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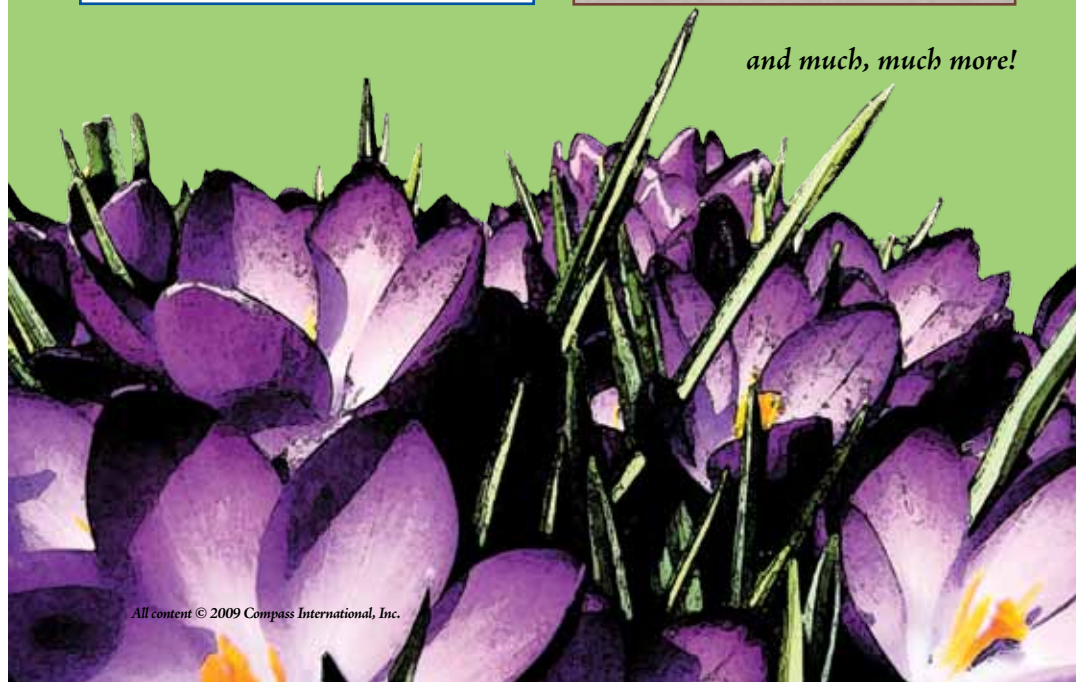
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BOOK REVIEW

“The Shack”

by William P. Young

Should you read or recommend this book?

We believe that the measure of a good book is not the results it brings, but its scriptural accuracy. *The Shack*, by William P. Young, is a book we do *not* recommend reading. At first glance many find it to be a masterfully written Christian book. But on closer examination, we find *The Shack* presents a very subjective, incomplete, and distorted view of God and His relationship with man.

When the disciples asked Jesus specifically about the last days, the very first thing He said to them was, “*See to it that no one misleads you.*” Mark 13:4-5. Deception is a hallmark of the last days:

1Tim 4:1 “... *the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.*”

The problems in *The Shack* are no doubt subtle. But deception that is subtle is all the more dangerous.

2Cor 11:14 “*And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.*”

The strong appeal of the *The Shack* is that it presents a loving, caring God personally intervening in the life of the main character, Mack, in order to address and heal “the great sadness” in his life. Plagued by the brutal death of his young daughter, Mack finds himself struggling

with dejection, disillusionment, and universal questions that cause him to doubt everything—including God.

And Young does a masterful job of framing the ageless questions, and crafting heartfelt responses on God’s part that have tremendous emotional appeal. He shows us a view of a loving God who heals every hurt and rights all wrongs.

So what could possibly be wrong with that?

First of all, Young almost totally dismisses supernatural communication of God through Scripture, bemoaning that God’s voice has been reduced to paper. Really? God’s Word just words on paper? (John 1:1) Careful. That is a hallmark of church movements today that view God’s Word as secondary to experiential, subjective truth.

As human beings, we have no capacity to comprehend our infinite God apart from what He reveals to us through the Holy Spirit and His written Word.

Is 55:8-9 “*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.*” (Also read Psalm 119 and 1Cor 2:12-14.)

