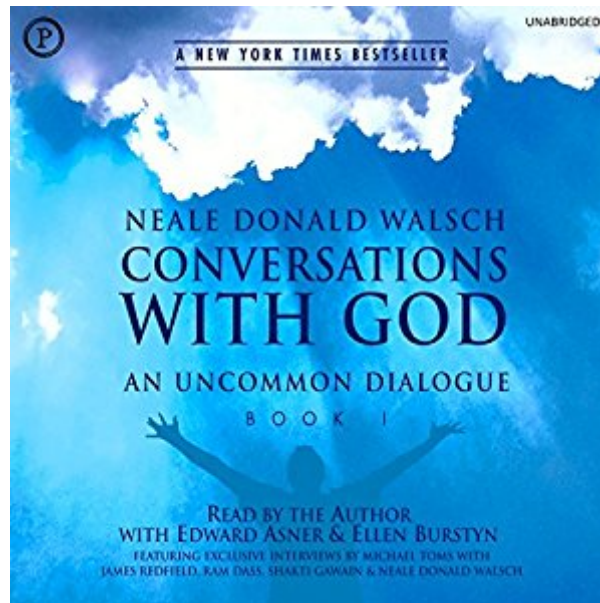




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Conversations With God: An Uncommon Dialogue, Book 1



Synopsis

At a low point in life, Neale Donald Walsch wrote God a letter venting his frustrations. After he finished, he continued writing and out came the answers to his questions! Here the author reads his questions, and two noted actors contribute spirited performances as the voice of God. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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Customer Reviews

I truly don't know what to think about this book. It stunned me that anyone would have the courage to pen something like this. I have to credit him for his bravery in getting this out there. There are some very compelling things here that are worth seriously thinking about. But it's unclear to me whether this is "God" he is channeling or just his thoughts about religion and life in general. There seemed to be a lot of frustration in the writings, which would indicate that there is so much that is subjective here. Perhaps I just didn't believe it, but something did not resonate with me.

ANYONE can have one-on-one conversations with his or her Creator. You needn't be a holy man, a prophet, a guru, or a mystic to tap into that unique "telephone line". None of it, I tell you, is "privileged

First the pros: I think the author legitimately tapped in to some real truths and explained some profound mysteries, especially in books 1 and 2. This so much, to the point where I was willing to suspend my judgment and buy into the premise that he may have indeed been getting information

directly from the "source". There were definitely pearls in book 3 as we'll, unfortunately I feel like he lost his connection to the Divine, and it became, as one reviewer so aptly put, "Conversations with Neale" and Neale was smoking crack part of the time. This book was less than up-lifting. It got pretty depressing at one point. In all the books God explains that he/she/it has the potential to be both negative and positive, (Ok, fine) but in book three God explains that Gods greatest joy is experiencing itself through us (people, animals etc) and He/she especially enjoys the fact that we are unaware that we are God because then God can live through us as we reawaken, over the ages to what we are, which has already been decided. It's such a kick in fact, for God, (Gods) favorite thing, that we are encouraged to keep going through the process again and again, evolving from nothing to the grandest creations, then consenting to let God erase our memories and abasing ourselves again to start the same tedious process all over. Presumably for God's vicarious pleasure. That doesn't seem like a terribly high brow past time for us or for God, if you ask me. Why would anyone, let alone God want to relive things like the bubonic plague, slavery, the ravages of self-hatred that comes from not knowing the true self---which mankind is working very hard to overcome. God says because this is all the grandest adventure there is, but everything has already been created that can be so the only alternative against boredom is to "mesmerize us" into believing it's all new and we've never ascended beyond our present state, which in fact is an illusion, again for Gods eternal enjoyment. God says that there is nothing wrong with mans lower nature and that we SHOULD "mix what you call the sacred with the sacrilegious... Mix what you call the profane and the profound" because the exulted experience depends on the base experience to make it exulted by comparison and anyway there is no difference between the two, all in fact are ONE. He goes on to say we don't have to worry about what will happen---ever---after death or beyond because we are saved and there is no hell. Really..? None if us have ever experienced a taste of hell? Well I would argue that performing profane (some might call it depraved, sadistic, self~centered, innocence-destroying, life-destroying) sexual acts on/with another, (an extremely mild example might be consensual incest) and then realizing it was a big mistake, only to experience the probable pain, confusion, loss, degradation, isolation, judgment, and soul-depleting self-hatred, that typically results from these types of "play" as Neale's God" refers to it, WOULD be experiencing the hell his God claims does not actually exist. It WOULD, be experiencing greater separation from God, which this book claims is only an illusion and can never happen. If you take this argument to its furthest limits, it would be that God himself/herself/itself is in fact both the ultimate good and the ultimate evil. Thus, God is the energy of that which we call God AND that which we call Satan and that if we chose to experience hell we can create that for ourselves, too (and for others). But never fear, we

