

Non Fiction Interview

My Reading Addiction

Introduction to book

A brief overview of *Who Is This God? A Handbook for Life with Him* will help add clarity to my responses. The back of the book provides the following information.

There is a pandemic of infectious unbelief in America and the world today!

According to a 2020 survey, ninety-four percent of adult Americans say knowing the God of the Bible is not important. Instead, they have created their own idea of who they want Him to be.

Who Is This God? A Handbook for Life with Him is a Christian non-fiction book about the God of the Bible and experiencing Him in the natural and supernatural worlds in which we live. It helps people unravel the confusion and discover God's nature and character. In so doing, it demonstrates how a person can develop a personal relationship with Him and grow spiritually.

Major themes about God and life with Him include:

- There is one God in three persons: the Father, the Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.
- God created you to experience His love and know Him personally.
- Everyone needs to be rescued and born-again to enter His Heaven.
- God has a purpose and plans for you (your life is not meaningless).
- The Holy Spirit was sent to dwell within, guide, help, and teach the followers of Jesus.
- Believers must mature spiritually to live an authentic Christian life.
- God is supernatural, and you live in the natural and supernatural realms of this world where miracles and other supernatural interventions by God still occur.

The book ultimately asks the question: "Where have you placed your faith and trust?" Find out if they are firmly rooted in the solid ground of the Bible and God's true nature.

The book is structured for learning (from the book's Introduction)

This 392-page book is for reading, Bible study, and a teaching resource for everyone who wants to know the God of the Bible and to learn to have a living, personal relationship with Him. That's why this book includes the following:

- Scripture quotations – 660
- What Do You Think? questions – 184
- Personal Application questions – 99
- Practice It – 21
- True stories – 70

The *Who Is This God?* paperback and ebook are available for sale through all online book retail outlets, including Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

<https://www.amazon.com/who-is-this-god/dp/1632966085>

<https://www.barnsandnoble/w/who-is-this-god-paul-bryan/1143786484>

What was your main drive to write this book?

The lack of understanding and, therefore, belief in the God of the Bible was the driving force in writing this book. Also, the recognition that many people who go to church do not have a living, experiential relationship with this God. In other words, they do not regularly experience Him, communicate with Him, and interact with Him.

What do you hope readers will learn by reading this book?

It is one thing to know ABOUT someone. It is another to know them personally. My greatest desire is for the readers to learn about the God of the Bible as He truly is and develop a living, personal relationship with Him. I want people to experience God the Father, His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit as part of their everyday life.

Did you do much research when planning this book?

I have been teaching the Bible for many years and have written hundreds of Bible study lessons. Yet, I have never written a book of any kind. I spent many hours on the Internet and reading books on how to write a Christian non-fiction book. The result was a book that the publisher, Lucid Books, said had better composition and continuity within and between chapters (43) than any first-time book they have published by a new author.

Did you have any main people who helped you in the process of this book or influenced you to write it?

My wife and a small core team of three others reviewed chapters as I progressed through their writing. After one year, ten "beta reviewers" reviewed the entire book. The feedback from these individuals was invaluable in ultimately creating a book that was easy to read and accurate in its biblical integrity.

How long did this book take you to write from initial thought to hitting publish?

I started thinking about the book in early October 2020 and sent it to the publisher at the end of December 2022. That is twenty-seven months. I wrote over twenty chapters in fifteen months and thought it was completed, so I asked the ten beta reviewers to review

it. I soon realized it needed a lot more work, so I spent the next twelve months revising and editing the entire book. It now has forty-three topical chapters with several hundred topics and sub-topics.

Do you have plans to write more about this topic or new topics?

I have been writing a monthly teaching newsletter for over a year about each chapter in the book. I describe each chapter's key points and provide a story to illustrate its real-life applicability. I also briefly describe another book related to the chapter's main topic for readers to consider. I have tentative plans to write two more books. The potential titles are: *Who Am I? Discovering Who God Created Me to Be* and *The Creator God-From Genesis to Revelation*.