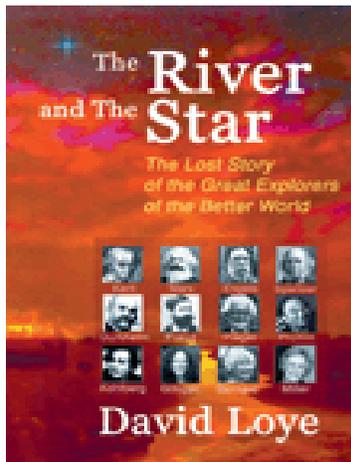


THE MORAL TRANSFORMATION CYCLE

Out of the corrupt politics, brutal economics, trashing of the planet and moral hollow of our time is it possible to regain a vision of who we can, and should, and must become?

Even more urgent, is it possible to radically accelerate moral evolution, if not indeed launch moral revolution?

These are basic questions for the 21st century that pioneering evolutionary action scientist David Loye tackles in the six books of an inspiring new Moral Transformation Cycle. History, humanistic psychology, sociology, gender studies, political science, advanced brain research and evolutionary systems science—all come alive and flow together into an action blend of progressive science with progressive spirituality and magnificent story.



The River and the Star: The Lost Story of the Great Explorers of the Better World

In this first book for the Cycle, Loye provides a startling new look at the lives, times, and work of a comparative handful of men—and later, women—who, although from diverse, indeed radically different backgrounds, shared a single passion.

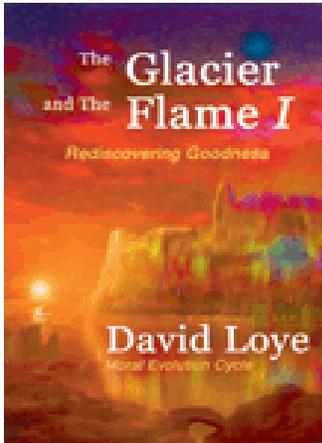
Generation after generation, against opposition from authoritarian religions, governments, and social systems—and despite the massive indifference of much of the social science they helped create—over 200 years they fought to expand the ability of our species to build better lives and the better world for ourselves.

Immanuel Kant, Marx and Engels, Sigmund Freud, Jean Piaget, Erich Fromm, Lawrence Kohlberg and Carol Gilligan—we follow these and other famous social scientific explorers as bit by bit they uncover the “two worlds” of morality and a firm first foundation for moral evolution.

On the surface we know the deeper reality of the “river” and the “star” as the drive for freedom and equality. But now for the first time we can see the deep primacy of this evolutionary partnership for moral evolution—and revolution; not only in politics, but in gender relations, child-raising, economics, religion, science, education, and all other regards.

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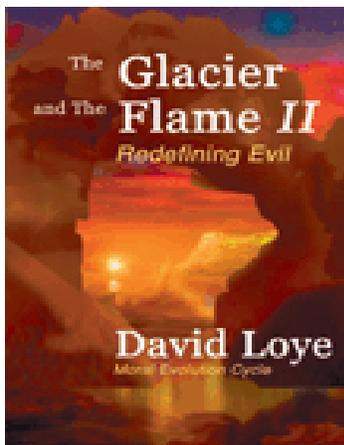


The Glacier and the Flame I: Rediscovering Goodness

Are we by nature good? Or bad? Or are we only some kind of organic putty for shaping in whatever way over-riding control or blind chance drives us?

In this first of the core triad of books for his Moral Transformation Cycle Loye applies the neglected power of progressive science to the question of what makes us good with these stunning results:

A basic finding that by evolution we're pre-programmed good. The uncovering of six foundations for moral evolution. Translation of the six into a new six point Global Ethic. And in a pioneering tour de force: Corroboration of this compelling statement for progressive science by thousands of years of the codes and beliefs of a similarly neglected and embattled progressive religion.



The Glacier and the Flame II: Redefining Evil

Are we bad as a matter of “innate evil”? Is ours the root problem of a basically bestial human nature we can only hope to improve by relentless control?

Or is ours the astonishing case of the massive rise and global proliferation of much of what we know as evil imposed upon us by a specific time of bloody conquest in the supposedly unknowable distant past of our species?

