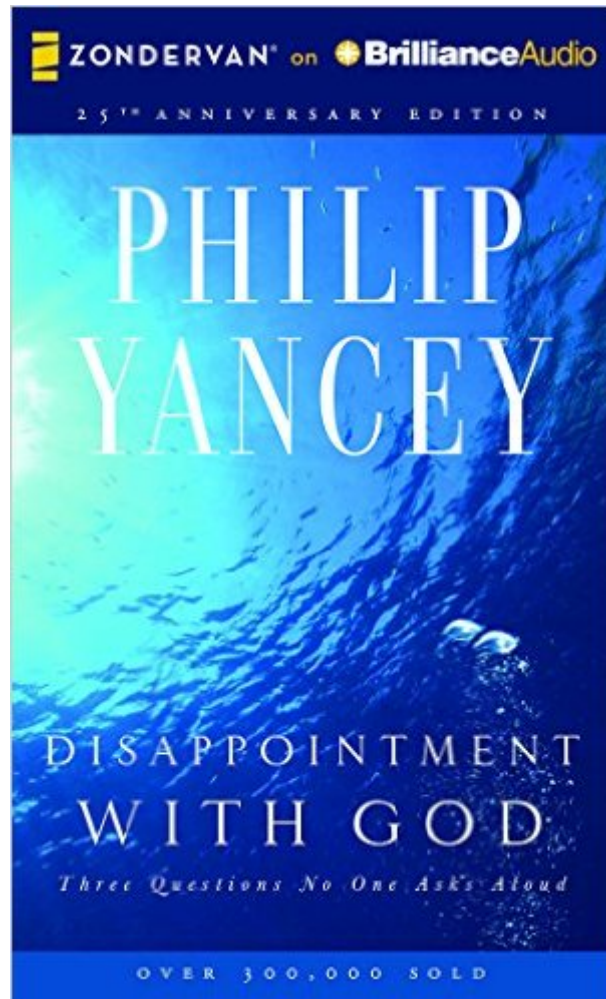


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# Disappointment With God: Three Questions No One Asks Aloud



## Synopsis

Philip Yancey has a gift for articulating the knotty issues of faith. In *Disappointment with God*, he poses three questions that Christians wonder but seldom ask aloud: Is God unfair? Is he silent? Is he hidden? This insightful and deeply personal audiobook points to the odd differences between our concept of God and the realities of life. Why, if God is so hungry for relationship with us, does he seem so distant? Why, if he cares for us, do bad things happen? What can we expect from him after all? Yancey answers these questions with clarity, depth, and biblical assurance. He takes us beyond the things that disillusion us and prevent us from experiencing a deeper faith, the certainty of God's love, and the thirst to reach not just for what God gives, but for who he is. This audiobook comes with study questions for every chapter.

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## Customer Reviews

Years ago, Philip Yancey was contacted by a young theology student named Richard. One of his professors had encouraged Richard to expand an exemplary paper about Job into a book. Mr. Yancey was impressed with the draft, and even agreed to write the forward for publication. But by the time it reached the publishers, Richard had lost his faith. He no longer believed what he'd written. "Disappointment With God" was born out of several frank conversations between Mr. Yancey and Richard about the nature of suffering and what God should be doing about it. Despite Richard's prayers and service to God, his life had come unglued. His fiancée dumped him, a job fell through, his health declined, and so on. Richard felt betrayed, and finally broke from God. Many people have shared Richard's anguish over what appears to be meaningless suffering. How is it

that one can love God and do everything right, yet have his or her life crash and burn? In contrast, how do bad people seem to get away with, and even prosper, because of sin? Who wouldn't question God when children die in agony and dictators live to a ripe old age in opulence? Like Richard, some have lost their faith because they could not reconcile the idea of a loving and omnipotent God with the existence of suffering. An atheist will say, "Of course you have disappointment, because there is no God." Others, like Rabbi Kushner, imply that God doesn't have the power to halt all suffering. And there are those who insist that an omnipotent God who allows suffering cannot be good. Mr. Yancey deals with these angles in chapters with provocative titles such as: "Why is God Silent?", "Is God Unfair?", and "Why God Doesn't Intervene."

I read a lot books, but there have only been a few that I believe God made sure got into my hands so He could speak to me through them. This book is one of the few. Philip Yancy repeats many times in this book that he does NOT know and understand it all. But his intention is to help some things make at least a little more sense. When I read this book, I was full of anger and bitterness toward God, although I had been a Christian since my teenage years. My problem was that my mind's understanding of God and the things that my belief and faith were rooted in were things that I had heard preached and taught over years about God, but were really not accurate in terms of who God really is, what He is like and how He operates. Therefore, I had unrealistic expectations about Him and that caused me to be "disappointed" with Him over and over again. This book is not perfect, but I believe that after reading it, my understanding of who God is and how He goes about things is, at the very least, quite a bit more accurate. When you have been taught to believe that God is basically a "sugar daddy" who will give you anything you want and do for you anything you want done... it leads to hurt and disappointment because God will not pretend to be something that He is not just because you were taught that He was. This book helped me to love God just the way He is... and not according to the "genie in a bottle" perception that I had of Him. I read this book about 4 years ago and I have NOT felt angry, bitter or dissappointed in Him since. It really helped me to love Him for who He is and not because of all the amazing things He can do for me.

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