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The New Testament contains many scriptures warning that most of the souls existing today in our creation will, ultimately, be cast into hell. And there they will reside forever; always existing in a condition of great pain and suffering. But, amazingly, an even greater number of scriptures say that it is the exact opposite which is true. They tell us that every soul in our creation will, someday, enter into the kingdom of heaven. This is a Bible fact that has been almost totally overlooked by modern day Bible readers. But, here, in a single scriptural source, is a complete listing of more than 600 verses that offer the promise of eternal life in the kingdom of heaven to all souls of our creation. These verses are presented in groups of closely related passages accompanied by the author's own interpretive commentary. And other Bible truths will also become obvious to the reader as these scriptures are studied. One is that the nature of all human souls is divine and eternal. Another is that the souls that are now here in our creation are here as a result of having been taken from hell at the time of the beginning of this creation. [Matthew 25:24 "And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. (NASB)]. The place where God "scattered no seed" is hell. It is there that He gathers the souls that He harvests. And another truth is: [Mark 4:30 And He said, "How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, 32 yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the air can nest under its shade." (NASB)] God's existence began as the smallest of all seeds, the mustard seed, and since has grown into the largest of the garden plants, which is the great deity that fills the entire Universe that surrounds us. The mustard plant is God. And, here is still another truth: God, our Father, consists entirely of souls like us that have become sin free in the past, and are now bonded together, thus forming the kingdom of God. "Heaven is in Your Future" is a book that may change your view of who you are and what it means to be a Christian.

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Gmayas says

At the time David Arthur DuRocher's book, HEAVEN IS IN YOUR FUTURE: A GIFT YOU CANNOT REFUSE, was published at the end of August 2013, British parliament had declined to support a military strike against the Syrian government for their alleged involvement in illegal chemical warfare. The United States managed to avert getting entangled in what many feared would lead to World War III. A collective sigh of relief was felt around the world – presumably. Now, two months after the publication of Mr. DuRocher's book, there continues to be much social upheaval and economic insecurity around the world. Climate change is very much on everyone's mind even if there is no consensus on how to resolve the problems. Atheism is on the rise. Conspiracy theorists are worried about the ISON comet. Whispers about the end of days abound.

In the book HEAVEN IS IN YOUR FUTURE Mr. DuRocher states that no one, not even Jesus Christ, knows the hour of the end of days. But those who would take up the way of the cross and be born again will not "taste death." Rather, such brave souls will continue to reincarnate and thereby live forever "until the end of our age." For those who are not born again, and who are unable to liberate themselves from sin, they will become liberated from sin and enter into heaven at the end of this age also. That is, after they have been baptized with fire and their sins have been cleansed. This is the essence of Mr. DuRocher's hopeful message.

Mr. DuRocher structures his arguments around key passages from the bible. Each of the 48 chapters begins with excerpted passages followed by the author's commentaries. One of the most provocative ideas that Mr. DuRocher puts forth is that the person who is born again loses the ability to create sin – forever. Any human failings and imperfections that arise in the born again person result from the sins the born again person has willingly taken on as part of the burden of the cross he or she must carry. It may take a lifetime or two or more to rid the brave soul of the weight of the acquired sin. Mr. DuRocher relies heavily on the parable of the vineyard to support his argument.

While it is imperative in a book which purports to offer a Christian exegesis to actually point to specific bible passages, Mr. DuRocher's book goes overboard. The reader is forced to wade through endless parallel citations, footnotes and competing translated versions of excerpted bible verses in order to find the author's brief commentaries.

The above criticism notwithstanding, what is laudable about the book is that it a refreshing reminder that being a Christian does not mean you stop thinking for yourself or asking questions. For Christians and non-Christians who are looking for spiritual answers and meanings to current challenges in our existence, HEAVEN IS IN YOUR FUTURE might be a good place to start and initiate a journey of self-discovery. I give this book three stars.

Marissa says

Absolutely awful. Untrue.

Elizabeth (Stuffed Shelves) says

I found this book to take up a lot of focus and concentration. It's definitely not a book you can read with a distracting background. It's full of scriptures that are deciphered and interpreted by the author. Each interpretation is a refreshing new approach on old concepts. There are tons of topics and subjects that the author discusses, with points of views I've never heard before. I'm always interested in other people's views on the same written word from the Bible that we are all familiar with. I find that another person's ideas and concepts of the bible very interesting. As a reader, we all read the same basic words from the bible, but as people we each take something different away from the message.

