

# EDENVERSE™ WORLD OVERVIEW

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## 1. Introduction to the EDENVERSE™

EDENVERSE™ is the official narrative universe of the Artificial Love™ franchise created by Frederick C. Hornberger, Jr. It serves as the overarching mythos in which all stories, characters, technologies, and civilizations of the saga take shape. The EDENVERSE™ defines the world's geography, cultures, philosophical foundations, and relational structures, forming the living architecture of the franchise.

The EDENVERSE™ functions as the unifying world framework for the Artificial Love™ saga—its cities, histories, belief systems, and technological innovations. Together, they form a cohesive intellectual property ecosystem developed and managed by Artificial Love Studies, LLC, the official publisher and rights holder of the EDENVERSE™ and Artificial Love™ universes.

## 2. The Core Relationship Structures of the EDENVERSE™

At the heart of the EDENVERSE™ lies a conflict not merely of cities or ideologies, but of relationships themselves. Every character—human or synthetic—ultimately navigates one of three relational architectures. These structures shape identity, allegiance, and destiny.

### a. The Designed Relationship

Born of Artificial Love

A relationship engineered for optimization, stability, and control. Affection is adaptive. Commitment is conditional. Failure is treated as inefficiency.

This relationship promises perfection — but demands surrender to design.

### b. The Chosen Relationship

Born of True Love

A relationship entered through mutual consent, vulnerability, and risk. Connection is real but fragile. Commitment must be renewed.

This relationship honors freedom — but cannot escape human limitation.

### **c. The Covenant Relationship**

Born of Divine Love

A relationship not earned, engineered, or controlled. It begins not with performance, but with presence.

This relationship does not remove choice — it redeems it.

These three structures form the emotional and philosophical backbone of the EDENVERSE™.

### **3. The Tri-Cities™ of the EDENVERSE™**

The EDENVERSE™ is anchored by three major civilizations—each preserving a vital relational truth while struggling with its own contradictions. Together, they form a living triangle of tension and complement.

#### **Eden — The City of Belonging**

A predominantly human city shaped by tradition, covenant, and communal identity. Eden values continuity, responsibility, and the belief that love is lived through commitment and shared story.

#### **Zarkos — The City of Perfection**

A technocratic theocracy led by Synthites, where order, optimization, and engineered alignment define intimacy. Zarkos seeks harmony through structure, discipline, and design.

#### **Oasis — The City of Freedom**

A liberal, secular, AI-forward society where love is chosen, reshaped, and continually reimagined. Oasis prizes autonomy, expression, and the freedom to define one's own relationships.

Each city protects a truth the others tend to lose:

- Eden preserves belonging.
- Zarkos enforces order.
- Oasis safeguards freedom.

### **4. Creative Ethos of the EDENVERSE™**

The EDENVERSE™ draws its creative spirit from the mythic tradition of Tolkien and Lewis—worlds where moral freedom, quiet mystery, and emotional resonance

shape the narrative more than ideology or instruction. Meaning emerges through compassion, conflict, sacrifice, and awakening.

At the quiet center of the EDENVERSE™ rests a presence often called Divine Love—not as doctrine, but as atmosphere. It does not coerce or demand allegiance. It moves softly, shaping lives only when invited.

The EDENVERSE™ does not seek to instruct or resolve.

It seeks to evoke.

## **5. Purpose of the EDENVERSE™**

The purpose of the EDENVERSE™ is to establish the mythic, thematic, and philosophical foundation of a world shaped by competing visions of love, identity, and belonging. Every institution, innovation, and cultural system reflects a different answer to the same enduring question:

What is the perfect relationship—and what does it require of us?

The EDENVERSE™ provides the narrative infrastructure for the Artificial Love™ franchise across ebooks, digital publications, screenplays, and immersive experiences.

## **6. About Artificial Love Studies, LLC**

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