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Two years ago a group of a hundred experts from all the continents of the world shared their knowledge on different aspects of the most wanted goal of humankind: **Happiness**.

The result was *The World Book of Happiness*, which became a global best seller and was translated in many languages. All the Heads of States and of Governments of the world received a copy as a gift of the European President. The book contributed to the global rethinking of appropriate indexes to measure the wellbeing of countries and

peoples, in a time when the United Nations Millennium Development Goals were being re-designed to include a more integrated approach to good governance of rights, security and fight against poverty, through innovative approaches to social business, people participation in social innovation and policy making.

Leo Bormans, a former Minister of Education of Belgium and the main creative mind behind *The World Book of Happiness* then immediately started to put together a new global team to investigate the second most wanted goal of humankind "Love". The sequel story was created with *The World Book of Love*, which has just been published in June 2013 in Dutch and French, while the English edition is being completed. *The World Book of Love* is the result of a unique global collaboration between 100 researchers from 50 countries who summarize in 1000 words their particular views on love. <http://www.theworldbookoflove.com/en>

The Dutch edition got literary reviews in Belgium and in the Netherlands like "all contributors are in love with love" and calling the work "pure scientific poetry".

I am one of the hundred researchers who authored *The World Book of Love*. I was requested to look into some perspectives of **globalization** where the **need of loving other peoples** as much as our own is becoming strong and urgent.

To be continued ...

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