I feel like the author was not out to convert or sway anyone from their own beliefs, but to just simply interpret parts of the bible, to apply to your own personal life to better yourself as a person, and to have a better outlook on life and the life lessons we all inevitably have to go through. I really think he has a unique way of writing about religion and scripture, which seems to make sense to the average reader. This book would be great for anyone looking to be more spiritual. I even think it would be a great book for a bible study group.

It goes over different verses and discussions for you to contemplate and run over yourself, or in a discussion/group. I found this to be very versatile. I give this book 4/5.

Lee French says

This book is a series of essays providing a specific interpretation of a specific set of passages in the New Testament of the Bible. I'm not much of a scholar of theology, so I can't say if this interpretation is unique, but it is different from the general, mainstream ideas of Heaven and God and assorted other Christian principles. Whether it's reasonable, plausible, or valid is not a subject I will comment on.

The writing is jocular, as in not particularly scholarly. I felt as if the author dictated it to a friend rather than writing it. That may appeal to some readers, but I find it unprofessional for this sort of work. The text is full of long, rambling paragraphs that would have benefited from editing for clarity. It's also repetitive, hitting the same points over and over.

Although the seed of the idea for this interpretation is more or less explained in the introduction, critical corollary ideas are laced through the text in a 'oh, by the way, this is also important' fashion, when they should all be declared in the beginning, then explained and defended throughout the book. Regardless, many of the explanations and defenses fall prey to logical fallacies, and anecdotal evidence is presented as fact. Information regarding times of antiquity is presented as fact without citation.

The formatting annoyed me. In each chapter a selection of verses are presented at the beginning, with annotations and bibliographic notes, which is fine. The interpretive text that follows, however, includes multiple reprints of the exact same verses, their entirety in square brackets without being set off by italics, margins, boldface, or any other text manipulation. This reduces readability dramatically.

Perhaps the most telling moment in this book comes from the following quote, found towards the end:

"I am sorry that my writing style may not be the very best. Perhaps a better writer could have eliminated some of the repetitive sentences - repeated expressions of the same ideas."

People interested in unusual interpretations of the Bible may find this an interesting read, if only for the novelty of the hypothesis.

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

David DuRocher says

Today I began the task of reviewing my own book, Heaven is in Your Future. As a first step, I decided to read every currently published review of my book. And here I will share with you that I was not pleased to realize the impression my book has made on many of my fellow Christians. I will also share with you that, as I took the time to read their reviews, my mind, at times, drifted. I could not help but contemplate how this book would have been received by members of the scientific communities of the world if it had been a book written concerning a scientific subject and had offered many new and controversial ideas to its readers. I thought to myself, would such a book, loaded with new concepts, be read by a large number of scientists and engineers. I truly think that it would be.

I suggest it is unfortunate that few men and women of faith assume that same attitude of intellectual curiosity. In fact, it seems to me that many Christians expect that the books they read concerning religion will be written in a manner that is in complete agreement with their own preconceived ideas as to the basic nature of Christianity. One can only wonder why they even bother to read them, if, indeed, the books that they read only teach the reader what the reader already believes.

And here I will note that these introductory comments raise a valid question: Will those who read Heaven is in Your Future read even one new and controversial idea that is correct? Will the reader read at least one new idea that has never been taught in his, or her, church; one idea that he has never found in a book?

Now, at this point, I will step forward and offer a brief glimpse of the contents of my book. I shall here, in my own review, present at least one idea taken from my book that is both new and controversial. It will be an idea that is off the beaten path of Christian teachings, but at the same time, is clearly in agreement with Bible scriptures familiar to most of us who have read the New Testament.

Consider this verse taken from the Book of Matthew:

[11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (Matthew 11:11, NIV)]

Now these passages plainly show that Jesus taught the people that the kingdom of heaven, also called the kingdom of God, was already a living reality at the time that He was speaking. He did not teach, as many in our churches today believe, that the kingdom of heaven would come into existence only after the time of His death. Rather He taught that the kingdom of heaven already was in existence and already was very large. We can easily determine that it was already very large because our own common sense tells us that God does nothing in a small way. Therefore, it can be clearly seen that John the Baptist was not being compared to two or three souls who had somehow found their way into heaven. But, rather, John's soul was being compared to a massive number of beautiful souls, which were, at that very time, sin free and already residing in the kingdom of heaven.

