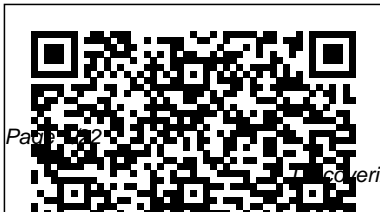

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Discovery of the Presence of God Harper Perennial

Suppose you could ask God any question and get an answer. What would it be?

Young people all over the world have been asking those questions. So Neale Donald Walsch, author of the internationally bestselling Conversations with God series had another conversation. Conversations with God for Teens is a simple, clear, straight-to-the-point dialogue that answers teens questions about God, money, sex, love, and more. Conversations with God for Teens reads like a rap session at a church youth group, where teenagers discuss everything they ever wanted to know about life but were too afraid to ask God. Walsch acts as the verbal conduit, showing

teenagers how easy it is to converse with the divine. When Claudia, age 16, from Perth, Australia, asks, "Why can't I just have sex with everybody? What's the big deal?", the answer God offers her is: "Nothing you do will ever be okay with everybody.

'Everybody' is a large word. The real question is can you have sex and have it be okay with you?" There's no doubt that the casual question-and-answer format will help make God feel welcoming and accessible to teens. Conversations with God for Teens is the perfect gift purchase for parents, grandparents, and anyone else who wants to provide accessible spiritual content for the teen(s) in their lives.

The Joy of Discovering God in Our Lives
Baker Academic

A NASA rocket scientist uses quantum physics to find God in science. This is the story of one rocket scientist's quest to know the Creator of the universe, in the face of postmodern thought and atheistic claims. It follows the peaks and valleys of his aerospace career and his spiritual journey, in a novel defense of Christianity. Finding God in Science is written for anyone who struggles with doubts over atheistic claims about truth, God and science. Finding God in Science begins by reconciling the creation accounts of Genesis and science. Biblical and scientific evidence shows that the days of Genesis 1 were long periods of time, rather than 24 hour days. Ancient interpretations of the Genesis order of creation are also shown to match modern science. Finding God clarifies the nature of Adam's race, original sin, and the real extent of Noah's flood, with biblical interpretations that are faithful to the original texts. Finding God in Science continues by exploring the implications of quantum mechanics, which have a deep and unexpected relevance to Christianity. This is the first book to demonstrate that Jesus Christ's earthly message and mission parallel the natural laws of the universe, revealing a Divine premeditation. Finding God in Science shows how Jesus Christ could be both God and man, and what it means to really know God and to communicate with Him. Finding God sheds new light on the mystery of why Christ had to die to save us from our sins, and why we have to die to finally realize eternal life. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the security

of our salvation are described using quantum analogies. Quantum mechanics is shown to form the physical basis of human consciousness, and underlie the core tenets of Christianity. As incredible as it may sound, these claims are based on the key features of quantum mechanics, the Heisenberg uncertainty principle, non locality and quantum entanglement. The gospel is presented in a new language using the fundamental principles of physics. Finding God in Science will challenge your thinking, touch your soul, and deepen your faith.

Designed to Evolve Baker Books

"This is a book about God, specifically about the different ways Jews have spoken of God throughout history. In its examination of 4,000 years of Jewish thought, it presents the broad spectrum of theological opinions that have

been explored and affirmed by great Jewish thinkers, ancient and modern." "Many Jews today avoid speaking about God. Unable to accept the traditional notions presented to them as authoritative, they often turn to other faiths or cults that offer the possibility of spiritual expression more in keeping with their personal God concept. Unaware of the variety within Judaism, they abandon their religious community in the mistaken impression that their longing for God cannot be satisfied within the faith of their ancestors." "In this book, the authors skillfully present ten distinct Jewish theological perspectives, each of which has something to say to us today about our lives as individuals and as Jews. Each grapples with the following crucial questions: What is God? Is there more than one God? What is God's name? How can we know God? What is God's relationship to the world? Does God have a special relationship with the Jewish people?"

