  
Fools know not the truth,  
And search for him outside.**

**(Charan Singh Maharaji, 1979)**

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