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**Editor's Note**

In the process of book writing or editing, it is consistently true that the content rewrites us; sometimes lightly, sometimes profoundly, but transforming us, nevertheless. As an editor I have come to rely on this dynamic. It is so reliable that I even look forward to it.

In the case of *Sacred Marching Orders*, before the project officially began, I told a friend that I would look back on this book as one of the most memorable and life-altering manuscripts of my life.

I was grateful for this fore-knowing because it gave me an opportunity to be truly conscious as the shift in me began. With a wink of my eye and an agreeable nod to the Universe, I said, "I hear you. I feel the magnitude and importance of this work. With fierce surrender to my own plan, in service to all humanity, I am willing. Whatever lies ahead, I am not afraid. I was born for this." Obviously, I was not speaking to the task of merely editing a manuscript. This was so much more.

As the project commenced, I became the solar awakening editor. My first self-appointed mission was to purchase a pair of vintage combat boots, circa 1965—the year of my birth. As abstract as it seemed initially, and as time would reveal, this solar action served to infuse this book with the necessary action-orientation and unwavering commitment required of any woman who awakens; the willingness to be the model of the solar feminine; to live it; to be in active and willing collaboration during the process; to stand in firm resolve, regardless of external circumstances.

I spent many hours on the march, wearing those boots, directed by my sacred marching orders—back and forth in my office—to allow the perfect words and vibration to flow through me as a catalyst for global change. Those boots serve to remind each of us of the responsibility in these auspicious times to become those women to whom other women can map.

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In service to you, I went first. Now it's your turn. May this book awaken the solar feminine in you in a way that transforms and rewrites you in the process.

Get on your boots, girls; it's time to march.

Bursting forth,  
Charlon Bobo