

Chapter 1 : Rumors Of Another World Sermon by Jarrod Jones, Ecclesiastes - calendrierdelascience.com

In Rumors of Another World Yancey brilliantly closes the gap between the world of the visible and invisible, making belief in God not only rational, but irresistible.

Rumors of Another World. Since it was originally published, it has been re-published with a different title: A Skeptics Guide to Faith. Be aware that these 2 books are one and the same. Known for his down to earth and honest approach, Yancey has written openly about his struggles with faith and disappointments with the church and God in the past. The titles of his books alone are revealing: Disappointment with God, Church: Yet, in Rumors of Another World, he takes a different approach. Already fully aware of all the reasons not to believe, Yancey points us towards reasons to believe: Rumors of Another World is divided into three sections: The first section focuses on the fact that the sacred can not be examined or tested in the scientific sense. There are hints and clues, but not proofs, of the supernatural. The second section focuses on the fact that we all seem to have a deep seated sense that things are wrong in the world. And if something is wrong, then it must have once been right! Where does this sense come from? Sin, injustice, and pain are themselves evidence of the transcendent, and should point us towards the fact that our world is broken and awaiting the final redemption. For Yancey, the reality of evil actually strengthened his faith in the invisible world. For a series of posts on Faith and Suffering, see here. The final section is more strongly apologetic, emphasizing that Christianity seems to make the most sense of the world around us. The heart of the Christian view of reality is the stark belief in two worlds. As Christians, our hope in the next world should affect our actions in this world. Questions are posed throughout the book and semi-answers are given, as he encourages us to listen to the rumors of the unseen, sacred world. Yancey does not lecture or preach, but rather comes along side the reader in this search for the unseen world. The book is also filled with quotes and anecdotes from a diverse variety of individuals, both historical and contemporary, which serves to enrich the thesis of the book. Often a book is written for one particular audience, but I feel that Rumors of Another World has a dual nature, making it of value to believers and unbelievers alike. The unbeliever can be challenged to at least consider the rumors of an unseen world, while the believer can be challenged to heed the rumors, and live life in light of eternity. Link to next post: Is God Hiding Advertisements.

Chapter 2 : Rumours of Another World

Again a well written book by Yancey - filled with interesting stories and quotes - the subject is very broad - about a deeper awareness of the rumors, hints, windows in this world that points to Another World, the invisible and supernatural world.

