

Praise for **A FUTURE TO BELIEVE IN**

“This culture is killing the planet. If we are to have any future at all, we must unlearn everything this culture has taught us and begin to listen to the planet, to listen to life — the core intelligence of nature and the human heart. This book not only helps us with that unlearning process — the greatest challenge humankind has every faced — it provides the essential wisdom, the spiritual intelligence, to open ourselves to finally start to hear.”

~ **Derrick Jensen, Author of *Endgame* and *Deep Green Resistance***

“This book is the music of wisdom, a dance with the finest places of the human heart. It is also like a walk with your favorite friends, mentors and teachers as they point out the beauties of the journey. You will want to keep this timeless treasure within reach, so you can open it to any page, and let a paragraph or a line ignite you again to the truth of your own being.”

~ **Joanna Macy, Author of *World as Lover, World As Self* and *Pass it On: Five Stories that Can Change the World***

“For 10,000 years, the mantra of our material civilization has been *Compete and Consume*, but the inspiration for the new paradigm is to *Cooperate and Conserve*. Alan Clements’ elegant, humane Reflections teach us how to cooperate in order to cherish and preserve that good and beautiful and raptured thing we call freedom. Achieving that is the key to building a future that loves and protects the biosphere within which we interdepend. This is a wonderful collection of wise and glittering things that will travel everywhere from hand to hand, and heart to heart.”

~ **Gregory David Roberts, Author of *Shantaram***

“At a time when the contemporary spiritual landscape has become dangerously gentrified and domesticated, Alan Clements restores us to our senses — wild and elemental. He summons the voices of those who, along side him, have not traded their souls for the market-driven need to be tame or acceptable, and points us to the wilderness of true, engaged, fiercely authentic awakening. This is why we are alive — to set freedom free, in ourselves and for others, in every aspect of our lives from the most mundane daily task, to the most profound political act.”

~ Kelly Wendorf, Author and editor *Stories of Belonging*

“*A Future To Believe In* provides us with a standing wave of insight, a perpetually central pivot pertaining eminently to private and political spheres, inextricable, afterall. This book should be made mandatory world-wide for all heads of state.”

~ Lissa Wolsak, Author of *In Defense of Being, Squeezed Light* and *Pen Chants*

“*A Future To Believe In* is a book that carries the necessary tension to encourage and motivate the critical self reflection so necessary for the healing and transformation so desperately needed in the world.”

~ Claude AnShin Thomas, Award winning author of *At Hell's Gate: A Soldier's Journey From War To Peace. Zen Buddhist Monk and Vietnam Combat Veteran*

“Radical wisdom, from a revolutionary spirit. These reflections inspired me to be kind, compassionate and unflinching in the face of suffering and ignorance. This is a field guide for spiritual revolutionaries, a manifesto of liberation. If you care about anything, read this book.”

~ Noah Levine, Author of *Dharma Punx* and *Against the Stream*

“*A Future to Believe In* is rich feast of wisdom best taken in small bites, calling us to the highest and best within each of us — to a life of integrity, perspective, and compassion.”

~ Dan Millman, Author of *Way of the Peaceful Warrior* and *The Four Purposes of Life*

“This surprising collection of aphorisms, reflections, and anecdotes is a rare thing: both a deep source for inner renewal as well as a manual for changing ourselves and the world around us.”

~ **Stephen Batchelor, Author of *Buddhism without Beliefs***

“Alan Clements has put together an enchanting treasury of *dharma* jewels — inspired reflections and compassionate insights on life and freedom — in the cosmos, on Earth, in human society and above all in the human heart. The short pieces in this book will be cherished and savored for their soul-stirring beauty.”

~ **Ralph Metzner, Ph.D., Author of *MindSpace* and *TimeStream***

“In this radiant book is an orchard — trees of wise ripe fruits, where you may stroll, gathering such fulfilled thoughts and emotions...to savor each’ flavor, aroma, ambience — to then contemplate within this luxuriant garden a new consciousness and, thereby, chose, pick — strike forth — and act with such sure support to shape a future to believe in.”

