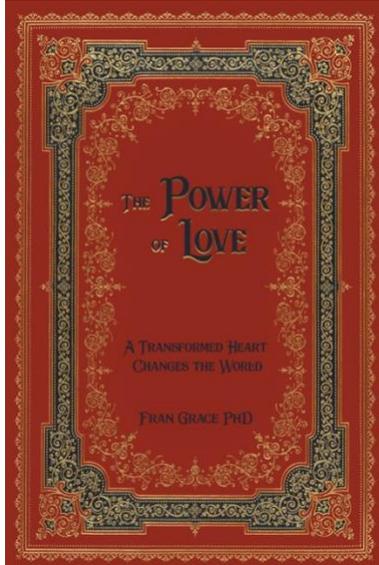


# *The Power of Love: A Transformed Heart Changes the World*

by Fran Grace, Ph.D.

(with fourteen teachers from diverse worldviews and walks of life)



Here are our tears and crises, sudden moments of joy, simple human experiences combined with the taste of a deeper truth. This is the most precious offering we can make to life, to live this story, just as Fran has lived hers. —from the Foreword by Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, The Golden Sufi Center

More than eighty years after Paul Brunton's famed *Search in Secret India*, we are blessed to have before us just such a book for our times, Fran Grace's splendid and moving *The Power of Love*. It is full of gifts for the reader: visits with some of the most memorable spiritual figures of the past 50 years; Grace's own story of the journey of her own soul, as scholar, practitioner, and graced human being; and for all of us, a narrative of love's deep running and overflowing currents in today's thirsting world. This is a book for a wide audience, of seekers, travelers, and scholars. It promises to feed the heart and soul, even as it awakens the mind again and again. —Francis X. Clooney, SJ, Parkman Professor of Divinity, Harvard University

What matters is here! —Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M., founding Director of the Center for Action and Contemplation

This book is a masterpiece. Fran Grace takes us on an intimate journey revealing Love in all its facets, from the most sublime peaks of humankind's aspirations, to Love's omnipresence in the most wretched circumstances. —Nisha Manek, M.D., Fellow of the American College of Physicians

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**Description:** *The Power of Love* is an inspiring chronicle of life-changing encounters, personal transformation and a vision of love that transcends the everyday definition, to embrace universal kindness and compassion, based on the knowledge that all beings are one family and that our capacity to love is one of the world's most hidden yet powerful resources. Each chapter is a book unto itself.

**Summary:** Unable to integrate a powerful experience of Light at 15, Fran Grace joined a fundamentalist sect as a teenager, serving the church until 33, when an unexpected love affair unraveled her life. Though her outer life continued normally, with success as a professor, she suffered an existential vacuum. At 39, she encountered a spiritual teacher, Dr. David R. Hawkins, who opened her heart. She moved to be near him and worked with him closely on various projects until his death in 2012. Heartbroken from his passing, she went on a journey to learn more about the power of love to transform and heal. She spent time with renowned spiritual leaders, scientists, activists, and artists—all of whom had been selected with the help of her spiritual teacher before he passed away, verifying their capacity to transmit love.

**Encounters:** This book gives readers a direct and unique encounter with globally influential teachers of love, such as Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, Mother Teresa, the 17th Karmapa, Viktor Frankl, Betty Eadie, the International Council of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers, David R. Hawkins, Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, Father Pavlos of Sinai, Huston Smith, Belvie Rooks & Dedan Gills, Jetsunma Tenzin Palmo, Swami Chidatmananda, and Stanford physicist William Tiller. From diverse faiths and fields of work, they reveal the power of love to be the next frontier of global consciousness, with many ways to uncover it and live it. In the end, love is found to animate every moment of ordinary life.

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In this deeply honest and moving book, Fran Grace provides a kaleidoscope of images, experiences, and signs - all invitations into the greatest power in the universe. —Hilary Hart, author of *The Unknown She: Eight Faces of an Emerging Consciousness* and *Body of Wisdom: Women's Spiritual Power and How It Serves*.

This spiritual autobiography is very timely for a fractured world that needs to be reminded of the One in whom we all—regardless of religious affiliation—live and move and have our being. Love, truly, is the path for all of us. —Wilkie Au, Ph.D., Emeritus Professor, Loyola Marymount University, editorial board of *Presence: An International Journal of Spiritual Direction*

This is the only journey worth making! —Lorne Ladner, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist, author of *Lost Art of Compassion: Discovering the Practice of Happiness in the Meeting of Buddhism and Psychology*

This book really pulls one in. It's a fascinating look at the all-important subject of "Love," written from both a personal and an objective point of view—this is a rare combination! —Margaret Johnson, Ph.D., Co-Chief Editor of *Psychological Perspectives*; Board of Directors, C. G. Jung Study Center of Southern California

This book is wonderful. It gives me hope. It's a good look at what people from all walks of life go through on a spiritual path. —Susan J. Hawkins, President, Institute for Spiritual Research founded by Dr. David R. Hawkins (bestselling author of *Letting Go: Pathway to Surrender* and *Power vs. Force*)

This book gives us an opportunity to think about who we are, where we come from, our identity, and how we have a connection to all of our "relatives." —Mona Polacca, Havasupai-Hopi-Tewa charter member of The International Council of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers; member of the World Council of Religious and Spiritual Leaders; speaking at a panel at the Parliament of the World's Religions (November 2018).

*The book was celebrated at the 125th Parliament of the World's Religions in Toronto, with its theme, "The Power of Love - The Promise of Inclusion"*

"Recommended" by the *U.S. Review of Books*:

"Grace writes with a confidence and acuity that demonstrate her immersion in her subject.... her book may offer inspiration and guidance to a wide audience of spiritual seekers." —Barbara Bamberger Scott, reviewer



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