

Introduction

Very Important—Please read this before proceeding.

If you have questioned your spiritual and religious beliefs at some point, this book is for you. If you live with doubts about your perceived creator, this book is for you. If you are seeking the truth behind misconceptions regarding many of the religious beliefs you were indoctrinated with, this book is definitely for you.

This book is *not* for devout Christians who are one hundred percent committed to and content with their faith. It is *not* for those judgmental individuals who believe their faith is the only truth and will not consider other viewpoints. It certainly is *not* for any closed-minded, self-righteous people.

Jesus said, "Those who seek should not stop seeking until they find. When they find, they will be disturbed. When they are disturbed, they will marvel, and will rule over all."

—Coptic Gospel of Thomas

That quote is, in fact, the story of my life. I've been a life-long seeker of the truth of all that is. My journey has been not only one of contemplation and introspection but also of tragedy and despair. My path has culminated into the final few words of the quote, "and will rule over all." Now, I am the ruler of my own life.

The content of this book is based on my personal experiences regarding Christianity's role in my life, along with my interactions with other Christians. These experiences have profoundly and negatively influenced my overarching perspective.

This book is also about my philosophy and psychology regarding recent virtually inconceivable breakthroughs in our evolving consciousness and intelligence. It's an ontological (our state of knowledge about reality) approach to lifelong questions regarding the nature of being. We will delve into the bizarre, fantastical quantum world and possibly beyond, where life exists in fields and dimensions.

Do you find yourself searching for more meaning in your life? Somewhere along your journey through life, you may have questioned your religious upbringing, especially if you were coerced into your faith and committed to it out of fear. Most people in the world are born into their faith and did

not deliberately choose it, although they are admonished to adhere to their religious customs and precepts involuntarily.

Remember this: It is not your fault that you were raised in your religion and instilled with associated beliefs.

The blame falls squarely on those who enrooted you, and who enrooted those who enrooted you, and so on. It's time to break the well-oiled chain that blinds us, not binds us.

Do you fully understand your relationship with your God and how best to live according to Biblical standards? Do you take everything on faith without rational, empirical evidence to support your beliefs? If you *chose* your religion, did you choose it with your emotions or your intellect? Do you prefer faith over reason? This book is based on logic and science with no hyperbole.

I felt compelled to write this book as I am deeply concerned about mankind's future. The magnitude of society's current state of abysmal deterioration worries me, as it should you. It is not my intention to deliberately disrespect or insult anyone with my heretical views, nor is it to de-convert Christians. However, it *is* my intention to provide a little shake and bake for you (or should I say 'shake and *wake*'?). I'll attempt to shake you up just a bit

and have you bake in that information to help create a shift in your perspective and cause an honest upheaval in your belief system.

My goal is to assist you in unearthing misconceptions, latent concerns, curiosities, unanswered questions, and doubts you may have about your faith in a “personal” God who has human-like attributes with a human personality.

I want these issues to rise to the surface so you can address them adequately and move forward in life with an exciting new sense of purpose. I will be very direct with illustrations and rationale while encouraging you to consider valuable alternative concepts that are *extremely* plausible.

You deserve to know the truth.

This book is primarily about the Christian religion, but it is relevant to most, if not all, other religions as well. After all, everyone believes their religion to be the only true religion. I used to believe that a billion Christians could not be wrong, but a billion Muslims may disagree. A life of high moral standards, peace of mind, and serenity of heart can easily be achieved without the influence of any religion. This is my personal experience.

Unfortunately, discrepancies abound, and the God of the Old Testament and Jesus of the New Testament offer demonstrations and dictates that are far from moral. Given today's liberal standards, living a "Biblically" wholesome life is even more challenging. We'll discuss Biblical standards later in the book. There may even be psychological advantages to being raised in an honest, moral, non-religious home.

For those who are miserable in living with the guilt associated with Christianity, I feel for you—I **genuinely do!** I was raised in a Southern Baptist home and became a Christian at an early age. It took me many years to break free from the bondage of the church's restrictive, confusing, and demoralizing teachings that offer a false sense of hope.

My metamorphosis into an apostate was crucial to liberating my life by seeking the truth with an enormously inquisitive mind and an open, seeking heart. We are here on this planet to live in harmony, serve each others' needs, and develop into our highest potential.

Seeking the truth benefits all of mankind in these ways for the long haul. Regardless of how this book impacts your life, I wish you to continue to seek the truth in all things. If it

causes a deepening of your faith, so be it. It is your choice to live a life of your own volition, and I appreciate that. It is one of the beauties of this life that we can create it as we imagine it.

One of my biggest, gripping fears has been what others may think of me or my beliefs. In writing this book, I am releasing all that fear and unabashedly offering my truest beliefs about Christianity and religion.

It is a culmination of a lifetime of exploration through research and experiential learning. Finally, I am being true to myself and humanity by being real and exposing my authentic self. I will no longer hide my light under the proverbial “bushel,” and I will not go to my grave with the regret of not having spoken my truth.

