

Joe could see into people. They felt he really knew them. He told me he had a dream to spread the Fifth City ideal of community throughout the whole world. That motivated me to carry on. Joe was a powerful symbol. I called him the Dean of the Iron Men.

~**Ruth Carter**, Director of Fifth City Preschool, Chicago

Dr. Mathews' insights into facilitative leadership, partnership polity, and systems change shaped the conceptual framework for my organization's service to national and international education agencies.

~**Marilyn R. Crocker**, Ed.D., President, Crocker & Associates, Inc.,
Maine

Whenever Joe was present, things took on greater meaning for me, and consciousness greater depth.

~**Vinasithamby Dharmalingam**, journalist, Malaysia

The Mathews' talks inspire me to see my classroom as sacred space and my students as Those Who Care for the Not Yet.

~**Leah Early**, teacher, Nevada

The tools for transformational living in the midst of the everyday is Joe's enduring gift to me.

~**Lela Jahn**, CFP, owner, wealth management firm, California

Joe Mathews broke through the medieval teaching of Christianity and showed me the meaning and concreteness of the cross and empty tomb today.

~**Cristian Nacht**, businessman, Brazil

We learned to be global citizens and to care for humanity from our only guru, Joe.

~**Vinod and Kamala Parekh**, trainers, India

After three degrees and seventeen years in my profession, Joe Mathews gave me the tools that allowed me to more effectively re-mythologize the Gospel for my students.

~**Clarence H. Snelling, Jr.**, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, The Iliff School
of Theology, Colorado

His ability to articulate and demonstrate the meaning and relevance of the "Great Teachings" to everyday life has been the basis for my approach to leadership, teamwork, and corporate culture.

~**Raymond Spencer**, Chairman and CEO, Kanbay International Inc.,
Chicago

There was awe in Joe's' life and awe in his writings.

~**Brian Stanfield**, Institute of Cultural Affairs, Australia

I first met Joe when he came to visit the Ethiopian Patriarch, where I was serving as the Secretary General of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. He had a piercing look when he talked with individuals, and we took him very seriously. He talked of being interested in the church, and of wanting churchmen to become aware of their responsibility in the modern world.

~**V. Rev. L. L. T. Mikael N. Taffesse**, The Ethiopian Orthodox Church of Medhane-Alem

Joe found and expanded on individual greatness for the greater good.

~**Sandra True**, nurse administrator, and **Robert True**, physician, NYC

Joe Mathews was a master pedagogue. He remains an exemplar of effective teaching for me.

~**Neil Vance**, Senior Lecturer, University of Arizona, Arizona

Joe helped me realize that living a deeply human life is living a deeply spiritual life.

~**Larry Ward**, business owner, clergy, and Director of the Lotus Institute, North Carolina

The 21st century is in desperate need of Joe's words of challenge and healing. I will always cherish my years of study and work with him and his team as we attempted to facilitate human development around the globe.

~**Robertson Work**, Principal Policy Advisor, Decentralized Governance, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

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*the citizens of Fifth City: Chicago;
O:E in dispersion;
and the archangel of the archives.*

Formal remarks made at Washington, D. C., April 4, 2003:

“[I]n 1955 [I] went to the University of Texas from Yale and there I met Joseph Mathews. . . . He and I became close friends and colleagues. He brought to that campus a spiritual depth and enthusiasm. . . . There he was at a largely secular campus of 25,000 . . . students, and he created something of a religious revival. But it wasn’t the “tub-thumping” revival, or one characterized by “evangelism.” . . . It was rather [a] spiritual revival as he pushed students to new depths of intellectual search on spiritual issues. He had a following hard to imagine, and it took only two or three years for him to [help] develop it into the Christian Faith and Life Community. He took the germ of that idea with him through many parts of the world as he developed [a] movement.

“If we had had a structure in the Methodist Church or even in Protestantism that had the rigor of the [Roman] Catholic hierarchy, Joseph Mathews would probably have been treated first with hostility, as was St. Francis, and then later admitted into the fold as one who was the great revivalist of spiritual life in our time.”

*~Dr. John R. Silber
Boston University President (1971-96; 2002-03)
Chancellor (1996-2003)*

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