

Stephen Gill's new novel, *The Coexistence*, released by Orientalia, New Delhi, in 2011



THE COEXISTENCE

A Novel By

Stephen Gill

A blueprint to live and let live

By the author of *The Flame* (epical poem on terrorism), *Shrine* (poems about peace) , and the novel *The Chhattisgarh*

Set in Canada and India, *the Coexistence* provides a blueprint to live and let live, showing ideological clashes between the believers in the survival of the fittest and cooperation. This thought-provoking novel of unaffected clarity is from the pen that has produced *The Flame*, a soul-touching epical poem about maniac messiahs.

About two thousand and five hundred years ago, Buddha gave to humanity the stalwartness to live and let live. About five hundred years after Buddha, Jesus showered its glory on the mount of limitless compassion and forgiveness. He was crucified. Karamchand Gandhi and others in different countries embraced the stalwartness to live and let live. Darkness refused to recognize it. New generation is armed with the instinct of aggression of Charles Darwin who presented nature red in tooth and claw.

Concerned citizens of peace adorned with intellect and fortified with the drive for survival are struggling to correct the folly of the instinct of aggression. They see the drive of survival in the form of cooperation present also in nature. They know that sages discerned its illumination long before Charles Darwin found

the law of the jungle that scorns cooperation. The humans who see beauty in diversity garner benefits. These concerned citizens of peace believe that tolerance is the reliable ship that will let them in the isle of symbiosis where every human can live in dignity, and prosper physically and mentally also in the valley of arts.

This novel, *The Coexistence*, is based on the conviction that no organism is an island in itself and multiculturalism is going to grow, solidifying the global village. The best course is to recognize multiculturalism as a way of life. No one can eliminate prejudices. The best is to recognize them. The novel argues that the older models of assimilation and homogenization should give way to multiculturalism. International groups encourage this model because it promotes peace. This model is easier to adopt for the nations where liberal democracies exist, including India and Canada. *The Coexistence* is about world peace, focusing on live and let live.

Stephen Gill, author of this novel, is an expressive voice of Canada, India and Pakistan. He believes strongly in a democratically elected world government and peace through peaceful means. He has authored more than twenty books, including novels, literary criticism, and collections of poems, and has received recognitions. Stephen Gill was born in Sialkot, Pakistan, where he passed his early childhood and grew in India. After teaching in Ethiopia for three years, he migrated to England before settling in Canada.

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