



**VAMIK D. VOLKAN, M.D., DFLAPA**, was born to Turkish parents in Cyprus. Before coming to the United States in 1957 he received his medical education at the School of Medicine, University of Ankara, Turkey.

He is an *Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry* at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia and an *Emeritus Training and Supervising Analyst* at the Washington-Baltimore Psychoanalytic Institute. During his 39 years at the University of Virginia Dr. Volkan was the *Medical Director* of the University's Blue Ridge Hospital for 18 years. A year after his 2002 retirement he became the *Senior Erik Erikson Scholar* at the Erikson Institute of the Austen Riggs Center, Stockbridge, Massachusetts and spent three to six months there each year for ten years.

In the early 1980s Dr. Volkan was a member and later the chairperson of the American Psychiatric Association's Committee on Psychiatry and Foreign Affairs. This committee brought influential Israelis, Egyptians and Palestinians for unofficial negotiations. In 1987, Dr. Volkan established the *Center for the Study of Mind and Human Interaction (CSMHI)* at the School of Medicine, University of Virginia. CSMHI applied a growing theoretical and field-proven base of knowledge to issues such as

ethnic tension, racism, large-group identity, terrorism, societal trauma, immigration, mourning, transgenerational transmissions, leader-follower relationships, and other aspects of national and international conflict. The CSMHI's faculty included experts in psychoanalysis, psychiatry, psychology, diplomacy, history, political science, and environmental policy. In 1987, the Soviet Duma signed a contract with the CSMHI to examine existing difficulties between the Soviet Union and United States. Later the CSMHI members worked in the Baltic Republics, Kuwait, Albania, former Yugoslavia, Georgia, South Ossetia, Turkey, Greece, and elsewhere. Dr. Volkan founded the CSMHI's journal, *Mind & Human Interaction*, spoke to several world political leaders, developed new theories on large-group psychology and suggested new strategies for peaceful co-existence.

Dr. Volkan was a member of the *International Negotiation Network* (INN) under the directorship of the former President Jimmy Carter (1989-2000) and also a member of the *Working Group on Terror and Terrorism*, International Psychoanalytic Association. He was a Temporary Consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO) in Albania and Macedonia. He had the honor to give the keynote address in Cape Town, South Africa in 2006, celebrating Archbishop Desmond Tutu's life of peaceful justice and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's activities.

Dr. Volkan holds Honorary Doctorate degrees from Kuopio University (now called the University of Eastern Finland), Finland, from Ankara University, Turkey, and the Eastern European Psychoanalytic Institute, Russia. He is a former President of the Turkish-American Neuropsychiatric Society, the International Society of Political Psychology, the Virginia Psychoanalytic Society, and the American College of Psychoanalysts.

Dr. Volkan was a member of the International Advisory Board, The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel; an Inaugural Yitzak Rabin Fellow, Rabin Center for Israeli Studies, Tel Aviv, Israel; a Visiting Professor of Law, Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts; a Visiting Professor of Political Science at the University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria and at Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul, Turkey; and an Honorary Supervisor and Consultant, Società per lo studio dei disturbi della personalità in Milan, Italy. He worked as a Visiting Professor of Psychiatry at three universities in Turkey. He was a Board Member of the Freud Foundation, Vienna, Austria. In 2006, he was Fulbright/Sigmund Freud-Privatstiftung Visiting Scholar of Psychoanalysis in Vienna,

Austria. In 2015, he became a Visiting Professor at El Bosque University, Bogota, Colombia.

Dr. Volkan received *Nevitt Sanford Award*, *Elise M. Hayman Award*, *L. Bryce Boyer Award*, *Margaret Mahler Literature Prize*, *Hans H. Strupp Award*, *Scholar with a Strategic Vision Award* from the Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies (TASAM), Istanbul, Turkey and the American College of Psychoanalysts' *Distinguished Officer Award* for 2014. He also received the *Sigmund Freud Award* given by the city of Vienna, Austria in collaboration with the World Council of Psychotherapy and the *Mary S. Sigourney Award* for 2015. The Sigourney Award was given to him for his role as a "seminal contributor to the application of psychoanalytic thinking to conflicts between countries and cultures," and because "his clinical thinking about the use of object relations theory in primitive mental states has advanced our understanding of severe personality disorders." Dr. Volkan was listed in *Best Doctors in America* every year from the late 1980s until his retirement from medical practice in 2002.

He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize four times (2005-2008), supported by letters from 27 countries, for examining conflicts between opposing large groups, carrying out projects in various troubled spots in the world for 30 years, and developing psychopolitical theories.

Dr. Volkan is the author, coauthor, editor or coeditor of 60 psychoanalytic and psychopolitical books some of which has been translated into Turkish, German, Russian, Serbian, Spanish, Japanese, Greek and Finnish. He has written hundreds of published papers and book chapters. He has served on the editorial boards of 16 national or international professional journals, including The Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association. Dr. Volkan is the Guest Editor of the Diamond Jubilee Special Issue of The American Journal of Psychoanalysis, 2015.

Currently Dr. Volkan is the president emeritus of the International Dialogue Initiative (IDI) which he established in 2007. The IDI members are unofficial representatives from Iran, Israel, Germany, Russia, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the West Bank. They meet once or twice a year to examine world affairs primarily from a psychopolitical point of view.

Dr. Volkan continues to lecture nationally and internationally.