What does God "want" from us? How does God relate to me? Why is there evil in the world?" "If we make it possible for one Jew to reclaim his or her Jewish spiritual identity," the authors write, "if we help others to begin to talk about God without ambivalence or embarrassment, if we serve as a catalyst for further study of these and other Jewish thinkers, we will consider our work worthwhile."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved Finding God in the Waves NavPress Study and review of our COLLECTIVE EVOLUTION has resulted in Our scientific discoveries Our current technology Our knowledge regarding our origin, development and current existence. All of which tends to dismiss belief in the existence of a God who created us and our entire reality, its easy to conclude that. WE ARE ON OUR OWN and that EVERYTHING THATS EVER HAPPENED are but FLUKY, CHANCE,

RANDOM OCCURRENCES STILL WE MARVEL at the incredible glory, beauty, majesty, awesome power, complexity, magnificent design and wonder in our observed reality of both our world and our universe. We reflect on GOODNESS and EVIL in our world and realise that EVOLUTION really has NO STANDARDS regarding good and evil. These only exist in our minds and are judgements of what happens in our lives and our relationships with others. Our history however shows us that this concept is very important in our lives and that our ancestors believed in and developed systems incorporating good and evil resulting in worship of a God or Gods that existed and controlled all humanity. WERE THEY ALL WRONG? I dont think so, this book acclaims with joy Gods existence, His love for us and His desire to help each of us to find our path back to Him. So that we can share Eternity with Him. *God, Science, and Society: The*

Origin of the Universe, Intelligent Life, and Free Societies Tate Publishing
Rodney Stark's provocative new book argues that, whether we like it or not, people acting for the glory of God have formed our modern culture. Continuing his project of identifying the widespread consequences of monotheism, Stark shows that the Christian conception of God resulted--almost inevitably and for the same reasons--in the Protestant Reformation, the rise of modern science, the European witch-hunts, and the Western abolition of slavery.

In the process, he explains why Christian and Islamic images of God yielded such different cultural results, leading Christians but not Muslims to foster science, burn "witches," and denounce slavery. With his usual clarity and skepticism toward the received wisdom, Stark finds the origins of these disparate phenomena within monotheistic religious organizations. Endemic in such organizations are pressures to maintain religious intensity, which lead to intense conflicts and schisms that have far-reaching social results. Along the way, Stark debunks many

commonly accepted ideas. He interprets the sixteenth-century flowering of science not as a sudden revolution that burst religious barriers, but as the normal, gradual, and direct outgrowth of medieval theology. He also shows that the very ideas about God that sustained the rise of science led also to intense witch-hunting by otherwise clear-headed Europeans, including some celebrated scientists. This conception of God likewise yielded the Christian denunciation of slavery as an abomination--and some of the fiercest witch-hunters were

devoted participants in successful abolitionist movements on both sides of the Atlantic. For the Glory of God is an engrossing narrative that accounts for the very different histories of the Christian and Muslim worlds. It fundamentally changes our understanding of religion's role in history and the forces behind much of what we point to as secular progress.

The Discovery of God
Princeton University Press
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER •
The bestselling author of Zealot and host of Believer explores humanity's quest to make sense of the divine in

this concise and fascinating history of our understanding of God. In *Zealot*, Reza Aslan replaced the staid, well-worn portrayal of Jesus of Nazareth with a startling new image of the man in all his contradictions. In his new book, Aslan takes on a subject even more immense: God, writ large. In layered prose and with thoughtful, accessible scholarship, Aslan narrates the history of religion as a remarkably cohesive attempt to understand the divine by giving it human traits and emotions. According to Aslan, this innate desire to humanize God is hardwired in our brains, making it a central feature of nearly every religious tradition. As Aslan writes, "Whether we are aware of it or not, and regardless of whether we're believers or not, what the vast majority of us think about when we think about God is a divine version of ourselves." But this projection is not without consequences. We bestow upon God not just all that is good in human nature—our compassion, our thirst for justice—but all that is bad in