But *The Shack* reduces God’s unfathomable attributes down to human levels without scriptural

backup. Many false religions and cults have sought to redefine God according to their own imagining, apart from what He says in His Word.

God’s Word is so intricately tied to His being that Jesus is actually called “The Word.”

Rev 19:13 “*He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.*”

John 1:1 “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*”

We don’t define who God is. Only He can do that. So even the most appealing portrayal of Him is dangerous if it’s subjective and man-made. God takes this seriously. When God addressed Job’s friend Eliphaz, who had been trying to explain God, He said to him, “*My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends, because you have not spoken of Me what is right as my servant Job has.*” (Job 42:7)

Here are more of the many problems we see with this book:

The Shack calls for a denial of reality. It ignores and/or redefines sin and guilt, embraces a counterfeit “Christianity” that pulls in the crowds at the expense of Biblical distortions, and discounts warnings about Satan’s deceptions.

“God . . . dwells in . . . all things” (p.112). That is pantheism, not monotheism.

“Buddhists, Mormons, Baptists or Muslims . . . I have no desire to make them

Christians . . .” (p.182). Here it’s teaching that we have no need for the Cross.

The Shack’s female “God,” is a “large beaming African-American woman” who says to Mack, “For me to appear to you as a woman and suggest that you call me Papa is simply to mix metaphors, to help you keep from falling so easily back into your religious conditioning” (p.93). Traditional, Biblical Christianity is now called “religious conditioning.”

For the last 10-15 years there has been a growing worldwide movement to redefine Christianity. The reasoning

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is that these false teachers think Christianity, referred to as “Post-modern,” must be re-thought, re-invented, and/or re-packaged if the name of Jesus Christ is going to survive here on planet earth. Wrong. Since when does God need any of man’s help reaching the lost? A person’s salvation has zero to do with how we package the

Gospel! All we are commanded to do is teach that man is sinful and God has provided a fully adequate blood sacrifice in His Son Jesus. From there, it’s all God. But *The Shack* embraces the new “Post-modern” line of reasoning.

God is made out to be a playful, culturally relevant “God.” Biblical guidelines are non-existent as *The Shack* offers no eternal consequence for right or wrong, therefore, no need for repentance. It suggests church should be a unifying, all-inclusive, non-judgmental body.

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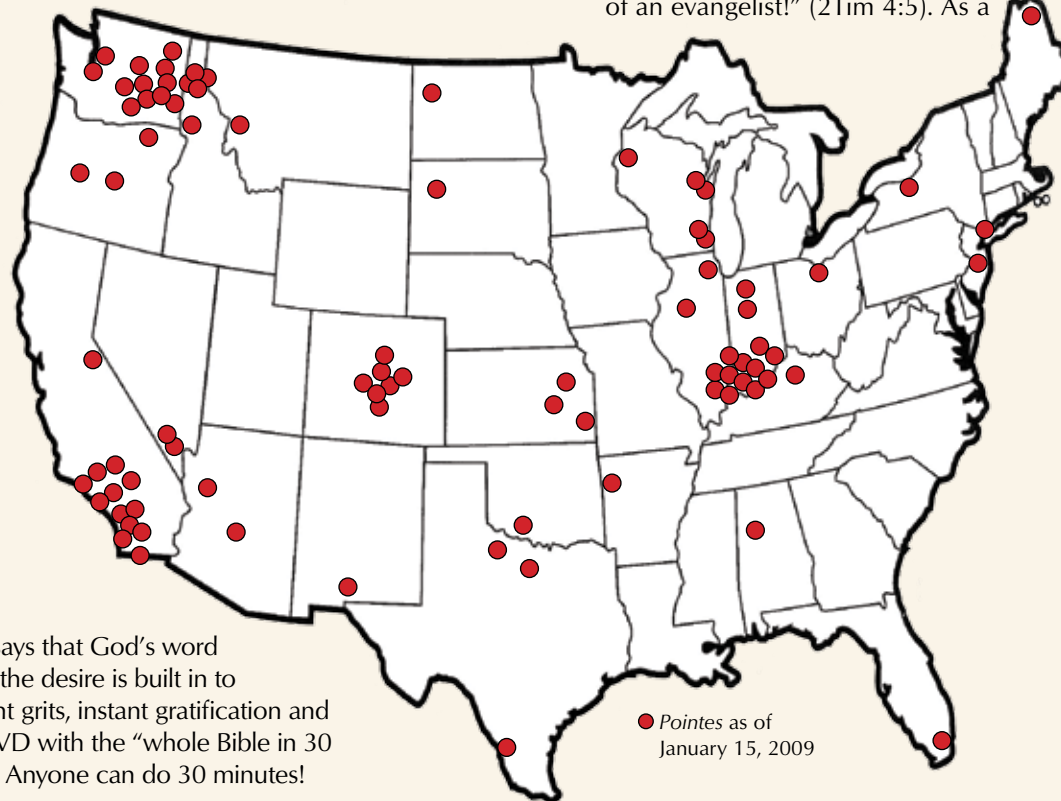
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The Shack also teaches that Jesus did not return to heaven but remained on the earth . . . but He can fly around (p.99, 100). Scripture says Jesus HAD to go to heaven so the Holy Spirit could come to earth. In fact, if He didn't leave, the Holy Spirit couldn't come to earth! (John 16:7)

