

HERE IS WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING . . .

Right here in this pedaling book to New York City are the heartland truths that can make your life a success. Go ahead, open it! I did - and the bolded words in the callouts almost spoke out loud to me! "Ray of Hope: Inspiring Peace" will make your journey easier and happier. It works for me! Thanks, Ray! -- Rev. Joel Baehr, 1995-96 President, Unity Worldwide Ministries

Ray's message is one of hope that should be read by anyone searching for true meaning in their life. He writes from the heart and his voice comes through as passionate and caring. This is a must read and I would recommend to anyone struggling with life's daily challenges. -- Jerry D. Simmons, Former New York Publishing Executive

This is a life-changing book. Ray's disarmingly easy-to-read style holds a wealth of good common-sense examples of relating to others with peace and love in today's chaotic world. It leads one through his many adventures, each accompanied by his insights and wisdom. And Lyn, his wife, is a wonderful example of support-in-action. When we can all view others as Ray and Lyn have done on this trip, we will have taken a giant step toward bringing peace to our personal lives, our community, and to the world. This is a book worth reading more than once.

I have read many books in my life and this is by far one of the finest and most rewarding books I have ever read. It is a book that not only challenges us as individuals to think about where we are today but where we should be going in the future. I truly wish all of the people in the world could read Ray's book so that all of us could live with greater love and peace. -- Greg Podd

What a gift Ray and Lyn Madaghiele have given us in a Ray of Hope for Peace. As world tensions continue to build I find comfort in Ray's tale of spreading peace and reconciliation as he bicycled across the United States. There is very personal journal that is not just a witness to Ray's overcoming his own fears, and physical trials, but his taking us with him beyond those fears and trials in a series of "Thoughts to Ponder", which are the real heart of this book. It is, in a very real sense, a manual for living in a peaceful world. I highly recommend it for anyone searching for peace in these trouble times. -- Tom Parker

I can't tell you how much I could relate to your book and how much 9/11 effected myself and how I have changed since. I couldn't put the book down as I read about your trip and the

wonderful people who shared not only their homes with you but also their compassion for others! Thank you for sharing your experience and for doing something above and beyond the norm. We should all be a bit more like you! Lyn is also an inspiration in more ways than one and I wish to thank her also! Thank you both!

Reading a chapter of "Ray of Hope for Peace" each day was like a daily meditation. It is a wonderful reminder to stay focused on the positive and not get caught up in appearances.

I have read the book and thought it was wonderful. After a stressful day, I would read on and found myself not thinking about anything but your journey. I have discussed the book with friends and urged them to read it...Your story is inspiring and makes us look at our lives. Puts things in perspective. Thank you.

I am in Milwaukee and will not be back until after the 12th; however, I must say I took your book with me and am half way through reading it. It is inspiring and has provided me a whole new perspective of looking at ordinary things in life. I am enjoying the read.

Truthfully, I was initially wondering how "Ray of Hope for Peace" was going to fully hold my attention for three hundred pages. It is a detailed account of the Madaghiele family's admirable journey across the country on a bicycle to Ground Zero in honor and tribute of those that served and died on 9-11-01. It passionately details the triumphs and struggles involved in organizing and fulfilling such an ordeal. For a 46 year old man to even attempt this adventure is quite incredible!

As it turned out, the book easily held my attention as it is so much more than just an account of this journey. The account skillfully melds fascinating historical facts and timeless spiritual principles blatantly showing us how simple it really is to achieve a more melodic and peaceful existence on this planet. The ingredients necessary have been revealed many times by histories great teachers as highlighted here. An extra value is that you would normally need to read many different references to receive this wisdom summary.

It is very refreshing to know that in our times of worldly upset and negativity, there are many people out there with beautifully positive dispositions looking for and actively seeking change for all of us. The warm encounters with the many wonderful people on this bicycling adventure show this very well. It seems obvious that we are at a significant crossroads in our developmental history and we just need a little effort to push us in the correct direction of peace and happiness. I believe that "Ray of Hope for Peace" is a significant and important contributory move in that direction. Highly recommended.

Here is an uplifting, inspirational book! It is filled with interesting anecdotes that touch upon the common threads that connect us as Americans and as members of a "global village." Ray's "Thoughts to Ponder" are constructive suggestions for raising our consciousness to a level where we are able not only to increase our own sense of worth, but also that of others. Thank you, Ray and Lyn, for bringing us such a positive experience!

You need to read this book because Ray pulls so much hope out of the worst terrorist attack our country has known, that it is bound to give you new meaning and perception of 9-11. Because of this, we can understand just how many people were present to dispel the prevailing darkness of that time in our history, some through the action of physical help and others through spiritual power. Some, as in Ray's case, contributed both!

Ray gives inspiration and life lessons from his trip that will make you think and maybe take some action on something you have been putting off. -- Andrew Svorinic