Higher Purpose Forum: Old Lights & New Lights in the Midst of Cultural Confusion

James Edgerly September 27, 2023



Presentation & Discussion Series

Saturday at 5:00 PM EST via ZOOM

Presenter - James B. Edgerly "Old Light & New Light in the Midst of Cultural Confusion"

Respondent: Dr. Michael Mickler



Dear,

Over the past four years, with help from Rev. Zagery Oliver, the Higher Purpose Forum has developed a presentation series titled "The American Story - What's the Hold Up?" The eight-part series details a providential understanding of U.S. history and presents a diagnosis of our current circumstance. Extracted from that larger story, Saturday's "Old Light, New Light" presentation will review the role of breakthrough spiritual leadership during times of cultural confusion.

Repeatedly, heavily persecuted "new lights" have contended with "old lights", confronted moral confusion, and offered a transformative vision of the future. Only after such spiritual renewal can providentially aligned cultural awakening and healthy political reform take place.

Certainly, this ingredient of "new light" of is of critical relevance today.

Our Respondent will be **Dr. Michael Mickler**, Distingished Professor of Historical Studies at the HJ International Graduate School of Peace and Public Leadership

Presenter
James B. Edgerly

Jim has had a dual vocation career, in business and ministry.

His 35-year business career focused on restructuring of distressed industrial companies. Jim developed and taught a distinctive and systematic restructuring methodolgy that led to major rehabilitation projects in Central Europe during the 1990's followed by the turnaround of several U.S. companies.

He was an owner and senior executive at *The Recovery Group*, headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, *Orion Ropeworks* in Winslow, Maine, and *The BioSolve Company* in Lexington, Massachusetts.

Jim has been an active member of the Unification faith since 1973. He was a founding member of the *New Hope Singers International* and served on the *First Global Team* (1975). He was Senior Pastor at the *Boston Family Church* from 2004 until 2016 and has served numerous terms on the Local Church Council. Since 2019 he has led the development of the *Higher Purpose Forum*.

Jim earned degrees from Columbia University and the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

He has 15 members in his busy three-generation family.

ZOOM Link for all Saturday Meetings

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Meeting ID: 613 261 1228

Passcode if needed: HPFMeeting

Upcoming HPF Saturday Meetings

October 21 - Dr. Gordon Anderson - "Individual Sovereignty and Social Institutions"
October 28 - Alan Jessen - "Economic Democracy Part II - Mutual Prosperity
Through Broader Distribution of Ownership"

Sincerely,
James Edgerly
Steering Committee
Higher Purpose Forum