Without a doubt, I will lose many social media friends and acquaintances. It’s ok, I understand. I will undoubtedly receive hateful, vindictive reactions from many Christians, as with all the authors of Atheist books I have read. However, there will be a multitude of new social media members who will choose to follow me and my contemporary thought processes.

Many Christians believe they have the only true religion on earth and even take the Bible literally. They will verbally abuse, physically attack, and even murder those who oppose their Christian tenets. People of some other faiths behave this way as well. **Fortunately, this is not the case with the vast majority of Christians.**

Every person has a right to believe as they will. Each of us must walk our own path. Your personal and spiritual beliefs are what *you* choose them to be, even though many of them have been inculcated into you as a vulnerable child. Unfortunately, the most significant majority of all people of faith were born into their religion and were aggressively encouraged or forced to participate.

My sincerest desire is to provide those searching for the truth with a means of ameliorating their suffering and leading fulfilled lives unencumbered by their priorly created or indoctrinated beliefs and myopic viewpoints. Most people abandon common sense and logical, critical thinking when considering emotional and spiritual issues of the heart.

You were led to this book for a good reason. Your life is too important and valuable to be swept along the current mainstream, unfounded, outdated belief systems, blindly

following the masses into oblivion. Fortunately, Christians are currently abandoning their faith by droves in an unprecedented mass exodus as they are becoming aware of the false teachings, misinterpretations, inaccuracies, and forgeries in the Bible—all the information their pastors and priests would never share with them.

Are you led by a compulsion to pursue the easy path and follow the herd with baseless faith? Have you accepted Christianity because of peer pressure from the majority? Are you afraid of what others will think of you and your beliefs if you deviate from your faith?

It is believed that Paul the Apostle wrote 1 Corinthians. In chapter 13, verse 11, he states, “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

Is it time to put away your childhood indoctrinated beliefs and consider a mature, adult understanding of the Bible? Are you finally ready to learn how it was altered with thousands upon thousands of errors and omissions, many accidental and many deliberate, resulting in the manipulation and control of societies by religious and political leaders throughout the ages?

Yes, common religious myths were fabricated not only for the implicit purpose of societal manipulation and control but also as a means by which creative minds could attempt to cause others to believe in their machinations for purposes of power and influence over them.

Follow me on this insightful journey to experience a newfound freedom to live without guilt and shame, without feeling overwhelmed with intrusive doctrines, and without the need to feel controlled by others. Enjoy the freedom of not feeling compelled to constantly ask for the forgiveness of your God. You will feel the joy that accompanies knowing who you are and why you are here on this earth.

You will only risk a small amount of your time reading this enlightening book. The reward, I assure you, will be life-changing! All I ask is that you keep an open mind and, more importantly, an open heart *and be willing to change them.*

That may be quite difficult for those with deeply embedded religious dogma, but I challenge you to press on and be courageous enough to explore the possibilities. It takes a great deal of courage to move beyond limiting beliefs. Commit yourself to completing this compelling read. It may change your life in ways that you never imagined.

This book is easy to read and laid out in short paragraphs. It is easier to reference previously read sections, and retention generally exceeds the norm with this style of writing.

Here are some things to learn and experience while reading:

- An opening of your mind and heart.
- A greater understanding of Christianity's influential history.
- The Bible is not the "infallible" word of God.
- A profound sense of beingness and aliveness.
- A broader scope of how religion has negatively impacted your life.
- The freedom to enjoy life in more meaningful ways.
- A deeper connection with all that is.
- A highly developed sense of awe and love for others.
- Satisfaction in knowing you have the courage to explore things that most people are afraid to consider.
- A sense of belonging to an expansive state of being.
- A release of the need for a savior.
- A profound feeling of spiritual satisfaction.

With *Illimitable Intelligence*, *The New god*, I have diverged from the content of my other self-help motivational books.

It is far more critical for me to convey this book's content for the sake of mankind's destiny. I am committed to making a positive difference in the lives of future generations. Your reading of this book may very well be one of the most consequentially essential endeavors you will ever embark upon.

Congratulations, you have just entered the most crucial phase of your life. **I applaud your bravery.** Let the journey begin!

Note of Importance:

If at any point after you have read the first twelve chapters, you have a grasp on the points I am making, you may choose to skim or skip forward to Chapter Thirty, Alter Call, at the end of Section I. This pertains mainly to those already exiting their faith and have discovered the Bible to be errant and fallible. Remain in Section I if you wish to learn more about Christianity's flaws and misconceptions and how they relate to your well-being.

Section II is practically a different book. It is preferred that you read sequentially; however, Section II can stand on its own, provided that you understand or consider the

falsehoods of the Bible (and other religious books) as likely. This will assist in creating an enhanced sense of open-mindedness to prepare for deeper, more complex forthcoming content in Section II.

For those of you who have become disillusioned with and have already exited your faith, move straightaway into Section II if you like, unless you desire to learn many fascinating facts and contemplative narratives to enlighten you.