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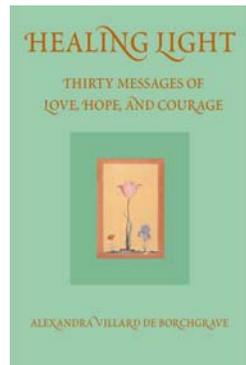
Glitterati Incorporated announces the publication of

Healing Light
Thirty Messages of Love, Hope, and Courage

Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave

Preface by K. Natwar Singh Foreword by Boutros Boutros-Ghali

Illustrated with details from Indian Mughal paintings



“When I read Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave’s poems I am filled with a sense of warmth, serenity and spirituality. Her search for answers to the eternal questions of life and death is intense – passionate and at the same time compassionate.”

Ambassador Jan Eliasson

Former President of the United Nations General Assembly

Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave’s beautiful book, *Healing Light: Thirty Messages of Love, Hope, and Courage*, brings a universal message of inspiration to every reader, and her timeless poems are as valuable in times of peace as in times of turmoil. When The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation sent *Healing Light* as a gift to every survivor family of 9/11 in New York City and Washington, DC, it was given as much as a gift of hope for a positive future as a gift of remembrance. Its fluid inspiration also provides thoughtful consideration for special events as diverse as Easter, Mother’s Day and even Graduation ceremonies.

In a world continuously shaken by tragedies that range from natural disasters to political conflicts, the author has found solace in writing. She describes a cascade of words pouring out of her onto the page after the first anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, and in only a month’s time, the thirty original poems that would be bound together

in *Healing Light* were sculpted. The collection is an appeal to perseverance and faith, and a sensitive reflection on life after loss. In a bittersweet tone, it asks the reader to gather strength from adversity. It includes a section dedicated especially to children, to help them cope with life's hardships and misfortunes.

In an attempt to create a book that is widely inspirational – not just for Judeo-Christian societies – the author pairs poignant details from Indian Mughal paintings (acknowledged as some of the finest artworks from Asia) with her poems. In compiling the art, Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave gained access to some of the most prestigious museums, art institutions and collections. As an important reference for the reader, all of the paintings chosen for the book are featured in full-frame as a resource appendix. The majority of these glorious artworks have never before been published, and *Healing Light* offers a unique entry into the finely wrought canvases of the Mughal period, which are extraordinarily representative of our world today.

The book is dedicated to “all those who have suffered the adversity of life.” With its timeless message of love, hope and courage, *Healing Light* is an emotional and visual meditation that is sure to entrance readers, philosophers, art lovers, and students of the human spirit worldwide.

Healing Light has now been translated into Arabic by scholars at the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies in Riyadh. HRH Prince Turki Al-Faisal has ordered 10,000 copies which have been sent as gifts to universities all over the world.

Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave has gained distinction as a photojournalist, author, and poet. Her photographs have appeared in internationally renowned publications. She is the co-author of *Villard: The Life and Times of an American Titan* (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday). She currently serves on the Board of the Blair House Restoration Fund and the Advisory Committee of the Asia Society Washington Center. She is a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College and lives with her husband in Washington, DC.

K. Natwar Singh is the former Minister for External Affairs of India.

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[Alexandra Villard de Borchgrave is available for media interviews and appearances through the publisher.](#)

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