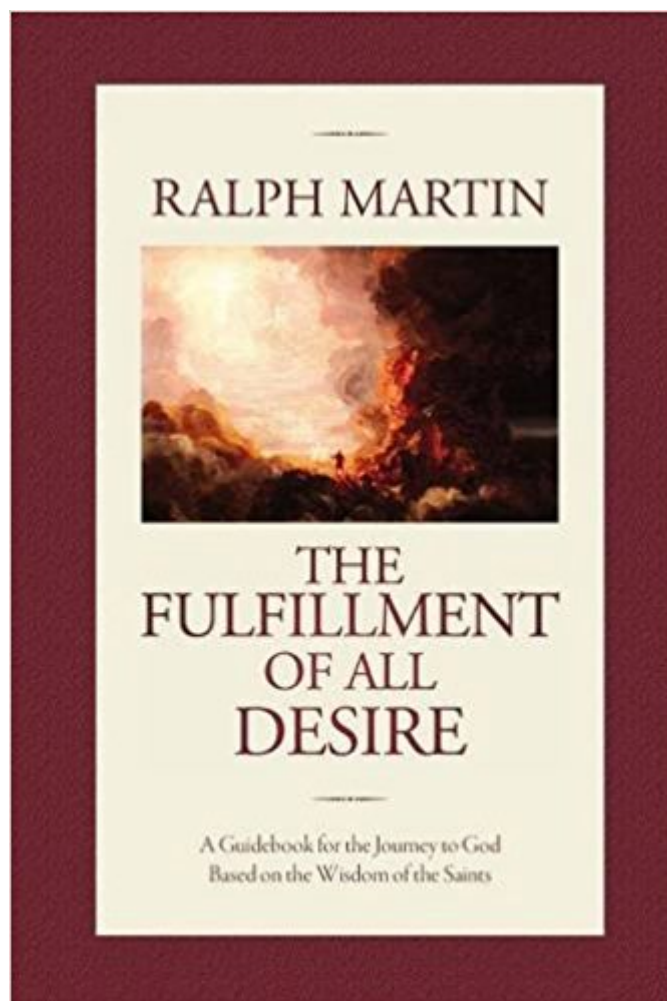


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# The Fulfillment Of All Desire



## Synopsis

Drawing upon the teaching of seven Spiritual Doctors of the Church, Ralph Martin presents an in-depth study of the journey to God. This book provides encouragement and direction for the pilgrim who desires to know, love, and serve our Lord.

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Ralph is the president of Renewal Ministries an organization devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelization. Renewal Ministries is the sponsor of "The Choices We Face" a widely viewed weekly Catholic television and radio program distributed throughout the world and engages in a wide variety of mission work in more than 30 countries. He is also the Director of Graduate Theology Programs in Evangelization and an associate professor of theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Archdiocese of Detroit. He holds a doctorate in theology from the Angelicum University in Rome. Pope Benedict XVI appointed Ralph as a Consultor to the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. He was also appointed as a peritus for the Synod on the New Evangelization which was held in Rome in 2012. He and his wife Anne reside in Ann Arbor, Michigan and are the parents of six and grandparents of sixteen.

If you are on a spiritual journey to unite your spirit to God's will, this book is an exceptional navigation tool. It is also an inspirational introduction to the great Doctors of the Church, particularly, Bernard of Clairvaux, John of the Cross, Therese of Lisieux & Catherine of Siena. I highly recommend this book & expect to read it again soon.

Can't say enough about this book. As an evangelical who has united with Roman Catholicism, this is a wonderful piece on deepening my walk along with the saints. Evangelicals will love this.

A very inspiring book for those that wish a deeper relationship with our Father by becoming more spiritual in a material world. I found it very helpful in my quest to become more like Christ relying upon the gift of grace and giving of my free will..

A great book for someone either beginning to live a deeper relationship with Jesus or even one who has been sidetracked along the way. The wisdom of the seven saints who have walked the path that are quoted throughout the book are great encouragement to keep to the way marked out for us by our Lord.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who is seriously considering either starting, or advancing, on a spiritual journey that leads to an intimate relationship with God. Ralph Martin uses what I call a 'mystical language' to open doors to union with God through the writings of the mystic doctors of the Church. We all know what a 'lover's language' is. A 'mystical language' is the language of the heart between God as the Lover and the soul in search of God as the Beloved. I can say in all honesty that this book is the best book that I have read in my life, and I have read many books over the years. I have given copies of this book to individuals that come to me for spiritual direction, to priest friends, to deacons, and to deacon candidates. In the midst of the spiritual darkness that we are facing in our country today, the message in this book offers a beacon of hope and light. Father Hugo L. Blotsky, O.S.B. St. Francis Catholic Church Thermopolis, Wyoming

Drawing from key Catholic spiritual and mystical authors the author provides a marvelous presentation of the general traditions on spiritual growth and development. The overall reading level is moderately easy and extensively relies on quotes and material from the selected authors. As one who has insight in the history and development of the Catholic spiritual tradition, this work is a marvelous update of the threefold stages of spiritual growth while integrating the tradition of the past from true walkers in the way to union with God.

Author Ralph Martin is a spiritually led professor of theology with a practical knowledge of the power of God gleaned from his work in church renewal around the world. As a student of doctors (Bernard,

Augustine, Teresa, Therese, Francis de Sales and John of the Cross) of the Church Ralph captures the 'secrets' to spiritual union with God and powerfully draws us into God's love as the book leads us from spiritual awakening to union with God. The power of Therese's "Little Way", the wisdom of Bernard of Clairvaux is woven together with teachings of the other four doctors and integrated with a huge collection of sacred scripture to yield a tool for practical spiritual growth. Professor Martin takes the difficult material of John of the Cross and his contemporary Teresa of Avila and walks the reader along the ascent of spiritual heights. This book makes sense of the 'dark night' and the blessedness of enduring trials for love of God. I have personally used the writings of Therese, Thomas a Kempis' "Imitation of Christ", Jean-Pierre de Caussade's "Abandonment to Divine Providence" and sacred scriptures for years. "The Fulfillment of all Desire" IN ONE VOLUME gives the student of prayer and spiritual life a life-long companion alongside the word of God.

By highlighting the lives of saints canonized by the Catholic Church, we are given examples that show that all of us can find happiness through faith and contentment that cannot be achieved with the weight and clutter of consumption in a materialistic world. Peace be with you! Read this book and you will have food for the journey.

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