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**DAYS OF DIALOGUE**

**PARTNER PROFILE**

**Black Women for Positive Change  
In Affiliation with the Positive Change Foundation  
“Changing the Culture of Violence in America”**



Website: <https://blackwomenforpositivechange.org/>

**LEADERSHIP OF BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE**

- **National Co-Chairs:** Honorable Daun S. Hester and **Dr. Stephanie E. Myers**
- **Chaplain:** Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds

Black Women for Positive Change began in 2008, as “Black Women for Obama.” After providing support to President Barack Obama Administration as volunteers, in 2012 the organization transitioned to Black Women for Positive Change. The organization is a multi-cultural advocacy network of Women, Good Brothers, Inter-Faith Leaders, Business Leaders, GenZs, Millennials, Xers and Boomers in America, Mexico, Canada, the UK and several African nations. We work in partnership with 100 Fathers Inc., National Association of Black Nurses, Moms Demand Action, Everytown for Gun Safety, National Association for Community Mediation, California State University at Dominguez Hills, Unity in the Community and many other organizations and institutions.

BW4PC is dedicated to “Changing the Culture of Violence” through promotion and awareness of de-escalation of violence tools and methods including Peace Circles, support for de-escalation legislation, production of non-violence films and sponsorship of annual Months of Non Violence.

BW4PC promotes voters rights and encourages all voters to go to the polls, regardless of their partisanship.



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### Positive Change Foundation

The Positive Change Foundation is a 501-c-3 managed by Black Women for Positive Change. It is one of the sponsors of the Annual Months of Non-Violence, Families, Voters Rights and Opportunities. The Foundation seeks donors to support its mission of stopping violence and “Changing the Culture of Violence in America, and the World.”

The Foundation also administers the Positive Change Academy, an organization that provides “Opportunities As Alternatives to Violence” through training and exposure to new and innovative industries. The target audiences are GenZs, Millennials, Xers and Boomers. Priority focus is in areas of:

- (1) Emerging Technologies in Robotics, AI and other technologies
- (2) Technology Ethical Systems
- (3) Violence Prevention
- (4) Peace Circles

### BLACK WOMEN FOR POSITIVE CHANGE OCTOBER MONTH OF NONVIOLENCE

**“PEACE CIRCLES: PROMOTING VOICE AND COLLABORATION AMONG STUDENTS TO CREATE A VIOLENCE-FREE FUTURE.”**

For young people, to dream of a future without violence is an act of bravery. Creating a violence-free future is an important goal and providing children with a platform to express themselves through peace circles is a powerful way to empower them toward that goal. Restorative circles have proved to be effective in addressing conflicts and promoting healing in communities and schools.

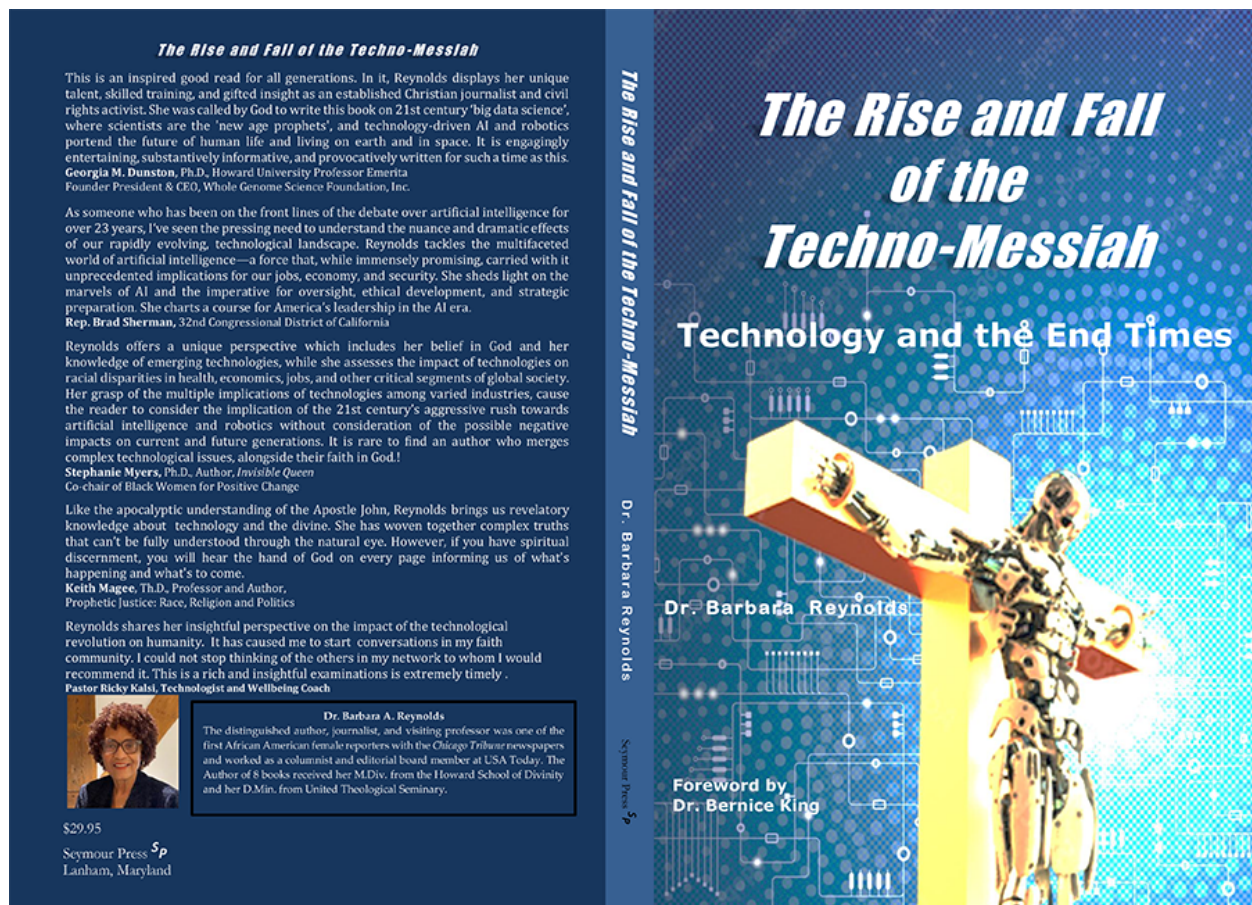
## **Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds**