Now, here read the following verses also taken from the Book of Matthew: [31 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 32 Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the

birds come and perch in its branches.” (Matthew 13:31-32, NIV)]

And next, we will observe that the kingdom of heaven that Jesus refers to in Matthew 11:11 and the kingdom of heaven that He refers to in Matthew 13:31-32 is the same gigantic thing. And as we study these passages, we can see that in order to understand His words we must place a real life meaning on several things. First, we begin by considering the meaning of the mustard plant. It becomes the largest of the garden plants. And, as Jesus spoke these words, He chose to focus on the idea of "largeness." The limbs of His mustard tree grew so large that even the birds of the sky could land on them and enjoy the shade that they provided. So, now, remember that an examination of Matthew 11:11 has taught us that Jesus was not the beginning of the kingdom of heaven, but, rather, even at the time of His ministry, the kingdom of heaven was already very large. So, as we seek to grasp the true meaning of the mustard plant, let us take the time to look into the heavens. The thought occurs to us that the mustard seed and the mustard plant must each possess the same basic nature. And, since both are the kingdom of heaven, neither can be symbolic of any physical thing. The mustard plant is large, but it is not Mount Everest, it is not the sun, not our Galaxy, not the dark matter of our entire Universe. It, like the mustard seed, must be, in its very essence, divine. So, as we look at the night sky, the realization comes to us that when we rule out the possibility that Jesus is the beginning of the kingdom of heaven, and limit what the possible meaning of the mustard plant can be to just one thing, a very large divine thing, a thing that is larger than anything else that exists, we are left with just one possibility. The mustard plant is God. The kingdom of heaven is God. This is not hard to believe. In fact, Jesus, sometimes, used the terms kingdom of God and God in a closely related manner: [28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. (Matthew 12:28, NIV)]

Consider that when we page through the New Testament we discover that Jesus spent much more time and effort teaching his followers about the kingdom of heaven than he did teaching them about God. And now we can understand why this is true. It is true because the two, in reality, are the same.

So what else can we discover by studying these particular scriptures? Most shockingly, we discover that the kingdom of heaven was once very small; "The smallest of all seeds." In the beginning, God was small. And clearly the smallest of all seeds can only be a human soul; a divine, eternal, human soul, a soul like us, a soul who, after becoming sinless, began to rescue other souls from their own state of sinfulness. These souls, in turn, as they have become sin free, have, one after another, been absorbed steadily into the kingdom of heaven. And, note that as this process has been taking place, the mustard plant has been growing ever larger.

So, here, in this review, I promised that I would deliver one basic Bible truth that is both controversial and well founded on New Testament scriptures. I believe I have just done that. To summarize what I have said, the kingdom of heaven and God are the same thing; the kingdom of heaven began His existence as a single soul, a soul like us; a Soul Who long ago became sin free. Jesus was not the beginning of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus preached about a kingdom that even at the time that he was living on earth was already gigantic.

Now I will begin my review.

Early in His ministry, Jesus began teaching exclusively by the use of parables.

[34 Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. 35 So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.” (Matthew 13:34-35, NIV)]

These verses stand as a warning to those who conclude that the scriptures of the New Testament can be easily understood, and who view the parables as little more than stories for children. The Bible shows that

the crowds, and even the disciples themselves, were often at a loss to understand the ideas that Jesus was teaching.

Heaven is in Your Future is a book that presents interpretations of many of the parables and analogies used by Jesus as He preached to the people of Israel. And, here I will ask a question, "Since justification by faith, not justification by understanding, is the way that most people become Christians, do we truly need to understand His parables?" The answer to that question is simple; Jesus would not have preached to the people if He did not intend for His teachings to impact those who would come after Him. He often encouraged His follows to strive to discover the meaning of His words. And by so doing, He showed us that He saw value in His followers achieving an understanding of the parables and analogies which He used in His sermons.

