

To Find the Way of Love: The Purpose of Our Existence

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Oliver E. Deehan, a meticulous researcher and observer, seeks to show how love is the answer to human existence in *To Find the Way of Love: The Purpose of Our Existence*. For twenty years, Deehan has sought to understand humankind's place in the universe when it comes to life and love through science, the social sciences, theology, and philosophy. Deehan believes that the phenomenon of a monotheistic deity—in this case, God's existence—is in itself love. He draws from material by well-known authors, including Will Durant and Carl Sagan.

Deehan writes, "The importance of relationships in human affairs cannot be overstated. There is implicit recognition of this importance in our role designations ... In all of these relationships, we, as individuals, must promote freedom and equality. That is the way of love."

While his explanation of love seems simple, its application is complex. We must first comprehend what Deehan calls "the fundamental and lasting ramifications of our common biological and physiological inheritance." When we put individualism before relationships, he believes, inequalities occur and surely evil will ensue. "Evil is a product of human society ... Each of us is guilty of doing evil every time we support inequality in a relationship," he writes. "Evil is a matter of choice. It is an exercise in free will. This means man is not controlled by evil and does not need to choose it."

To Find the Way of Love is a small book, but it contains a wealth of information presented in a carefully researched and detailed fashion. The author makes a compelling case for altruism and equality in order for humanity to outpace the dinosaur's time on earth. Deehan merges science, economics, psychology, sociology, history, and theology into an accessible and easily understood treatise based on logic, common sense, and spirituality. Deehan's ideas for a "New Society" based on love will resonate with many people and could promote new ideas for a better world.

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