She has written for the *Cleveland Press*, *Ebony* magazine, *Chicago Today*, and the *Chicago Tribune*, where she served as the Washington correspondent until 1980. While at the *Tribune* she covered Jesse Jackson, with whom she at first had a close friendship. Later her relationship with Jackson took a more journalistic and professional tone, and she published the controversial and sometimes critical biography, which she later revisited as *Jesse Jackson, America's David*. She contributed a regular column to *USA Today* until 1996. Amongst other books, she wrote *And Still We Rise: Interviews with 50 Black Role Models*. In 1998, she released *No, I Won't Shut Up: 30 Years of Telling It Like It Is*, that included a foreword by Coretta Scott King. In 2005, she published an autobiography, *Out of Hell and Living Well*.

Along with writing about social issues that interest her, Reynolds currently serves as a Pentecostal minister in Washington, D.C.



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## Within This Book:

- Examines why current efforts to tame rogue AI and technology will fail if God is excluded from the shift to an emerging machine-human culture as well as the consequences of humanly-created robots replacing authentic God-created humans.
- Offers a dynamic inspection of how technology's replacement of millions of jobs creates a human junk pile for those unenhanced or unprepared to thrive on the digital frontier and how biased algorithms do social and cultural harm.
- Highlights how idol worship, new godless religions, and fabricated religious figures are bringing us closer to the rise of false gods, including a Techno-Messiah.
- Sheds light on the imperative for oversight and ethical development needed to control the tragedy ahead from technology speeding along without the divine counsel and guidance of God.



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## **Dr. Stephanie E. Myers**

<https://mediatorsbeyondborders.org/fostering-a-culture-of-peace-member-spotlight-dr-stephanie-myers/>

Dr. Stephanie Myers, a distinguished leader and passionate advocate for change, has dedicated her life to community activism, nonviolence, and providing opportunities for young people. Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, Dr. Myers earned her undergraduate degree in psychology from **California State University, Dominguez Hills** and went on to earn her graduate degree through the Coro Foundation in collaboration with Occidental College. In a nutshell, Dr. Myers held a presidential appointment for twelve years across the **Department of Health and Human Services** and the **Office of Commercial Space Transportation**. She went on to become the national chair of **Black Women for Positive Change** (which was initially *Black Women for Obama* in its founding year, 2008). She served as Co-Chair of Black Women for the Biden/Harris campaign in 2020, and is currently producing Non Partisan memes to encourage GenZs to vote in the critical 2024 election. And, of course Dr. Myers is personally supporting our historic Vice President Kamala Harris, for President of the USA.

Along the way, Dr. Myers and her husband co-founded a publishing company, **R.J. Myers Publishing & Consulting Co.** Passionate about history and recognizing underrepresented voices of the past, Dr. Myers wrote and published her very own book in 2017, *Invisible Queen: Mixed Race Ancestry Revealed*, on the history of Queen Charlotte and her neglected story (available for purchase at **www.myerspublishing.com**). In 2006, Dr. Myers felt drawn to return to school and earned her doctorate degree in Applied Management and Decision Sciences from Walden University. Today, Dr. Myers's primary work rests in her commitment to *Black Women for Positive Change*, where she remains unremittingly dedicated to nonviolence initiatives both in her local community and abroad.



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