The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage By Richard Rohr

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Discussion Questions

Chapter 2 — Amos: Messenger to the Collective

- 1. How is the lack of "bias toward the bottom" being played out today for us?
- 2. Who is a modern-day "Amos Prophet?"

Evil in the Collective

- 1. How do you/do you address collective evil in the groups and organizations around you? Why is it difficult and what are the risks?
- 2. What is your reaction to Amos's positive vision, that divine love operating among us, rather than punishment and retribution, is the antidote to collective evil?

Chapter 3 — A Critical Mass: The Secret of the Remnant

1. Are you skeptical or hopeful regarding Rohr's idea of God's working through "remnants?"

The Remnant Today

- 1. How do you see the rejection of the remnant/prophets working today?
- 2. Have you/how have you challenged yourself or your group before challenging others?

Divine-Human Love in Hosea

- 1. Is the notion of God's love being like spousal love rather than parental love strange to you?
- 2. How are we (as a group, religion, culture, country) more comfortable with law and prohibitions, than with love, intimacy, forgiveness, and mercy?

