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His essays and cultural criticism have appeared in the *Huffington Post*, *Salon*, *Alternet*, *Tikkun*, and *Tricycle* magazine. His viral article, "Beyond McMindfulness", opened the floodgates for the mindfulness backlash. Professor Purser is author, co-author/editor of eight books: *McMindfulness: How Mindfulness Became the New Capitalist Spirituality* (Repeater Books), *Ethical Foundations of Mindfulness* (Springer), *Handbook of Mindfulness: Culture, Context and Social Engagement* (Springer), *24/7: Time and Temporality in the Network Society* (Stanford University Press, 2007), *Social Creativity* (Vol. 1, Hampton Press), *Social Creativity* (Vol. 2, Hampton Press), *The Self Managing Organization* (Simon & Schuster), *The Search Conference* (John Wiley/ Jossey Bass). He has published over 60 academic journal articles and book chapters. His recent writings critically examine Buddhism's encounter with modernity, capitalism and individualism, particularly in corporate settings.

Dr. Purser began his formal Buddhist training beginning in 1981 at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute in Berkeley. In 1985, he was a student at the Cleveland Zen Center under Koshin Ogui Sensei who had been Shunryu Suzuki's personal assistant in the early 1960's. He has studied with numerous Zen teachers and Tibetan lamas, is now an ordained Dharma instructor in the Korean Zen Buddhist Taego order.

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