

No Greater Love: The Human Experience of God

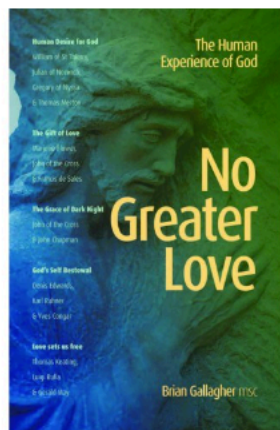
Brian Gallagher msc

Reviewed by Michelle Vass

This book is a companion book to Brian Gallagher's earlier work *God's Foolishness*. The author reflects on the lives and teachings of a number of other 'prophets' who have encouraged and inspired him in his own life and ministry. They include earlier classics, for example Julian of Norwich and Francis de Sales, and contemporary authors, Denis Edwards, Karl Rahner and Thomas Keating. In common to all is their experience of God's love in their lives, in joyful times and in painful times. Many themes from the teaching of St John of the Cross permeate Brian's writing. Brian Gallagher has a knack for writing just enough to whet the appetite for a fuller understanding, and yet leave the reader with enough freedom to explore the concepts in terms of their own life.

Michelle Vass is an experienced spiritual director, lay member of the community of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Douglas Park, NSW and for ten years she has ministered at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW.

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See with the eyes of the heart

Christopher J. Monaghan CP

Reviewed by Tim McCowan

To be seen by another with the eyes of the heart is a precious gift of receiving spiritual direction for me. Within their compassionate, attentive gaze my shy, wild soul can tentatively reveal its beauty. This heart seeing, less judgemental than our ego's, opens up gifts of wisdom and beauty according to Christopher Monaghan's book. *See with the eyes of the heart* is a treasure trove of his striking contemplative photographs from Melbourne, NZ and beyond, accompanied by poignant reflections on life and Scripture. Chris, a gifted Biblical scholar and photographer, opens up rich conversations between these "lenses" that evoke new questions of our lives and the ways we view the world. His book (with optional journal version) is ideal for personal daily use, retreat reflection or as a gift for fostering the contemplative gaze.

Rev Dr Tim McCowan OAM is a spiritual director, retreat leader and lecturer in the spiritual life in Melbourne and Manila.

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