

## Author Dr. Charles Konia Is Selected As A Finalist For The ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Award

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Princeton, NJ/April 21, 2008 – The critically acclaimed, The Emotional Plague: The Root of Human Evil (ACO Press, ISBN 978-0-96799670-3-5, 2008) by Dr. Charles Konia has been selected as a finalist for the ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Award in the category of psychology. The Emotional Plague explores a disease of destructive human behavior involving people's emotional lives that can be spread from person to person with all the characteristics of infectious diseases known to medicine. The ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Award, considered one of the most prestigious literary award, was established to bring increased attention from librarians and booksellers to the literary achievements of independent publishers and their authors. The winner will be announced on May 29, 2008 at BookExpo America in Los Angeles.

"I am very honored that The Emotional Plague was selected as a finalist for the ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Award," said Dr. Charles Konia. "When I began writing this book, I never envisioned that it would receive the mainstream acceptance that it has. The message in this book is essential for everyone who questions what is wrong in society and why our standards of decency and excellence continue to decline."

In The Emotional Plague, Dr. Konia makes the first comprehensive exploration and development of the concepts first published in Wilhelm Reich's 1933 The Mass Psychology of Fascism. Dr. Konia's groundbreaking, highly original book examines from a unique, non-psychological perspective this pathology in human nature that has given us the likes of Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin, Pol Pot, Saddam Hussein, and Osama bin Laden. From Hitler to Osama bin Laden to school shooters to politicians, the emotional plague is a pervasive illness. Konia's book shows people how it existed throughout history, how to recognize it, treat it, prevent it, and understand it. Recognition is an essential first step in eradicating its destructiveness.

"We are very pleased and honored to see Dr. Konia and The Emotional Plague honored as a finalist for the ForeWord Magazine Book of the Year Award," said Dr. Peter A. Crist, Publisher and President, American College of Orgonomy. "It is highly pleasing to see Dr. Konia's work and the work of Wilhelm Reich that is addresses in this book receive such acceptance.

Dr. Charles Konia has been practicing medical orgone therapy since 1964 and has treated patients from all over the world. Born in New York, he received his BA from NYU and M.D. from George Washington University. Certified in psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, he is a life member of the American Psychiatric Association. Dr. Konia originally embarked on a music career as a violinist. Following dramatic improvement in technique after medical orgone therapy he decided to become a medical orgonomist himself. Dr. Konia is board certified in medical orgonomy by the American Board of Medical Orgonomy, Vice President and Fellow of the American College of Orgonomy (ACO), chairman of the training and publication committees of the ACO, and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Orgonomy. He has published articles in several journals and has written more than 100 articles on topics ranging from astrophysics to care of the newborn. Dr. Konia lives with his wife in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Additional information on Dr. Konia and The Emotional Plague may be obtained at [www.theemotionalplague.com](http://www.theemotionalplague.com).

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