In *The Shack*, the main character is offered the chance to communicate with loved ones who have died. The Bible bans this practice (Deut 18:11).

The Shack has God the Father and God the Holy Spirit as flesh and blood. But the Bible teaches us that no one has ever seen the Father (John 1:18). Jesus is the only One who has taken on humanity, and that was for a very specific reason:

Heb 2:14 *"Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil"*

The Shack has reversed roles of God and man by suggesting that God has no authority over man. Instead, the trinity is concerned that man could impede their main purpose, which is, "inclusive relationships" and "authentic community." Sinful man can now make his own rules, and own brand of religion (p.123).

"... enforcing rules [says Sarayu] ... is a vain attempt to create certainty out of uncertainty. And contrary to what you might think, I have a great fondness for uncertainty" (p.203). So much for God

always being in control. God's Word is NOT "a vain attempt to create certainty!"

In *The Shack's* new bedtime story, sin no longer separates unholy people from a holy God. This teaching fits right into post-modern churches that ignore scriptural commands such as, "Do not be conformed to the world" and "Abhor evil" (Romans 12:2,9). *The Shack* blurs the reality of sin, guilt and God's just judgments. Worse, it undermines any real understanding of our need for discernment, repentance or Jesus' shed

blood on the cross. Even God's amazing grace becomes unmeaningful!

The Shack's false "God" mocks our true God by minimizing His sovereignty and judgments:

"I'm not a bully, not some self-centered demanding little deity insisting on my own way. I am good, and I desire only what is best for you. You cannot find that through guilt or condemnation . . ." (p.126)

But the Bible disagrees. It says our One true God offers a different kind of hope:

John 8:31-36 *"If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

There is simply too much doctrinal error mixed into this book to recommend it as something beneficial.

2Tim 1:14 *"Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you."*



Bill Perkins, Executive Director
Compass International, Inc.

The Miracle of Israel

A review by Bill Perkins

Growing up in the south in the 1950s and 60s, I was raised with a lot of prejudices. It's almost comical looking back at my steeped opinions of the Jewish race. It wasn't until I was washed in the blood that I began to understand God's incredible love for the Jews . . . and His future plans for them in my lifetime, the coming Tribulation and future millennial reign of Christ on earth.

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Dave Reagan

How to distinguish between *Rapture* vs. *Return*

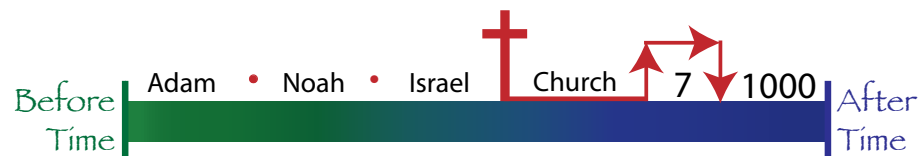
As prophesied, the Lord Jesus is coming again. First in the sky for Rapture, and again seven years later to defeat Satan and rule as King of the Earth from Jerusalem. The simplest way to distinguish between scriptures about the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ, is to determine if the verse in question is referring to the Lord coming “for” His saints (I Thes 4:16), or “with” His saints (I Thes 3:13). Here is a list (not exhaustive) of the differences in the two events:

Rapture/ Translation

1. Translation of all believers.
2. Translated go to heaven.
3. Earth not judged.
4. Any moment, signless.
5. Not in the Old Testament.
6. Affects believers only.
7. Before the day of wrath.
8. No reference to Satan.
9. Comes “for” His own.
10. He comes in the air.
11. He claims His bride.
12. Only His own see Him.
13. Tribulation begins.
14. A mystery.

