

Praise for
Integral City:
Evolutionary Intelligences for the Human Hive
Book 1, Edition 2

Marilyn Hamilton was an early researcher of Integral frameworks. Integral City Edition 2 is a significant application of the Integral model to the city scale of human systems. With more than 60% of humanity now living in cities, I recommend you learn how Integral City gives us critical intelligences to evolve in the human hive.
—**Ken Wilber**, Integral Philosopher & Visionary, author of *Sex, Ecology & Spirituality*; *Integral Vision*; *Integral Spirituality*

The evolutionary path to cooperation in and among cities is ever more urgent as our rate of congregating in city hives increases exponentially from 3% of us in 1800 to half of us now and an estimated 70% of us by 2050—a rate already that high and even higher in some developed countries. Thus, it must be our chosen mandate to live well in our cities—to flourish as cities, internally and externally cooperative.

Every city can enhance its own health with the unique and wonderful tools of this book and its field book, which enable readers to go deeply into, and thus truly understand, their city's collective human psyche along with its physical infrastructure and thus to move forward in the way of genuine living entities. Read this book, share it with every ally you can, take it to your City Hall and get moving. There is a better world for us all ahead!
—**Elisabet Sahtouris**, Evolution Biologist

Integral City provides an important vision for how we can begin to inhabit our cities with an evolutionary intelligence that promises to allow both people and planet to flourish. With the meta-framework presented here, Marilyn Hamilton joins and extends the integrative tradition of Patrick Geddes, Lewis Mumford, and Jane Jacobs. In particular she helps us understand the myriad connections between behavioral and systemic dimensions of urban landscapes with the psychological and cultural aspects. Drawing on a variety of examples from municipal systems, city politics, public space, cartography, and regional values assessment, she enacts a bee-dance instructing us how we too can fly to the nourishing pollen of a new tomorrow.

—**Sean Esbjörn-Hargens Ph.D.**, Co-author of *Integral Ecology*; Founder MetaIntegral, Executive Editor of the Journal of *Integral Theory and Practice*; and Past Chair of the Integral Theory Department at John. F. Kennedy University.

What will be the most dramatic technological breakthrough of the 21st Century? As Marilyn Hamilton demonstrates in her masterful book, it may very well be a truly integral city. Integral City: Evolutionary Intelligences for the Human Hive is a powerful application of the "meta-theory" of integral philosophy that is bound to change the way we understand our urban environments. And improving the life of our cities may turn out to be one of the most dramatic ways that an evolutionary perspective can advance the human condition. I highly recommend this exciting and insightful book.

—**Steve McIntosh**, author of *Integral Consciousness and the Future of Evolution*.

Integral City is an outstanding book that will create a whole new paradigm for understanding cities and the discipline of urban studies. It moves the discussion from fragmentation and disconnects to wholeness and integration, with the incorporation of several fresh frameworks for research and theoretical explanation. Urban studies from here on in will be defined by the rich contribution of this seminal work that will become the definitive textbook in the field.

—**Caleb Rosado, Ph.D.**, Professor of Urban Studies and Director Urban Studies Program, Warner Pacific College

Integral City literally takes multiple perspectives, makes uncommon sense of them, and integrates them—often breathtakingly—in a whole systems view of the city like no other. Through the book there is the prospect of emerging a new understanding of the city, that is essentially more of an overstanding—possibly mind-boggling for some, tantalizing for others, and quite delicious for anyone already attracted by integral framings. The city will never be quite the same again for anyone who achieves even the slightest resonance with this book. It is a goldmine of application nuggets for those who have been introduced to integral theory, who are intrigued by it, but who have yearned for more on its application, in practice. Rich examples abound, many from the author's own often pioneering work. Here is someone who has very much walked her talk, for which we owe a great debt of gratitude.

— **Ian Wight PhD**, Associate Professor of City Planning, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba ret.

While a focus on global and national human groupings are essential, they may not be as critical as an understanding of "the localized"—cities and communities. Rather than generate naive and surface level "car-washes" from warmed over self-help manuals written in a different day, she introduces powerful, new models that uncover the fractals within human nature and probe into the very "DNA" that shapes human groupings. She demonstrates how to "read" the codes within diverse habitats and biological and social climes. Not only does she walk the talk, but, as a conceptual map maker, she lays down the pathway for others to follow, and has provided the expert guidance for thousands of others to discover their own unique solutions. Whenever the history of cities is written in the early 21st Century, her life, work, and now this book, will be cited as the first major "Integral" and "holistic" package designed to deal with the unique problems that confront "the localized."

—**Dr. Don Beck**, The Spiral Dynamics Group and Global Center for Human Emergence; co-author *Spiral Dynamics: Mastering Values, Leadership and Change*; co-author *The Crucible*; co-author *Spiral Dynamics in Action: Humanity's Master Code*

It is a rare occurrence these days to turn the pages of a book and find yourself opening up to a totally new way of thinking about cities—within a local, global, and kosmic context. Marilyn Hamilton amazes us with the depth and breadth of her vision, her mastery of the integral paradigm, and her pragmatic suggestions for creating cities of the future that work for the 60% of the human population now inhabiting them. The book is a seminal work of major importance, from a social entrepreneur whose work will be essential to future generations.

—**Nancy Roof**, Founding Editor of *Kosmos Journal*

Hamilton weaves threads of research and practice into a vision for sustainable cities. She illuminates a path toward the future that cuts across cultural, language, disciplinary, political and linguistic lines. Her simple rules give us hope for creating and maintaining productive, livable cities for today and tomorrow.

—**Glenda H. Eoyang, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, Human Systems Dynamics Institute; author of *Coping with Chaos: Seven Simple Tools*; and coauthor of *Facilitating Organization Change: Lessons from Complexity Science*

Marilyn Hamilton offers us a brilliant and revolutionary new way to examine our cities through the lens of science, ecology and systems theory, to create a new vision of what a city could be—one that supports life on this planet as well as our own evolution as human beings. She helps us navigate chaos and absorb complexity, by turning theory into practical applications. Integral City provides success stories, resources, and a blue print for action based on sound principles.

—**Linda Naiman**, Founder of Creativity at Work; coauthor of *Orchestrating Collaboration at Work*

In this era where rapid urbanization is a key driving force behind global change, it is imperative that we find some means for re-creating our cities to be more ecologically sustainable and harmonious with the desires of the human spirit. Marilyn Hamilton has clearly pioneered a vision that does just that. Integral City is a comprehensive and accessible application of the 'integral approach' to city life. It is must read for not just city planners, but also for politicians, scientists, engineers, artisans, change agents and the city dweller."

—**Brian Eddy, PhD**, President, iGeo Information Consulting Inc.