



## The Doukhobor People A Tribute to Good Citizens

by Ken Morrow, 2010

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This is a little book written by an 82-year-old Optomologist with a big heart. Dedicated 'For All Doukhobors', the author sets out to undo some of the gross misrepresentations of the group especially as presented by the media and the extremist zealots.

The author makes it clear that overall, Doukhobors are a peaceful, friendly, hardworking, innovative, fun-loving and hospitable people. He provides examples from his youth when he lived in Nelson and Castlegar, British Columbia where he met Doukhobor neighbours. In being integrated into the economic and cultural life of Canada, [Dr. Morrow](#) writes:

'In a little more than one hundred and ten years virtually all of the Doukhobors have integrated into Canadian society and became good citizens. Most praiseworthy are their goals of equality, universal brotherhood and peace — really the goals of all humanity.'

His 145-page book spans the 300-year Doukhobor history with a focus on contemporary times. The book's seven chapters are:

- I. Origin of the Doukhobor social movement.
- II. False warnings.
- III. Important Doukhobor history.
- IV. Emigration and settlement of Doukhobors from Russia.
- V. The integration of Doukhobors into Canadian society.
- VI. Contributions of Doukhobors to Canada and the world.
- VII. The present and the future of Doukhobors.

I have never met the author [Kenneth Morrow](#) who grew up in Nelson,

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[Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art and History](#) will host [Dr. Ken Morrow](#) this weekend at the signing of his most recent book, *The Doukhobor People: A Tribute to Good Citizens*. The Doukhobours appeared briefly in his first book, *A Boyhood in Nelson*, but here are given a closer, more intimate

BC, and now resides with his wife in Bellingham, Washington. However, Ken found me on the Internet and invited me to help him edit his manuscript. To help him avoid the pitfalls of ignorance, I generously gave my time to edit and research the many questions that he sent me. In the end, we became friends. It will be up to the reader to judge if the book achieves its goal of providing balance, fairness and accuracy to an often maligned group.

In concluding my Endorsement of the book, I wrote:

'In this volume, if the reader can find gems of wisdom among this small group of people (many of whom reside in Western Canada) then Dr. Morrow's intent of helping his fellow beings would be fulfilled. Please read the book and discover this for yourself' (p. iii).

It was an honour for me to prepare an Epilogue:

'Universal brotherhood, love, friendship, equality, beauty and the search for truth, these are the lasting qualities sought by the majority of the Doukhobors on two continents. Their central message has been loud and clear — because we are all brothers and sisters, we should strive to build a world community where creative dialogue rather than violence is the means of overcoming conflict and for resolving effective decisions' (p.128).

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Greg Nesteroff, a local historian and writer has called the book a **“non-Doukhobor’s sympathetic tribute to an often misunderstood people.”**

Morrow wants us to know the Doukhobors better, to glimpse their wisdom and to understand their quest for a peaceful world.

His new book will be available at Touchstones Nelson on Saturday, July 17, 2010, and author Dr. Ken Morrow will there signing them from 10:30 a.m. until noon. \$14.95 + \$5.00 postage.