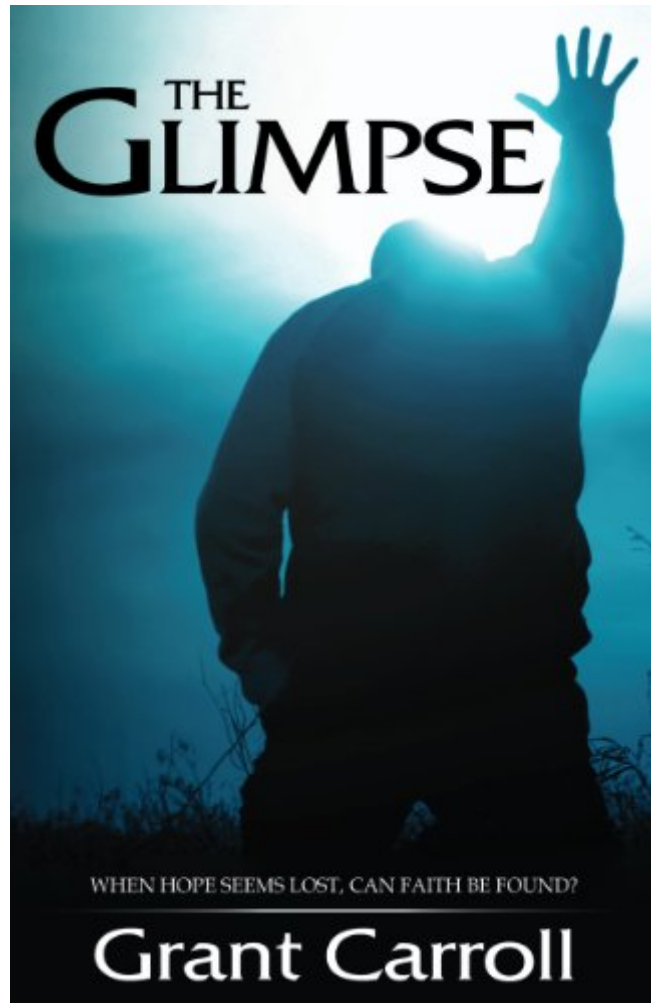


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Synopsis

The Dream In 2007, God gave Grant Carroll a critical end times message for the American Church through a chilling dream his wife had. Not long after, he began to notice uncanny similarities between the dream and real world events happening to Christians in the news as if the dream was giving predictions of the future. Grant felt led to turn the dream into a piece of Christian fiction that would grab people's attention, so they would understand the dire warning of coming persecution, before it's too late. That story is called *The Glimpse*, and it's for youth, young adults, parents, church leaders and the Christian Church at large. It's message is for you. Story Synopsis Austin Kelly is about to learn a lesson: Be careful when you pray for God to change you, because He answers prayer. Even though he's a Sunday School teacher, Austin's faith in Jesus Christ is no match for his fear of rejection from others. Lizzie Kelly has more courage than her husband, but struggles to find fulfillment and meaning in her job at their church. The couple's friends aren't faring much better. Computer tech Daniel Cabrera fights disappointment with the direction his career has taken, and even more frustration with the church youth he teaches. His wife, Jackie, strives to maintain a sense of control over her life, but it's quickly faltering. Faced with churches dying across New York City, the four Christian teachers have a cry in their hearts for their lives to make a difference. God answers their cry by throwing them into a world that looks like a nightmare version of the United States. Everything is so similar, yet totally different, starting with the fact that Christians are nearly extinct after decades of persecution. They soon discover it is a fascist nation, where anyone who professes faith in Christ risks their life. The four travelers encounter a group of teenagers that turn out to be one of the last surviving churches, led by their high school teacher, Eric Peterson. With no visible way to get home, Austin, Lizzie and their friends join the underground church in their fight to spread the Gospel while avoiding the National Police. Their task is made even more difficult when revival breaks out in the local high school and draws unwanted attention, but they know they can't stop until their work is complete and the Lord makes a way for them to go home...if there is one..