2nd Coming/ Established Kingdom

1. No translation.
2. Translated saints return to earth.
3. Earth judged/righteousness established.
4. Follows definite predicted signs.
5. Predicted often in the Old Testament.
6. Affects all men.
7. Concluding the day of wrath.
8. Satan bound.
9. Comes “with” His own.
10. He comes to the earth.
11. He comes with His bride.
12. Every eye will see Him.
13. Millennial kingdom begins.
14. Predicted.



Rapture Verses:

John 14:1-3; Receive you to Myself
 Rom 8:19; Revealing of God
 I Cor 1:7-8; Revelation of God
 I Cor 15:51-53; Mystery, twinkling of an eye
 I Cor 16:22; Come quickly Lord
 Phil 3:20,21; Receive body like Jesus'
 Phil 4:5; The Lord is near
 Col 3:4; Christ revealed
 I Thes 1:10; Rescued from wrath
 I Thes 2:19; In presence of Jesus
 I Thes 4:13-18; Meet the Lord in the air
 I Thes 5:9; Not destined for wrath
 I Thes 5:23; Without blame
 II Thes 2:1; Gather together to Him
 II Thes 2:3 Apostasy comes first
 I Tim 6:14; Appearing of Jesus
 II Tim 4:1; His appearing
 II Tim 4:8; Love His appearing
 Titus 2:13; He redeems us
 Heb 9:28; We eagerly await Him
 James 5:7-9; Coming of Lord is near
 I Pet 1:7,13; The revelation
 I Pet 5:4; Shepherd appears
 I John 2:28-3:2; When He appears
 Jude 21; We wait anxiously
 Rev 2:25; Until He comes
 Rev 3:10; Keep from the hour of testing

Second Coming verses:

Ezek 21:27; He comes Whose right it is
 Dan 2:44,45; Kingdom endures forever
 Dan 7:9-14; Kingdom never destroyed
 Dan 12:1-3; Time of distress
 Zech 2:10; Will dwell in our midst
 Zech 12:10; Him Whom they pierced
 Zech 13:9; Jews call on Jesus
 Zech 14:1-15; All nations against Jerusalem
 Zech 14:4; Stands on Mt. of Olives
 Zech 14:5; Holy Ones come with Him
 Zech 14:9; King over earth
 Mal 3:1; Comes to His temple
 Matt 13:41; Angels gather offenders
 Matt 24:15-31; Great tribulation
 Matt 26:64; Jesus comes in the clouds
 Mark 13:14-27; Time of Tribulation
 Mark 14:62; Right hand of power
 Luke 21:25-28; Signs in sun, moon, stars
 Acts 1:9-11; Jesus will come in the sky
 Acts 3:19-21; Time of refreshing
 I Thes 3:13; Comes with His saints
 II Thes 1:6-10; Revealed from heaven
 II Thes 2:8; Jesus defeats Satan
 I Pet 4:12,13; We rejoice at His coming
 II Pet 3:1-14; Day of God
 Jude 14,15; Lord comes with holy ones
 Rev 1:7; Every eye will see Him
 Rev 19:11-20; Heavenly armies with Him
 Rev 20:1-6; Binds Satan
 Rev 22:7,12,20; I Am coming

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He has made everything appropriate in its time. Ecclesiastes 3:11

Wow! What an exciting time to be alive!

As the world moves tantalizingly close to so many Biblically prophesied events like the cashless society, one-world government, big brother and a one-world church, Believers should be ecstatic over the witnessing possibilities! Think about it, we may soon be in the incredible position of having eternal answers for an increasingly traumatized temporal world. We need to be ready to be used by God.

But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give

an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; 1 Peter 3:15

The world may not admit it, but God is fully in control and is allowing everything we see and hear in the media. Nothing escapes His perfect will. Nothing escapes His notice . . . even when our rulers make chilling decisions.

The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.
Proverbs 21:1

So as things "change," may you be sensitive to God's Holy Spirit's leading in your responses to your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors! Use us Lord! –BP



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