The pioneering work of archeologist Marija Gimbutas and evolution theorist Riane Eisler—along with by now scores of other social scientists revealing both an earlier era and later pockets of comparative global peace and plenty—has in many places been written off as “just a feminist fantasy.”

For the first time this book provides the powerful corroboration of generation after generation of male thinkers considered among the leading scholars and scientists of their time.

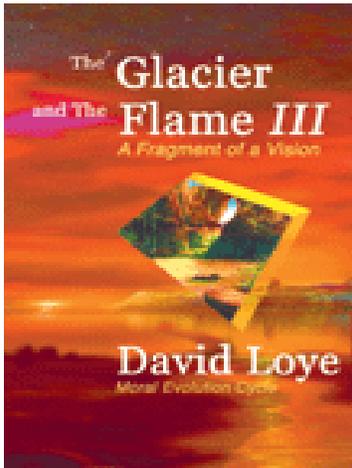
What emerges is an extraordinary uncovering of the shaping impact on our history and human evolution of the “two worlds” of dominator morality and partnership morality.

The wasteful, dysfunctional and heart-rending barriers erected against human evolution by the dominator morality are revealed with haunting precision. Likewise, the dynamics of how—in radically different ways—we construct the conscience, sexual morality, and economic, political, and environmental morality. Likewise, the deadly drag of the conflict

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between the so-called conservative and liberal wings of all the world's religions—currently highlighted by the manic Islamic dream of global domination or destruction.

In terms of evolutionary action science, *GFII* goes beyond description to prescription of therapy to strengthen a morality of health and cure a life-threatening morality of rampant psychopathology.

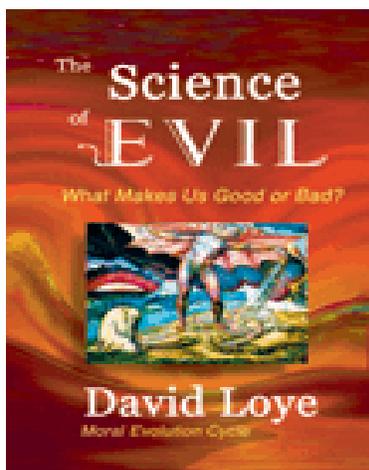


The Glacier and the Flame III: A Fragment of the Vision

The first two books of the triad for *The Glacier and the Flame* explore the supporting science and religion for only the first two of the six foundations that Loye identifies in *GF I*.

Forced by advancing age and the lack of a market for his original purpose of a book for each of them, into this final book for the triad Loye collapsed fragments earlier written to flesh out the scientific support for the following six foundations:

Foundation I: The Expectation of Goodness. Foundation II: Perception of the Two Worlds of Partnership and Dominator Morality. Foundation III: The Cosmic and Political Drive of Freedom and Equality. Foundation IV: The Immanent and Transcendent Power of Love. Foundation V: The Guidance System of Higher Mind. Foundation VI: Earth and the Action Imperative



The Science of Evil: What Makes Us Good or Bad?

“This book is about the immensely engaging, periodically rewarding, and often delightful adventure of battling evil through changes in our understanding of what evil is, and what we can do about it,” David Loye tells us in his Prologue.

“Over many millennia we humans have grappled with evil with the tools of mind perfected through the cumulating experience of billions of us and the insight of great thinkers gathered into three great bodies of organized knowledge.”

First, over many thousands of years, came the rich, ritualistic attempt by religion. Next, over only three to four thousand years, came the lofty bookish probe by philosophy. Last, over barely more than 300 years, has come the attempt to

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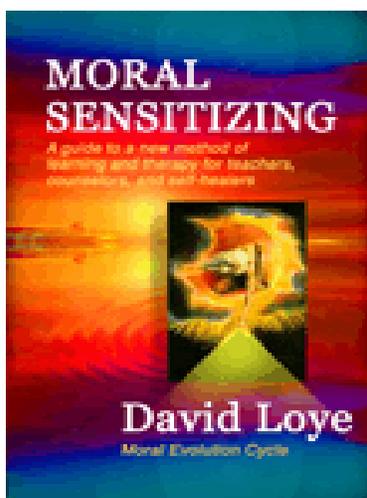
ground our search for understanding in genetics, behavior, environment, and other multifaceted explorations of science.