will never be separate from God! That's because God is also the most vile being we can imagine---so we will be with God no matter what we chose to do. However, according to Neale, it would only be an illusion that you are suffering in hell because ALL of this just an illusion, for fun. Neale says no hell exists. That is where his argument would take us if you followed it to the end. There is a problem with this for me. Performing profane sexual acts, at a gutter level is not a suggestion I think God would make. Because I think God is wise enough to know that pain comes of this, and God is not interested in seeing anyone suffer, solely because it makes for a higher high for him, and good Divine Entertainment. To me, that is a less than enlightened explanation. I choose to believe that what we are doing here has more meaning than just a good time for God. I believe that the struggles of humanity has not been in vain. That we are going somewhere better than in a circle, and our universe is more than a perpetual rerun of the Truman Show, made possible only because at the end of each screening Truman's memory is erased. I feel like Neale could not get the ultimate purpose of our existence but felt he had to come up with something or he might lose credibility, which is too bad.

Very interesting thought provoking books for those of us on our lifelong search of who we are and why we are here. Very untraditional thinking. Need to have an open mind to what is being said. The format makes for easy reading.

I've already read the book, but I love to listen to CD's while I'm driving. I first heard about this book in the 90's, and it made so much sense to me that I looked no further for something to believe in. It makes perfect sense to me, that the creator of everything, would be much more than a super being, and the "all that is" commentary, kind of puts it all in perspective, because, that's exactly what he/she is! And the fact the NDW is not a religious leader? Well, Jesus was a lowly carpenter, right? Anyway, it is an awesome book!

This is a "new" look at God and what he wants from and for us. "New" because this is not how Christianity (in which I was raised) has tried to depict God. I have never been comfortable with the angry, judgmental, punishing God of the Old Testament or with the idea that humanity is inherently sinful and needs to somehow be "saved" from Satan by a handful of men who are supposedly on a closed-circuit connection to God. In this book, a common man who has the gift of automatic writing has a conversation with God, and what God has to say will set a few people back on their heels. So here are a few of the revelations that this book has for the reader: There is a heaven and eternal life

for all. There is no hell, there is no Satan. God does not need our prayers or worship but does want us to find our own way to the light. We are all God. Hitler went to heaven. If any of these ideas seem alien to you, you just might want to read this book. I could relate to what was written here but even so there were times I had to step back and think about it. If you're ready to step outside of religious dogma and guilt, this is a must-read. If you're not, just wait a few lifetimes...you'll get there!

So far, yes it has. This is somewhat intense and was difficult for me to read in one sitting. I do recommend it though. Excellent.

I know this sounds lofty, but I will say this book changed my life never to be the same again. I have no qualms about giving this book the highest recommendation I can. If you're interested in asking yourself some hard questions about the belief systems we go by in this world, and want to know how things really work, there is no more valuable book than this one. This is the book that should be in every hotel drawer. An absolute mind bending experience

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