New DVD about Doukhobors in Georgia — $20

'The Dukhobor Religion Through the Eyes of the Dukhobors'

35 minute DVD video about Doukhobors, Republic of Georgia.

Producer: Andrei Slastukhin, Samara, Russia. 2009 version is The Lost Land: The Red Book of Humanity

Filmed on location in the Caucasus and Chern' district, Tula province, Russian Federation. The film focuses on the Bogdanovka [Ninotsminda] settlement, Georgia, and reports changes due to the rapid out migration of its inhabitants to Russia.

Professional cinematography takes us on a cultural tour of early Doukhobor history, preparing pirozhki (vegetable tarts), sobranie gatherings, historic sites of peshchery (caves), Sirotskii Dom (Orphan’s Home), Georgian landscape, the reading of psalms, a cappella singing, sheep herding, milking cows, the floundering cheese factory, heavenly storks, weddings and funerals, burial grounds of the leaders, drying kiziak (manure bricks for fuel), and women in costume. The stories of collectivization during the 1930s were remembered and retold. Harmony and love are the two traditions that characterize the Doukhobors over the ages, observes the filmmaker.

Koozma's CD Histories now $20 each

Plakun Trava: The Doukhobors (1982) and Spirit Wrestlers: Doukhobor Pioneers' Strategies for Living (2002) are considered to be outstanding releases on the history and biography of the Doukhobor social movement. Both books are available on CD ROMs, and effective immediately, the price of the CDs has been reduced to $20 each plus postage (Canadian).

Plakun Trava: The Doukhobors was the first CD ever of a full history amongst the Doukhobors to be released in the new communications age. The interactive features present the book in digital format with enlarged edited easy-to-read font, digitally restored photos (some with panoramic viewing), biographic and footnote aids, and an index. It is Mac and Windows compatible.

The Mac/Windows hybrid CD-ROM of the more recent Spirit Wrestlers book is adorned with new one-of-a-kind features. The CD-ROM contains every page of the book itself (500 pages), with expandable images and also includes a Video Library — sample music and choirs of this colourful culture, a TimeLine, and Audio Library. Its Vocabulary Module gives actual real-time annunciation of hard to pronounce Russian words used throughout the book. Both CDs are excellent historical and inspirational sources for researchers, educators, and the general public.

The CD-ROMs are available online from Spirit-Wrestlers.com and from Doukhobor Museums and select individuals across Canada. See list on back of this flyer.

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Soviet-Canadian Doukhobor Correspondence: Building Global Civil Society in a Cold-War Political Climate
Download the MA thesis by Marguerite Marlin, Carleton University, Ottawa — May 2009 (406K, DOC, 119 pages)

'Report from Canada: Doukhobors' — 10 minute video from Channel 3 TV News Moscow, Russian Federation.
In response to reader’s requests, my book Spirit-Wrestlers: Doukhobor Pioneers’ Strategies for Living (2002) has been repriced from the original $89.95 to $45.00 plus postage. This will make this volume more affordable especially during the present depressed economic times.

It is an art quality book with many historical photographs along with informative text not only about Doukhobor history and philosophy, but also about the biographies of interesting peoples. This ‘biographic’ approach was the first amongst the Doukhobors. Being first, it had its critics and supporters. Some felt that because their personal biography was not included means that the book is deficient. Indeed, the research could continue without end as more and more people could be added to the list.

The beauty of this biographic approach is that I have summarized the contributions of each resulting in living examples of ten lessons (or moral Commandments) of what constitutes the Doukhobor movement today. The collective wisdom of the individuals gives spirit to the whole. This is what makes the philosophy vibrant, open, broad, and available to the wider world. The approach distances itself from a sect and therefore comes closer to the philosophy of love as conceived by such Russian giants as Lev N. Tolstoy, as well as by contemporary gurus such as Deepak Chopra and Tom Harpur. All of these authors point to the awesome powers within us. Spirit Wrestlers point to the same source. This is a good news story!

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