it: our greed, our bigotry, enlightening and
our penchant for violence. All necessary."—HuffPost
these qualities inform our "Tantalizing . . . Driven by
religions, cultures, and [Reza] Aslan's grace and
governments. More than just a curiosity, God . . . helps us
history of our understanding pan out from our troubled
of God, this book is an times, while asking us to
attempt to get to the root of consider a more expansive view
this humanizing impulse in of the divine in contemporary
order to develop a more life."—The Seattle Times "A
universal spirituality. fascinating exploration of the
Whether you believe in one interaction of our humanity
God, many gods, or no god at and God."—Pittsburgh Post-
all, God: A Human History will Gazette "[Aslan's] slim, yet
challenge the way you think ambitious book [is] the story
about the divine and its role of how humans have created God
in our everyday lives. Praise with a capital G, and it's
for God "Timely, riveting, thoroughly mind-blowing."—Los

Angeles Review of Books "Aslan is a born storyteller, and there is much to enjoy in this intelligent survey."—San Francisco Chronicle
God, Technology, and the Christian Life Moody Publishers
Did the Big Bang create the universe? Did life start by chance, all without a cause? Does God exist? New discoveries in science are now pointing to the need for a Creator to explain the unexplainable. Science is observing that many features of our universe could not have happened purely by chance. Despite the academic dominance of philosophical naturalism and materialism, many scientists are

bravely putting forth the God Hypothesis as an alternate theory to the origin of the universe. Yet many students are being bombarded by unbiblical theories when they go to school, and they are thus losing their faith in God. In events like these, it is important to know how to articulate a Christian worldview. If you are interested in a cutting-edge debate between science and religion, then *Discovering God in Science* is a must-read. Join new author Charles E. Steele as he offers insight into this ongoing debate. *Discovering God in Science* is sure to equip, encourage, and guide students of all ages in their faith in the Creator. Charles E. Steele has had a lifelong interest in astronomy

and science. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. in industrial design. In 1969 he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he was stationed at Ramstein A.B., West Germany. His interest in science and technology has allowed him to be awarded 11 U.S. Patents. He has been listed in Who's Who in the Midwest. He currently lives in Michigan with his wife and mother, where he remains semi-active as a design consultant.

Finding God in Ancient China Image Engaging narrative and provocative content come together in this mind-stretching and heart-challenging journey. Come with Kelly Monroe Kullberg on an intellectual road trip as The Veritas Forum explores the deepest questions of the university world and the culture at large. Discover that Veritas transcends philosophy or religion and instead brings us to true life.

God Is Not One Turner Publishing Company

Why do we exist? Why is there something rather than nothing? Designed to Evolve examines the question of existence in light of modern science. From the birth of the universe 13.8 billion years ago, to the intricacy of the DNA molecule, nature is explored at the most fundamental level. Two possible explanations emerge. Are we the result of chance or designed for a purpose? There has never been a time when more

information on origins has been available. Now we can probe this question and take a critical look at the nature of existence. In the end, the evidence for purpose prevails. In this book big bang cosmology, particle physics, natural history, and biology are analyzed in a vivid chronology of the universe, revealing the beauty of creation and making the sciences of origin comprehensible to the non-scientist. Designed to Evolve presents a compelling depiction of creation that is supported by modern science.

From Sea to Shining Sea for Young Readers (Discovering God's Plan for America Book #2) Routledge

From the very beginning it would seem that God had a plan for America. From its discovery by Europeans to its settlement, from the Revolution to Manifest Destiny, from the stirrings of civil unrest to civil war, America was on a path. In our pluralistic world, when textbooks are being rewritten in ways that obscure the Judeo-Christian beginnings of our country, the books in the Discovering God's Plan for America series help ground young readers in a distinctly evangelical way of understanding early American history. As young readers look at their nation's development from God's point of view, they will begin to have a clearer idea of

how much we owe to a very few--and how much is still at stake. These engaging books bring history alive in a way that will inspire young people to do their important part in shaping this nation into the future.