I have explored these experiences in other books, and so I determined not to mine my past yet again in this one. I am fully aware of all the reasons not to believe. Yet Rumors is my attempt to discover for myself why I do believe. I write books for myself. My books are a process of exploration and investigation. So, I tend to tackle different problems related to faith, things of concern to me, things I wonder about and worry about. Yancey recognises there are a lot of people, maybe the vast majority, who occupy a nether region, he calls it the borderlands, outside the Church, but not outside faith. People whose needs need addressing, but who have fallen by the wayside, administered to by no-one, left to wonder in a spiritual wilderness. It is to these people he tries to address with Rumours of Another World. In matters of faith, people enter the borderlands from two different directions. Some, like me, flee an unhealthy church experience yet still believe in an unseen reality worth pursuing. Others find church an alien experience: Even so, almost all people have a religious sense at various times. Many describe themselves as "spiritual but not religious. A master of trivia and lacking any understanding of the profound. In our quest for modernity and rationality, we have lost something along the way. For far too long the Church has withdrawn from the natural world and all its beauty, and seen suffering as akin to holiness. This is seen at it most perverse in the Catholic sect Opus Dei , where gratuitous self-inflicted pain is celebrated as good, bringing the victim closer to God. When we see a beautiful flower, a painting, listen to music, we get a hint of another world, that another, better world, is possible. Thomas Merton acquired his faith through art, Simone Weil through poetry, St Augustine through the good things in life. The beauty of the natural world gives us hints that another world is possible. I began to listen to my own longings as rumours of another world, a bright clue to the nature of the Creator. Somehow I had fallen for the deception of judging the natural world as unspiritual and God as antipleasure. But God invented matter, after all, including all the sensors in the body through which I experience pleasure. Nature and supernature are not two separate worlds, but different expressions of the same reality. When I take a walk in unspoilt countryside, I get a hint of another world. Before the Church drove the feminine out of Christianity, sex was seen as a sacred act, a means of experiencing God. You need eyes to see and ears to hear, Jesus said to those who doubted him. It takes the mystery of faith, always, to believe, for God has no apparent interest in compelling belief. If he had, the resurrected Jesus would have appeared to Herod and Pilate, not to his disciples. Yancey discovered in St Augustine a connoisseur of women, art, food, philosophy, indeed, all that was good in life. Yancey takes a healthier attitude than most to sex. Whilst I was reading his thoughts on sex, I was on a beach surrounded by stunning women, who if they had been any less naked, would have been wearing nothing at all. They looked very desirable, I found them very desirable. Why should this be, unless part of a greater plan? It is on sex, that the Church has done more damage than in any other area. Religions before Christianity, saw sex as sacred, a means of crossing the transition zone and meeting God. Aphrodite, had temple virgins, with who men would have sex. The ecstasy of sex, is the closest most of us get to meeting God. Yancey devotes a good third of Rumours of Another World to sin. An old fashioned word, an outmoded concept? Yancey thinks not, and sees it as a cause of a dysfunctional world. Does a little sin matter? Yancey says yes, and sees a little sin in the same light as a few cancer cells. The effect multiplies and goes with disastrous consequences. Our entire greedy grasping world is built on them. The seven deadly sins, are internal, unlike murder, theft etc, which are external. Do they really matter anymore, are they any longer important? Yancey thinks yes, as unless the internals are right, we will have external dysfunction. Guilt is seen by Yancey as equivalent to physical pain. It is a self-reinforcing corrective response, that should cause us to correct our behaviour. It is not external rules which govern good behaviour, but our own conscience. Yancey gives the example of a man who at the end of each day, confesses his sins, then lists what good he has done that day, then, finally, expresses his gratitude to God. Maybe an example we all should follow. Christianity is not something you do on a Sunday, and only a

few hours at that. It is something that should infuse your entire life, especially your working life. The sort of work you do, how you treat your customers, your clients, your employees, your work colleagues. As a politician, morality is not something to be shed once outside the church, to be conveniently forgotten when you sit inside the council chamber making important decisions on behalf of the local community. If not, you are no different to the corrupt councillors and officials you sit alongside. And you cannot absolve yourself of your responsibilities and lack the courage of your convictions by ducking the issue and walking out the room. As a Christian you have a moral obligation to set an example, to show some moral fibre. Anything less, and you let yourself down, let alone the community you represent. No one said being a Christian was easy. We all have our cross to bear. The Benedictine monks broke down the barriers between secular and spiritual: To pray is to work, to work is to pray. Benedictine monks produced beautifully illustrated manuscripts, whilst at the same time toiling in the fields, improving the land. Compare with the late 20th century where everything is gloss, a cheap veneer with nothing behind it. One of the best illustrations of this can be seen in the new Liverpool Cathedral. The architect Scott took a great pride in his work, down to the finest details. After his death and before completion of his great work, how things changed. The original design called for sandstone. Concrete blocks, coated with sandstone dust were used instead of sandstone blocks. In hidden stairways and out of sight, where Scott stipulated sandstone, shuttered concrete was used. The poor quality workmanship and cost cutting shows. An application was recently made to English Heritage to finance some work on the earliest part of the Cathedral. Once the money had been obtained, it had to be diverted for emergency work on the most recent part. And it all started with such good intentions, medieval craftsmanship was to be used in the construction of the Cathedral and was until the death of Scott. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. No-one has time for anyone, no time for what matters. Jesus probably had a busy schedule, but he always found time for those who came to him with their problems. No one was too unimportant. The sacred, the spiritual, is not something we reserve for church. As Meister Eckhart said: Why do we poison the land, sea and air with our toxic chemicals, cut down the forests, slaughter our fellow human beings? Or the Farnborough International Airshow , as it prefers to be known. Ironic then that Farnborough International should portray itself as a fun day out for the family, using children to foster acceptance of the weapons systems on show. The airshow propaganda acknowledges: This is a time when the aerospace sector faces many challenges, and Farnborough is the moment when we become most visible to all our audiences. We need a highly professional operation to ensure that we use that moment to convey the right messages to the right audiences as effectively as possible. There was understandable public outcry at this barbaric act, but where was the public outcry at the mutilated bodies, the victims of Lockheed Martin helicopter gunships and missiles in occupied Iraq and Palestine? Protest against arms sales is an airshow tradition. Do the people who work in the industry see the mutilated body parts their products leave behind? There was public outcry following the beheading of an employee of Lockheed Martin. Deathly silence for the dismembered bodies that are left behind after attacks by their missiles and helicopter gunships. How many employees at BAE Systems have had to collect up the body parts left behind by their cluster bombs landmines in all but name , how many have witnessed the long slow death of their victims who have been radiated by depleted uranium munitions? As I write, why are the churches in Farnborough silent about the arms fair taking place in their own back yard? Why is there so much suffering in the world, why does God allow it to happen?