“If we may presume to read it, the message of the noosphere—or the hypothetical layer of consciousness that binds us one to another globally—seems to be that all three must draw on the wisdom of each other,” Loye suggests. “Newly respectful of differences, but each maintaining its own integrity, together they must forge a new full spectrum, action-oriented working relationship if our species is to live up to its responsibility to perpetuate the gift of life on this planet.”

This book “tries to describe our situation in simple and direct terms, and is purposefully short, in order to reach both the general and the professional readership for which it has been written.

“On one hand, it has been written for the general reader looking for a relatively quick introduction to what science as well as religion and philosophy has to tell us about this most serious of all problems we humans encounter during our brief life spans on this earth.

“At the same time, I write to reach the student as well as the teacher and the established professional in science, religion, or philosophy, with a quick guide to a huge realm of knowledge now scattered over hundreds of books.”



Moral Sensitizing: A Guide to a New Method of Learning and Therapy for Teachers, Counselors, and Self-Healers

How are we to find for ourselves and teach and counsel others in the arts and sciences of goodness?

Though to ourselves we may seem alone in wondering this, actually worldwide millions of us are beginning to ask this question because of our perception of how environmental devastation and a new escalation in violence, wars and nuclear proliferation is increasingly linked to the question of species if not indeed even planetary survival.

Drawing on the accumulated wisdom of the five earlier books for his Moral Transformation Cycle, as well as his revolutionary six book Darwin Anniversary Cycle, in this final book Dr.Loye provides everything one needs to get underway with the approach of Moral Sensitivity Learning (MSL) or Moral Sensitivity Healing (MSH).

“These approaches are designed to work for groups with an organizer (or organizers, for having co-facilitators is the ideal), or for the person who for reasons of convenience or privacy wants to experience this process by themselves. Because of the greater complexities involved, the emphasis here will be mainly on group process. But throughout these pages I also will be speaking to the self-healer.”

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At the heart of both MSL and MSH are the following six kinds or levels of change for learning or healing.

1. *Cognitive Re-alignment*...or mentally getting hold of what moral sense, moral sensitivity, and morality is.
2. *Social Reinforcement*...or talking this over.
3. *Experiential Reinforcement*...or feeling it at a deeper level.
4. *Cathartic Reinforcement*...or probing it still deeper to the personal core.
5. *Spiritual Re-Alignment*...or expanding our understanding of moral sense, sensitivity and morality to re-connect with their deepest roots.
6. *Moral Action*...or using cognitive, social, experiential, cathartic, and spiritual transformation to do good in this world and help change it for the better.

What is this vast chill that at times with such astonishing speed, defying everything we have come to think of as intelligence and purpose and values, moves seemingly almost overnight into our nations, cities, homes, hearts, minds, and souls to seize and numb us?

What, in a word, is the *Glacier*? Where did it come from? How did it gain its power and how may we end its power?

But of even greater urgency: What is the *Flame*?

What is this quality, force, thrust, or champion of the good within us that no matter how often its flare is blown out, refuses to be crushed? . . .

Looking ahead at what's barreling down at us in the 21st century at freight train if not rocket speed, can it be said that either the monolith of science or the monolith of religion and spirituality is up to the challenge of saving us from ourselves by themselves alone? *But what if progressive science, progressive religion and spirituality, progressive philosophy—and practically speaking, most vital of all, progressive politics, economics, education, and progressive money—might somehow join forces to light the Flame to melt or cut a new path through the Glacier? . . .*

Prologue, The Glacier and the Flame I: Rediscovering Goodness.

The River and the Star is now available globally. As *The Glacier and the Flame* trilogy and other books for this Cycle are published, 2008 into 2009, they will also be available for purchase online on Powells, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Alibris, or order through book stores in the U.S. For Europe, Asia, and all other regions, see Book Depository or Amazon affiliates for U.K., Germany, France, Germany, Austria, and Japan. *For autographed copies at regular price buy direct from our website www.benjaminfranklinpress.com. 40% discount to libraries and book sellers.*

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