~ **Lowry Burgess, Artist and professor at Carnegie Mellon — creator of the first official Non-Scientific Art Payload taken into outer space by NASA in 1989; also author of the 2001 *Toronto Manifesto*, *The Right to Human Memory***

“Alan Clements once again offers words that shift our attention away from the too easy to identify sordid events of the world and toward the heartbeat that enlivens the spirit in all of us, a spirit that yearns for discovery, growth, and peace. *A Future to Believe In* will inspire readers to reflect on the personal philosophies that shape their thoughts and then, most importantly, subtly nudge them into some new caring and creative course of action.”

~ **Dr. Sam Richards, professor of sociology and co-director of the World in Conversation Project at Penn State University**

“*A Future to Believe* is a tapestry of wisdom and inspiration from countless cultures and eras of humanity.”

~ **Eunice Wong, Essayist and Books Editor at Truthdig**

“Alan Clements’ book is well-timed, in that, most people in our world have lost hope for the future. I am confident that “*A Future to Believe In*” will rekindle in their minds a new vision — inspiring all to listen fully to their own hearts, and learn to understand the universal laws of Nature that govern us — that make life and Cosmos the miracle of love that it is. Please spread this book far and wide.”

~ Dr. A.T.Ariyaratne, Founder of Sarvodaya Movement of Sri Lanka.

“Drawing on a wonderful blend of artists, poets and teachers, activists, scientists, and sages, Alan Clements offers us reflections that call forth our hearts. They invite a dedication to creating a peaceful, vibrant, beautiful world — one that honors the sanctity of freedom, dignity, and human rights.”

~ Tara Brach, Author, *Radical Acceptance*

“This brilliant almanac of wisdom for everyday life is a must-read for anyone seeking inspiration, and spiritual know-how, in these challenging times. I’ve never read anything quite like “*A Future To Believe In*.” Absolutely wonderful.”

~ Mark Matousek, Author of *Ethical Wisdom: What Makes Us Good and When You’re Falling, Dive: Lessons in the Art of Living*

“I value this book enormously. It is packed with transformative insight, compelling ideas, and remarkable articulations about the nature of being — who we are and what we can become. Rather than expecting us to embrace some bright belief in a path to enlightenment or peace, it ignites in us the passion of adventure and the courage to keep an open mind — free of conclusions — as we explore deep personal, social, and planetary transformation. I hope this book serves as a catalyst for both political activists and spiritual aspirants to keep alive the questioning mind, and further, a manual for contemplations and conversations to co-create newly true communities of deepening, committed, powerful people.”

~ Tom Atlee, Author of *The Tao of Democracy and Reflections on Evolutionary Activism* and founder of the Co-Intelligence Institute

“Clements ranges far and deeply through the world’s thinkers, mystics, activists, and poets to create a tapestry of challenge and encouragement — encouragement by showing that others have gone before us, and a challenge to go further, that the universe is waiting for our own contribution to the eternal process of liberation and fulfillment.”

~ Dale Pendell, Author of *Pharmako/Gnosis*, *Plant Teachers and the Poison Path*, and *The Great Bay, Chronicles of the Collapse*

“We live in times that spread greed, violence, fear and hopelessness. We live in times when consumerism enslaves us while offering pseudo-freedom. Alan Clements labor of love, “*A Future to Believe In: A Guide to Revolution, Environmental Sanity, and the Universal Right to Be Free*,” brings us reflections that inspire us to be free and fearless.”

~ Dr. Vandana Shiva, Author of *Earth Democracy; Justice, Sustainability, and Peace*, *Soil, Not Oil*, and *Staying Alive*.

“This book is an act of spiritual activism. It comes to us from the frontline of the revolution in consciousness underway in the world today. It is a gift of wisdom that awakens us to the changes we need to make, but always seen from a spiritual perspective. Buy it as a daily reminder that will lift your awareness towards a better future.”

~ Hardin Tibbs, Futurist and writer on industrial ecology, sustainability, cultural values, change, and other future-focused topics.

“Distilling the essence of world religions, cultures, politics, and spiritual traditions, Alan Clements’ magnificent, timely book provides a courageous and intelligent compass personifying our aspirations for freedom and wisdom, and in so doing, offers insights on how to actively shape a future that gives life hope. With our planet in peril, it is imperative that we act now to provide a secure future for our children and future generations; make this book your guide, mentor and friend.”

~ Dr Helen Caldicott, Author of *Nuclear Power is Not the Answer* and *If you Love this Planet*; Founding President Physicians for Social Responsibility.