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This is my first ever video review. The reason I wanted to do a video review is because I wanted you to feel my heart and excitement about this book. It is 12:50 in the morning and I just couldn't wait to give you my thoughts about The Glimpse. I hope you enjoy.

Since reading always helps me to sleep, I started reading this book when I was having difficulty sleeping. However, it was so riveting and superbly written that I could not put it down. The climax of the story took me completely by surprise...I didn't see it coming, and it caused me to pause and think of my own faith and my relationship with God. The Glimpse is a must-read for everyone, whether they belong to the Christian community or not. Mr. Carroll is a gifted and talented writer, and I'm anxiously looking forward to his next project.

I was a little reluctant to start reading this novel - so little time, so much to do - however the "Introduction" had me intrigued so I continued. The first few chapters suggested a storyline similar to so many. THEN IT HIT! Wow, this is definitely a book I am enjoying and I hope many of you will too. Well worth buying, well worth reading - thanks Grant, brilliant book using an intriguing premise!

I was intrigued by the premise of this book and in retrospect I believe that "The Glimpse" is in fact a revelation of the plan the enemy, Satan, has for our world. The storytelling is excellent and the characters are likeable and so you do develop a deep caring for their fate. The fictional world that Carroll has created is plausible and he has focused on the character's impressions, perceptions,

and interactions rather than details of the world. This focus ensures that the book will not quickly become dated with technology changes. The Orwellian storyline of an oppressive regime is legitimate because history demonstrates that the unregenerate heart of humankind is ripe for evil to use force and power in repressive ways. In contrast, the contagious nature of the Good News is shown to prosper in spite of oppression. As I meditated on the themes of the book, I pondered which was most harmful to the gospel in cultures: repression and poverty or indulgence and affluence. In Proverbs 30:8-9, Agur requests, "give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is my portion, that I not be full and deny You and say, 'Who is the Lord?' Or that I not be in want and steal, and profane the name of my God." I think perhaps the affluence of our culture has led us down the first road and perhaps our nation has succumbed in many ways to thinking that God does not even exist. The extrapolation of that view to the world that Carroll envisions is readily possible. I left the book pondering the call in Revelation 3:2, "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die."

I just received my copy and decided to give the first chapter a quick browse. I found myself not being able to put it down until chapter 3 (unfortunately I have other things to do today! :). Mr. Carroll's vividly descriptive and intriguing writing style rivals that of Suzanne Collins or Dan Brown easily. I am looking forward to seeing what happens next. I would definitely recommend this!

This book is so multi-layered and the fact that it was revealed in a dream just adds another dimension to it. I know the author's intention is to make the reader look toward the future and the direction we are headed as Christians in a fallen world. I agree wholeheartedly, but also could not dismiss the melding of the past with the future. I believe the person who dreamed this book was given a glimpse into the future but also the past. This is how early first century Christians must have felt as they faced persecution and martyrdom at the hand of the world (particularly Rome). I have to point out the similarities between Austin (in Chapter 28 section 2) and Stephen (the first recorded martyr in scripture). Acts 6 -Verse 15: All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. Acts 7-Verse 55 & 56: But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." And then there is the undeniable similarity to Agent Archer and Saul (who later became Paul). The basement of the school reminded me of the catacombs that early Christians worshiped and lived in during persecution. This is a well written book for anyone interested in the

gradual decline of the world in general and the area of Christianity specifically. I give it five stars and recommend without reservation!

the prologue of this pulled me right in and was very intriguing. I wanted to know what these re-programming facilities were and what happened to the man who was released against orders to kill him. It reminded me of the book 1984. The first few chapters of the book were much slower paced to me. I think that the intention was to get in the fact that the church was slowly dying off. At the end the pace picked back up as I read about all of the changes in this new style society and what was (nothing) and wasn't allowed regarding religion. By the end of the book I was in tears reading God's will for these people. Definitely a thought provoking read.

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