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The thread that ties this book together is "recognizing God for who He is and giving Him the worship and honor due Him." One of Tozer's most popular books. Includes 41 essays.

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david shin says

"Deep inside every man there is a private sanctum where dwells the mysterious essence of his being. This far-in reality is that in the man which is what it is of itself without reference to any other part of the man's complex nature. It is the man's "I Am," a gift from the I AM who created him."

So begins the book, where Tozer explores man, the way God had created him and intended him to be. There are other selected topics such as "Does God Always Answer Prayer" and "Religious Boredom." All in all, along with C.S. Lewis, Tozer is one of those writers that is able to articulate faith in terms that will capture the minds and hearts of his readers.

PRB says

Especially good on the art of true worship

Norm Konzelman says

Any work I have found by AW Tozer is full of treasure and I would recommend.
I have to listen to audio-books almost always, and with Tozer's books, find I repeat, repeat, and repeat again, parts I have heard already.
He was a Man of God, and he just gives God's treasure away freely to us.

Wendy Davison says

This collection of essays are really good. They were written in the early sixties and I have found so many of his words to resonate with my soul. While you may or may not agree with all of this theological positions, I appreciate his honest presentation. Not quite as heady as Oswald Chambers. It is a short book and easy to read one or two essays a day.

J. D. Hilde says

Tozer, as always, gets straight to the grain of truth. Sometimes I wonder how a simple man can demonstrate such heavenly wisdom through his writings.

Buddy Draper says

Excellent and stretching short editorials collected from magazines.

Sarah says

Classic Tozer - this book is not one long narrative, but rather a compilation of short discourses on various subjects relating to the Christian life. Imagine a blog in book form, and you've got the idea. This particular book hits on some of Tozer's favorite themes - the loveliness of God, the need for obedience in the Christian life, and how one grows as a Christian. Less "focused" than some of his other works, such as *The Knowledge of the Holy* or *The Pursuit of God*, it is nonetheless a practical and soul-stirring read.

I used it as a supplement to my daily Bible reading - almost like a daily devotional. It served that purpose well, as I think it would be difficult to read more than 3 or 4 of the chapters at a time, due to the wide range of topics Tozer covers. One to keep for sure, even if I won't read it every year like I do Knowledge of the Holy.

WhizKid says

My Korean church gave me a second place prize for writing a good book review for this one. Second prize only due to length. I say, brevity is better! ;D

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Edgar says

How do I become this incredible Christian I must decrease HE must increase

Johnny McDonald says

This is a great book.

Richard Minor says

This was a good book filled with short discussions on knowing God rightly and how we live this out in our lives.

Nathan Albright says

I feel, after having read this short but very worthwhile book, that this book somehow has the wrong title. Although the author has a lot of very pointed things to say about what makes someone an incredible Christian, that does not appear to be the main focus of this book. Rather, this book consists of a thoughtful and sustained critique of the sort of Christianity that was contemporary in the time of the author (the early 1960's) and that is still extant today, if not even worse. The book reads like a classic and not like a dated work, which reflects the way that the author looks at his time through eternal truths rather than writing in a way that sought to make his book wholly relevant to his own times, which would have made them largely irrelevant to our own. As someone who enjoys reading rather critical works [1], this book was certainly an appealing one, taken from the author's editorials for The Alliance Witness from 1960-1963, along with one longer piece taken from Moody Monthly, a periodical it sounds like it would have been enjoyable to read if one had the chance to do so. Readers expecting a lengthy and sustained argument will likely be a bit disappointed, but those who enjoy short and punchy editorials of a high order will find much to appreciate here.

In terms of its contents, most of the book consists of short essays of about three pages apiece. One gets the feeling that the author had some strict word counts for his editorials, as the works are all nearly identical in length, totaling to just about 140 pages of powerful material. The book takes its title from its opening essay, but many of the essays involved deal with subjects of lasting relevance like the challenge of holiness and godliness for the unregenerate and rebellious heart and mind, the need for balance in the life of a believer, the importance of faith, putting our beliefs into practice through obedience, the struggles and difficulties of the godly life, the importance of taking theology seriously, spiritual warfare, the importance of knowledge of God and relationship with God, as well as the need to overcome partial understanding that leads to doctrines of half-truths. As is fairly common in Tozer's work, this is a book that challenges the reader, and can be taken as somewhat bracing for those who do not come to books to be confronted with the flabbier parts of their nature.

When one deals with a book like this, it is worthwhile to ponder whether one gets more out of wrestling with those who, like the author, are rather tough-minded, or whether one is in need of tenderheartedness. I think, ultimately, that we need both approaches at different times or sometimes even the same time. While the author himself discusses the need for balance often here as a writer, one can see that he clearly has an approach that wishes to challenge others where they are weak, and that it is the sort of attitude that could trouble and offend. Yet precisely because of that it is important to read books like this, not only because we live in an age where to offend others through challenging them is to be viewed as the worst kind of sinner.

We need to be challenged, as those who flatter us about the way we are ultimately do not have our best interests at heart, and if one might doubt about the author being a particularly sympathetic person, there is no doubt in reading this that the author does want a great deal out of the reader as a person of faith as well as sound intellect and obedience, at least as the author understands it.

[1] See, for example:

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Stephnie says

Tozer directs the reader beyond the daily grind into the eternal purposes of the Christian life; That Incredible Christian is always a challenge to my soul no matter how many times I read it--and I have read it more than once . . . a timeless treasure.

Alumine Andrew says

A.W.Tozer is an oldie but a goodie. I've read him for many years and have found him useful to refresh my memory on the basic tenets of the Christian faith. I went overseas and took this slim volume with me to have as a guide and touchstone in my travels.

His chapters give an indication of the content.'How important is creed?', 'The inadequacy of instant Christianity', 'The freedom of the will', 'Why the Holy Spirit is given'...There are twenty chapters in all and in his careful and well thought out way Tozer is a great read.

I appreciate this book because it helps me keep grounded in the basics, the cornerstones of my faith and helps to give perspective to a lot of issues surrounding my spiritual journey in a modern world.

Simon says

Good stuff.
