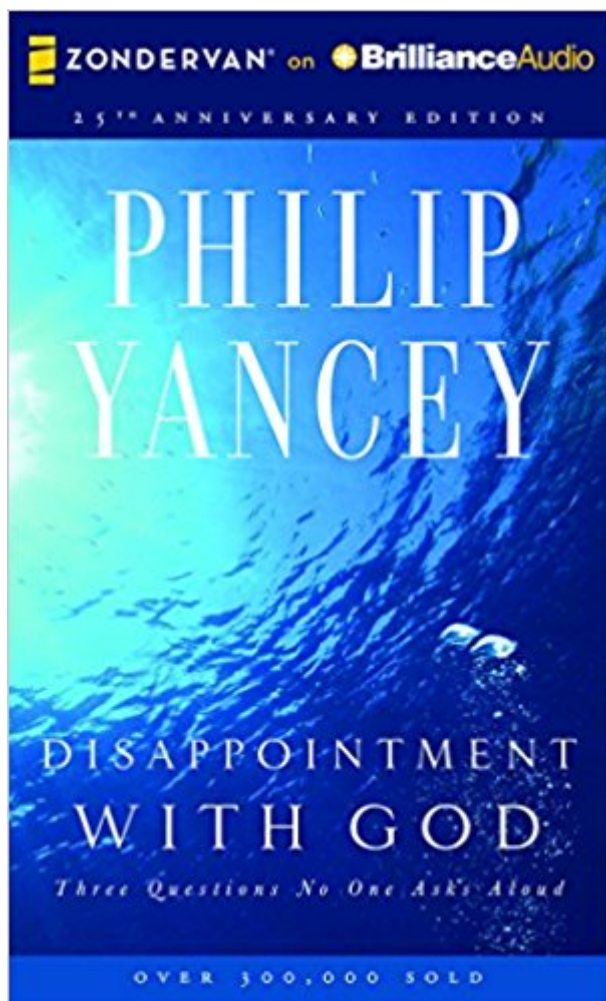


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# Disappointment With God: Three Questions No One Asks Aloud



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Philip Yancey has a gift for articulating the knotty issues of faith. In *Disappointment with God*, he poses three questions that Christians wonder but seldom ask aloud: Is God unfair? Is he silent? Is he hidden? This insightful and deeply personal audiobook points to the odd differences between our concept of God and the realities of life. Why, if God is so hungry for relationship with us, does he seem so distant? Why, if he cares for us, do bad things happen? What can we expect from him after all? Yancey answers these questions with clarity, depth, and biblical assurance. He takes us beyond the things that disillusion us and prevent us from experiencing a deeper faith, the certainty of God's love, and the thirst to reach not just for what God gives, but for who he is. This audiobook comes with study questions for every chapter.

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Is God unfair? Is he silent? Is he hidden? In this profoundly personal book, these questions are answered with clarity, richness, and biblical certainty. Philip Yancey points to the odd disparity between our concept of God and the realities of life. *Disappointment with God* takes us beyond the things that make for disillusionment to a deeper faith, a certitude of God's love, and a thirst to reach not just for what God gives, but for who he is. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Philip Yancey serves as editor at Large for *Christianity Today* magazine. His books *The Jesus I Never Knew* and *What's So Amazing About Grace?* were national best-sellers appearing on both

the Publisher's Weekly and ECPA lists. Both books also won the Gold Medallion Book of the Year Award. Yancey has written eight Gold Medallion Award-winning books, including *Where Is God When it Hurts? Disappointment with God*, and *The Gift of Pain*. He co-edited *The Student Bible*, which also won a Gold Medallion Award. He and his wife live in Colorado. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Yes. I was. I don't know I've ever been disappointed in God. Maybe I don't expect enough from him? I'm very discounted in myself. Yancey's "parent" image of God was groundbreaking for me. I bought this on Kindle and will now buy a paper book to go deeper in. Thanks Philip.

Any book written by Philip Yancey is definitely worth the purchase and priceless in reading the book.

So often we, as the church, answer the hard questions of life with simple platitudes rather than take the time necessary to search the Scriptures and the heart of God. Yancey has done both as he presents the questions we all ask during the trying times we all face along with thought provoking answers each of us is seeking. If you're hurting or someone you know is in the midst of trying times, a recommended read before, during, and after.

This book really dives in and gets straight to the point. *Disappointment With God* offers to talk about the things you never wanted to talk about or were afraid to talk about with others. It allows room to voice the negativity, but only to guide you into hope and love. The author brings out these hidden fears and negativity into the light and weighs them against Biblical truths. You may find that it stirs up a lot of things that you had never acknowledged about your own disappointment with God, so it can be a bit heavy to read. By examining these thoughts, Yancey helps you to be honest with yourself and provides a safe place for learning and growing through it.

This book made me - a life long Christian - take a look at the difficult questions. While it doesn't give you the answers to those, it provided multiple examples of real people. While the author experiences his faith based on some key times in his life, he does not bias the book based on those. Rather, he presents a point of view from different angles and experiences. I laughed, cried, was forced to think deeply & the scripture references were much appreciated. I only give a 4/5 rating because somewhere in the middle of the book, I was somewhat confused. The concepts seemed philosophical and hard for me to follow. However, it could just be my background.

"One bold message in the book of Job is that you can say anything to God. Throw at Him your grief, your anger, your doubt, your bitterness, your betrayal, your disappointment - He can absorb them all. As often as not, spiritual giants of the Bible are shown contending with God. They prefer to go away limping, like Jacob, rather than to shut God out. In this respect, the Bible prefigures a tenet of modern psychology: you can't really deny your feelings or make them disappear, so you might as well express them. God can deal with every human response save one. He cannot abide the response I fall back on instinctively: an attempt to ignore Him or treat Him as though He does not exist. That response never once occurred to Job." ~ Phillip Yancey

I'll be brief: This book is bloody awesome! Oh, now I've done it. Christians aren't supposed to use language like that. It's just like the questions we aren't supposed to ask like, "Why is God silent when I am suffering?" or "Why doesn't he perform more miracles so that we can be sure he exists?" Yancy doesn't answer every question perfectly but rather shares the journey with you. As a fellow traveler and scriptural interrogator he walks through the tough issues and asks the hard questions without flinching. He isn't afraid of being struck by lightning for asking them, of us or God. Like Endo's Silence, he is okay with not knowing everything provided we can find some peace with God by the time we reach our destination. I found the book comforting and encouraging. A dozen times I found myself asking, "Why didn't I read this book years ago?" I just know that I'm glad I read it now.

I'm often faced with questions about the ugliness and huge injustices and suffering in our world and where God fits into this picture. I found this book wonderfully helpful in addressing those questions. His writing style is easy to follow and understand and I think this is a great read for anyone struggling to find an understanding of how or why an all-loving God "allows" evil to flourish.

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