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In "Rumours of Another World," he tries to make a case for a world beyond the natural world which we can observe and understand. He is a great story-teller and offers many real-life examples of people whose lives offer "evidence" for the reality of a supernatural world.

Someone who had it all, then lost it all, then spends rest of life trying to recover what he knows down deep he once possessed Meaning and More. Our unquenchable desires for meaning and more declare that we are made for meaning and more, namely God, and therefore we will only find meaning and more satisfaction in Him alone. If earth is the natural habitat for human beings, then why are humans basically unhappy, unsatisfied, frustrated, never having enough time, and growing so easily bored, in the very environment we are made to live in, and some say that we evolved from, where all our basic needs are met and our lives are relatively easy? It is not that it is predominantly painful, but that it is lacking in any sense. Because this world and all the fame, fortune, fashion, pleasure, and relationships that can come with it are never enough to quench our deepest desires. They are never enough to give us the meaning our souls are screaming for. Those deep desires are infinite, and that cry for meaning is eternal. And nothing finite and created, can satisfy. Those deep unquenchable desires are rumors that we are made for another world. Ecclesiastes is a depressing book. Carl Sandburg 19thth Century American Poet: Ecclesiastes removes our fig leaves and shines the spotlight on us. Makes us stop and consider the practical realities that we are living out. To whom or what are you looking to satisfy you? Why do you choose what you choose on a daily basis? What gets you excited? What gets you out of bed? What makes you afraid? Why do you believe, what do you believe, and have you considered where either leads? Whether you have realized it or not, you are living in a way that answers these questions daily in your own life via your choices, your motivations, your inspirations, and your fears. And are you living those answers out in light of this world or another? More than anything else what drove me to Jesus was emptiness and meaninglessness. More on that next week. But what I began to slowly realize is that my emptiness and meaninglessness were rumors of another world. I was a disinherited prince! And the whole earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put into his mind. The Prompting of Desperation Ecc. But no ivory tower information. He taught from experience. Superlative use like King of Kings. To make ultimate declaration: The Prompting of Disillusion Ecc 1:

Chapter 4 : Rumors of Another World (book review) | Enough Light

Author Philip Yancey discusses his latest book "Rumors of Another World" about the innerspace between doubt and faith. Series: "Let There Be Light" [2/] [Humanities] [Show ID:].

Chapter 5 : Rumors of Another World by Philip Yancey on Apple Books

Rumors of Another World is divided into three sections: what are we missing, signs of disorder, and two worlds. The first section focuses on the fact that the sacred can not be examined or tested in the scientific sense.

Chapter 6 : Another world record rumor | The United States Catfish Association Forum and Community

In Rumors of Another World, Yancey investigates the natural world and discovers the supernatural hiding in plain view. He grapples with why God made the world and what our role truly is, and seeks to answer the question, "How do I live in the natural world while expressing the values of the supernatural?"

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Chapter 8 : Rumours of Another World by Philip Yancey

*Rumours of another world Allowing the Christmas story to open our hearts and minds to wonder and the mysterious
"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.*

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Philip Yancey believes we are missing the supernatural hidden in everyday life. In this Christianity Today Book Award of Merit winner, he investigates the natural world and discovers the supernatural hiding in plain view.