The Discovery of God Vernon Press
What would it be like to lose your youngest child to a serial killer? And then to have God invite you out for a conversation at the very shack where the terrible deed took place? And then imagine that the door to that shack of horrors opened . . . and before you knew it you had been swept up in the motherly embrace of a large African American woman? This most unlikely of stories, as told in William Young's *The Shack*, has

become a runaway bestseller, and now a major motion picture, and it is easy to see why. But even as lives have been transformed through this book, other readers have sternly denounced it as a hodgepodge of serious theological error, even heresy. With one pastor urging his congregation to read it and another forbidding his congregation to, many Christians have simply been left confused. Aware both of the excitement and uncertainty generated by *The Shack*, theologian Randal Rauser takes the reader on a fascinating journey through the pages of the story. In successive chapters he explores many of the book's complex and controversial issues. Thus he explains why God the Father is

revealed as an African American woman, he defends the book's theology of the Trinity against charges of heresy and he considers its provocative denial of a Trinitarian hierarchy. But at its heart *The Shack* is a response to evil and so Rauser spends the final three chapters considering the book's explanation for why God allows evil, how the atoning work of Christ offers new hope for a suffering world and ultimately how this hope extends to all of creation. Through these chapters Rauser offers an honest and illuminating discussion which opens up a new depth to the conversation while providing the reader with new opportunities for Finding God in *The Shack*.

Conversations with God for Teens

AuthorHouse

The search for God is a staple of human history. *Finding God* records sixty first-person accounts of Christians who found God in different ways and the impact this discovery made on their lives and on the world in which they lived. Ranging from the first century to the present, *Finding God* is a fascinating digest of conversion stories from a wide variety of people -- from the apostle Paul to the rock musician Bono. These narratives together demonstrate the remarkable diversity of

spiritual journeys and the dramatic changes that can result from encounters with God. Both instructive and inspirational, Finding God will expand horizons and deepen the faith of those who seek insight into the age-old spiritual quest to find God.

For the Glory of God Convergent Books

Who invented God? When, why, and where? Thomas Römer seeks to answer these questions about the deity of the great monotheisms—Yhwh, God, or Allah—by tracing Israelite beliefs and their context from the Bronze Age to the end of the Old Testament period in the third century BCE. That we can address such enigmatic

questions at all may come as a surprise. But as Römer makes clear, a wealth of evidence allows us to piece together a reliable account of the origins and evolution of the god of Israel. Römer draws on a long tradition of historical, philological, and exegetical work and on recent discoveries in archaeology and epigraphy to locate the origins of Yhwh in the early Iron Age, when he emerged somewhere in Edom or in the northwest of the Arabian peninsula as a god of the wilderness and of storms and war. He became the sole god of Israel and Jerusalem in fits and starts as other gods, including the mother goddess Asherah, were gradually sidelined. But it was not until a major catastrophe—the destruction

of Jerusalem and Judah—that Israelites came to worship Yhwh as the one god of all, creator of heaven and earth, who nevertheless proclaimed a special relationship with Judaism. A masterpiece of detective work and exposition by one of the world's leading experts on the Hebrew Bible, *The Invention of God* casts a clear light on profoundly important questions that are too rarely asked, let alone answered.

Hip-Hop Redemption Sophia
Institute Press

What Does God Think about Technology? From smartphones to self-driving cars to space travel, new technologies can inspire us. But the breakneck

pace of change can also frighten us. So how do Christians walk by faith through the innovations of Silicon Valley? And how does God relate to our most powerful innovators? To build a biblical theology of technology, journalist and tech optimist Tony Reinke examines nine key texts from Scripture to show how the world's discoveries are divinely orchestrated. Ultimately, what we believe about God determines how we respond to human invention. With the help of several

theologians and inventors throughout history, Reinke dispels twelve common myths the church and offers fourteen ethical convictions to help Christians live by faith in the age of big tech. **Biblical, Informed Look at Technology:** Written by the author of *12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You and Competing Spectacles: Treasuring Christ in the Media Age Gathers Ideas from Industry Experts and Theologians: Interacts with Christian and non-Christian sources on technology and theology including John Calvin, Herman Bavinck, Wendell Berry, and Elon Musk* Educational: Discusses the history and philosophy behind major technological innovations

Finding God Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

"'Science Mike' draws on his personal experience to tell the unlikely story of how science led him back to faith. Among other revelations, we learn what brain scans reveal about what happens when we pray, how fundamentalism affects the psyche, and how God is revealed not only in scripture, but in the night sky, in subatomic particles, and in us"--Dust jacket flap.

