



A Statement from Rev. Dr. Soni Cantrell-Smith, Spiritual Leader of Centers for Spiritual Living

Acknowledging Deepak Chopra's Correspondence With Epstein

CSL Formally Severs Any Ties to Chopra in Education or Publications

As the elected spiritual leader of CSL, I want to speak directly and with clarity about our community's values and commitments. We are a spiritual organization dedicated to love, truth and the inherent dignity of every human being.

We unequivocally stand against all forms of sexual exploitation, abuse and predatory behavior, and we do not condone or support sexual predators in any form, regardless of reputation, prominence or contribution to spiritual literature or culture.

Over the years, Deepak Chopra's teachings on consciousness and healing have influenced many people within CSL and other New Thought traditions. His teachings have often been received as revolutionary. No matter how popular, spiritual leaders do not have immunity to engage unethically with the world.

That concern deepens with his repeated appearance in the publicly released Epstein files, which include deeply troubling correspondence with Epstein after Epstein's conviction and public exposure as a serial abuser of girls. The correspondence with Chopra reveals language that trivializes harm, invokes secrecy and reflects profound power imbalance.

In light of these revelations, we are taking steps to address this situation. First, out of deep respect for survivors of abuse and in keeping with our highest ethical standards, we are removing any educational material we've used in the past related to Chopra. He is removed from all CSL programs and offerings. We believe it's essential that the resources we provide as a spiritual community align fully with our commitment to safety, integrity and spiritual empowerment for everyone.

We are also suspending any sales of Science of Mind magazine that include content featuring Chopra. We will not promote, distribute or profit from material connected to individuals whose conduct raises serious ethical questions, and we will continue to review our publishing and educational practices so they reflect the values of our organization. **Additionally, we ask that all CSL affiliates refrain from using Chopra's material.**

At Centers for Spiritual Living, we uphold ethical standards that honor the sacred worth of every individual. We are committed to transparency, accountability and compassion, and we will continue working to ensure our teachings and community practices nurture healing, respect and trust. We seek to create and sustain a spiritual environment where every person feels valued, safe and respected.

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