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Review

"What makes us behave so irrationally in large groups? We examine our traumatic histories, study our religions, explore the complexities of our political life and investigate the psychologies of troubled individuals. But we stand in ignorant horror as we too regularly witness large groups murder neighbours, destroy futures, and sacrifice children. Is there any way to use the insights of depth psychology to help gain perspective on our regular outbreaks of collective madness? Can we begin to grasp the patterns and sources of irrationality so that we can help diplomats and politicians to shape their interventions?"

In this extraordinary book, Vamik Volkan brings together his experience as psychoanalyst, consultant to diplomats, and mobiliser of troubled communities. Step by step, with focused examples and evocative principles, he lays out a readily graspable roadmap to the irrational behaviour of large groups. This book should be required reading for those who have to deal with our society's chaos: diplomats, politicians, and all the rest of us who worry about our future." (Edward R. Shapiro, MD, Former Medical Director/CEO, Austen Riggs Center; Clinical Professor of Psychiatry)

"This book is another brilliant contribution to the literature by Vamik Volkan. Volkan's emphasis on deeply repressed unconscious affects, representations, and identity in large groups and their leaders permits an effective understanding of their enormous power. His vast personal experience and knowledge of historical context instruct the reader on the critical importance of time, trust, and language in the evolution of group dynamics. A masterful and original interdisciplinary creation, Volkan's work will be of great value to diplomats, political scientists, historians, and psychoanalysts who seek to understand large group behaviour." (Vivian B. Pender, MD, the main Representative of the Committee)

"Dr Volkan's book is an outstanding and much-needed contribution to psychoanalytic large-group psychology theory. Starting from his deep understanding of the individual human mind, he integrates the concepts of ethnicity, ideology, and religion in the psychology of large group and individual identity, and demonstrates how these concepts influence groups' and individual's interaction with leaders. His extraordinary insights will be an essential tool to statesmen, diplomats, political scientists, mental health professionals, and psychoanalysts interested in understanding the unconscious psychodynamics of national and international group conflict and resolution. Dr Volkan's expansion of psychoanalytic group psychology theory applied to politics and international relations makes him the father of psychoanalytic political psychology." (Carlos Alberto Sanchez, MD, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst; Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry)

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