God Shambhala Publications
What does art have to do with faith? For many Christians, paintings, films, music, and other forms of art are simply used for wall decoration, entertaining distraction, or worshipful devotion. But what if the arts played a more prominent role in the Christian life? In *Discovering God through the Arts*, discover how the arts can be tools for faith-building, life-changing spiritual formation for all Christians. Terry Glaspey, author of *75 Masterpieces*

Every Christian Should Know, examines: How the arts assist us in prayer and contemplation
How the arts help us rediscover a sense of wonder
How the arts help us deal with emotions
How the arts aid theological reflection and so much more. Let your faith be enriched, and discover how beauty and creativity can draw you nearer to the ultimate Creator.

A History of God Hay House, Inc
In God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World, New York Times bestselling author of *Religious*

Literacy and religion scholar Stephen Prothero argues that persistent attempts to portray all religions as different paths to the same God overlook the distinct problem that each tradition seeks to solve. Delving into the different problems and solutions that Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Confucianism, Yoruba Religion, Daoism and Atheism strive to combat, *God is Not One* is an indispensable guide to the questions human beings have asked for millennia—and to the disparate paths we are taking to answer them today. Readers of Huston Smith and Karen Armstrong will find much to ponder in *God is Not One*. *Genesis* Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing

Mysticism and science: What do they have in common? How can one enlighten the other? By drawing on modern cosmology and ancient Kabbalah, Matt shows how science and religion can together enrich our spiritual awareness and help us recover a sense of wonder and find our place in the universe. Drawing on the insights of physics and Jewish mysticism, Daniel Matt uncovers the sense of wonder and oneness that connects us with the universe and God. He

describes in understandable terms the parallels between modern cosmology and ancient Kabbalah. He shows how science and religion together can enrich our spiritual understanding. We “embody the energy” of the big bang, writes Matt. Furthermore, “God is not somewhere else, hidden from us. God is right here hidden from us.” To discover the presence of God, Matt draws on both science and theology, fact and belief, and on the truths embodied in Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity, as well as Judaism. A rich dialogue between the physical and the spiritual, God & the Big Bang takes us on a deeply personal, thoughtful and inspiring journey that helps us find our place in the universe—and the universe in ourselves.

Discovering God Through the Arts
Jason Aronson Incorporated
Fifty-three percent of the world’s population practices Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, religions that all trace their lineage to the towering, quasi-mythological figure of Abraham. In this reverent biography of the man who invented—or discovered—God, David Klinghoffer disentangles history from myth and uncovers the profound impact of Abraham’s message on his time and on the

development of the modern world. The Discovery of God chronicles Abraham's life from his birth in Mesopotamia through his travels as preacher and missionary throughout the Middle East. Many of the primary sites of Abraham's life and career still exist, and Klinghoffer describes what they were like in ancient times and how they appear today. The tangible details of the polytheistic culture are re-created, showing how Abraham challenged the most basic beliefs of his contemporaries. He did not set out to establish the Jewish religion, but rather to spread the message of ethical monotheism as it was revealed to him—a powerful message that deepened over time, as he did his faith and relationship with God. In contrast to many scholars who, troubled by its contradictions and apparent errors, see the Bible as the work of a series of scribes and editors, Klinghoffer argues that the Bible should be viewed as an esoteric text that can only be comprehended in light of the oral tradition from which it emanated. Combining rigorous scholarship and interpretive ingenuity, he draws on biblical commentary and the Jewish oral tradition as preserved by sages from the Talmudic scholars to Maimonides to explore and explain the miraculous origins of monotheism. At a time when the world seems to be moving toward a renewed confrontation between the three great Abrahamic faiths, The Discovery of God is a potent

reminder of the history and beliefs
that unite them.

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Can science lead to God? Esteemed
scientist and theoretician Dr.
Gary Schwartz tackles this
question as he takes readers on a
journey of discovery to the
miraculous place where science and
spirituality meet. Illustrations
throughout.