

# A Dream of a Modern Day Oz

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## Synopsis

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Get ready for a whirlwind tour of the authentic American myth of *The Wizard of Oz.* In this interview, Jean Houston answers the question of what it means to have a brain, a heart, and to act with courage. Using the characters of the scarecrow, tin man, lion, and Dorothy, she inspires us to follow our deep yearning so we can develop the gifts we recognize in ourselves, live our full potential, and contribute to a better world. She talks about how myth is encoded into our DNA and human intelligence, and how myths can help us to find our "yellow brick road of spiritual pollen." She points out that including "the arts" in school curriculum is important in developing our highest human capacities, including social artistry and expansion of our usefulness in society.

Jean Houston is a visionary thinker, teacher, and philosopher who pioneered the Human Potential Movement and established the Social Artistry leadership model that she used in her work with the United Nations Development Programme. She is the author of nearly thirty books including *A Mythic Life,* *A Passion for the Possible,* and *The Wizard of Us: Transformational Lessons From Oz.*

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