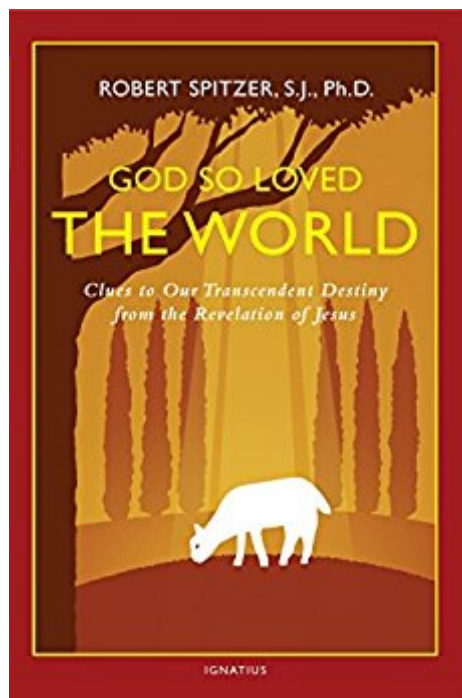


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Synopsis

In this volume the brilliant Fr. Spitzer probes in detail the major question that if an intelligent Creator God “ manifest in logical proofs, scientific evidence, and near death experiences - who is the source of our desire for the sacred, and the transcendental desires for truth, love, goodness, and beauty, would want to reveal himself to us personally and ultimately. He then shows this is reasonable not only in light of our interior experience of a transcendent Reality, but also that a completely intelligent Reality is completely positive--implying its possession of a completely positive virtue “ namely "love", defined as agape. This leads to the question whether God might be unconditionally loving, and if he is, whether he would want to make a personal appearance to us in a perfect act of empathy “ face to face. After examining the rational evidence for this, he reviews all world religions to see if there is one that reveals such a God “ an unconditionally loving God who would want to be with us in perfect empathy. This leads us to the extraordinary claim of Jesus Christ who taught that God is "Abba", the unconditionally loving Father. Jesus' claims go further, saying that He is also unconditional love, and that his mission is to give us that love through an act of complete self-sacrifice. He also claims to be the exclusive Son of the Father, sent by God to save the world, and the one who possesses divine power and authority. The rest of the book does an in-depth examination of the evidence for Jesus' unconditional love of sinners, his teachings, his miracles, and his rising from the dead. As well as the evidence for Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit that enabled his disciples to perform miracles in his name, and evidence for the presence of the Holy Spirit today. If this strong evidence convinces us to believe that Jesus is our ultimate meaning and destiny, and desire His saving presence in our lives, that evidence should galvanize the Holy Spirit within us to show that Jesus is Lord and Savior, "the way, the truth, and the life." And our faith in him will transform everything we think about our nature, dignity, and destiny“ and how we live, endure suffering, contend with evil, and treat our neighbor.

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I'm attaching this review to book three of a four part series (the fourth book promises to come out soon) but my comments are mostly directed to books two and three, "The Souls Upward Yearning" and "God so Loved the World." I have read the first three books and intend on reading the fourth when it comes out. For the nonbeliever who wants to believe but can't and those wavering in their faith, Father Spitzer does a great job providing philosophical and empirical proofs for the existence of God. I've read a lot on these topics, and this is as good as it gets. If you are open to Christianity but your brain gets in the way, Father Spitzer is just the author for you. Father Spitzer is brilliant, with a deep understanding of philosophy, theology and cosmology. He takes these complicated subjects and simplifies them for the non-philosopher, without doing damage to the concepts. Unless you are a philosopher, you will have to stretch your mind to understand what he's talking about, but a careful reading, or perhaps a few careful readings will yield great rewards. Father Spitzer writes about philosophical proofs for the existence of God, (including cosmology) and empirical proofs including near death experiences (NDE) and the Shroud of Turin. The philosophical proofs are powerful, and he knows his subject and knows how to convey it to those who want to learn. He was a college professor and has very strong teaching skills. In regards to empirical evidence, he writes about peer reviewed articles where people born blind from birth see during their near death experience, and people with no brain or heart activity -after the recovery- talk and know about things they could not have seen or known about if their consciousness (mind) was confined to their physical brain.

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