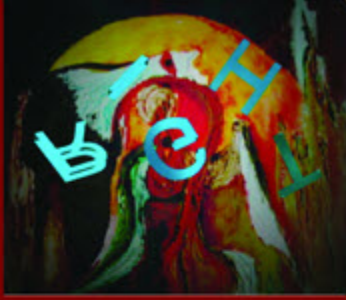
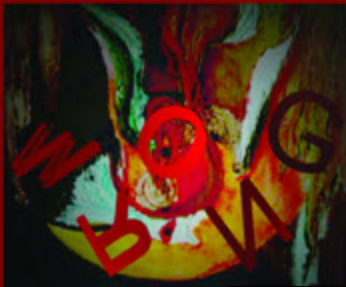


For many the tension between individual freedom and desire to satisfy one's ego, while seeking self-development on one side, and make compromise and sacrifice as respect for others' need for freedom and development as well, which require sharing and cooperation on the other side, has determined much of the dilemma to decide what is right or wrong. To take responsible roles, which may serve the interests of all by curtailing the desires to fulfill one's personal need and greed, have been a major issue of moral for many societies. Moreover, the variations in mental capacities, different environmental constraints and the cultural climate, in which one may live, impart values and impose social rules about how to practice them in different situations. Thus, individualism creates a complex social maze, where morality is perceived differently by different persons. Many young people these days claim that morality depends on personal judgment about what one feels as right or wrong, rather than something which is delivered from above as true for all. The book deals with this complexity of the moral issue in social behaviors and tries to throw lights on it from rational understanding of the cosmos and the biological science. It attempts to penetrate deep into difficult questions of sociology, psychology and philosophy as well. It also has a part which would interest people who wish to explore the realm of spirituality as the foundation of moral and universalism.



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Depending on perspective right can be wrong or vice versa



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