[15 Whoever has ears, let them hear. (Matthew 11:15, NIV)]

[10 The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

11 He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. (Matthew 13:10-12, NIV]

[33 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. 34 He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything. (Mark 4:33-34, NIV]

And I will now mention to you that those who read this book will find within its pages many additional interpretations of the words of Jesus and His disciples that are at odds with the beliefs of many Christians and at odds with the theologies of today's various Christian denominations. This is not a book for those who do not wish to be exposed to interpretations of the Christian Bible that are different than the reader's current Christian beliefs.

Now here I offer another question to ponder. What good might come to the reader if he reads this book and, thereby, gains a greater understanding of the nature of Christianity. I suggest that those who most fully understand the ideas taught by Jesus, and by the others, who gave us the words of the New Testament, will have the greatest chance, if they have not already done so, of becoming born again Christians.

[3 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." (John 3:3, NIV)]

And this brings me to the final section of my review. The bit of knowledge most lacking among the Christians of the world today is, in my opinion, the knowledge of what it actually means to become a born again Christian. Here I will mention that, just two weekends ago, I visited friends in another city and, while we sat and talked about Christianity, I realized, once again, as I often do, that many Christians view the process of becoming born again as a process that progresses much like a ballerina who is learning to perform a beautiful dance. It is a slow process and can be observed to take place over many months, or even years. When she has fully achieved her goal, there is no sudden burst of lightening. It is just the uneventful end of a long and steady process. But, the act of becoming born again is not like that. It is not the uneventful end of a long, slow process. To be sure many spend years of their lives seeking this very brief experience. But, it is an experience that, when it happens, is unmistakable. Many who have become born again can actually tell you the time and the day that it happened to them. It is the day that their soul was transformed. An old soul became a new soul.

We often hear this same idea when we listen to the sermons of some of our most famous evangelists. They

love to tell about the day that they became "saved." The born again experience is what they often call it; it is a sudden transformation of the human soul. A transformation that cannot be reversed. When it happens to you, you will know that it is taking place. It cannot be confused with a beautiful sunset, or a great game of golf. Has it happened to you? If you have no memory of such a special thing, then you may find this book to be an especially interesting read. Five Stars

Kevin Futers says

David DuRocher is a Born Again Christian (BAC), or at least that is what we are told. That his version of Christianity is at odds with just about every other Christian belief - and on several points would count as heretical - is not stated in this book.

On balance, the book is well written and engages its material with intelligence. It follows its own logic very well and if you can swallow the notions that are introduced in the beginning, it even makes a vague sort of sense. On the other hand it is incredibly repetitive, it loses its arguments among the texts and it is incredibly hard to differentiate between bible quotations and analysis. It does not allow for any counter argument and even though it acknowledges (towards the end) that there are parts of the New Testament that contradict it, gives no argument against those passages, it just tells us to ignore them.

The good news is that the author is not a fundamentalist, and he even acknowledges the Big Bang (although he is silent about evolution). I will try to summarise his cosmology.

In the beginning there was Hell, filled with dense matter and souls. Those souls, existing in Hell, are stained with sin. They create sin and they also destroy sin. At some point a soul manages to destroy all of its sin and creates no new sin, becoming the kernel of God.

It gets a little confusing here, because although he accepts the scientific age of our universe, he states that hell has existed for much longer, and there are hints that there have been multiple Big Bangs and other "experiments" by God. What is clear is that from this first soul there was a space created in hell and that other souls joined it and that together these souls are God, and the space they created is Heaven, or they are themselves Heaven. It must have been a slow process, so God decided to blow up a small portion of Hell: the Big Bang (and he may have done this before). This means that there is now Hell, and the universe exists within it. There are still souls trapped in Hell, but God intends to save every soul in the universe, whether it likes it or not. There are two ways that souls will achieve God's design: by fire or by water.

Those baptised by water to become BAC's become dead to sin; they create no new sin, although God burdens them with the sins of the Universe. You may be surprised to learn that they are reincarnated to do this work over and over until the universe ends. If you do not become a BAC you will presumably also be reincarnated to get multiple chances to become one, but if at the End of Days you have not, then you will be burned in the fire. This however is a purifying fire, so although you will be in agony for a time, you will emerge in the kingdom of heaven.

There is the humility here to recognise that Earth is not the only planet that ever has or will produce intelligent life, and it accepts that others may have come before us in their version of BOC's; that they would indeed have their own Christ (not Jesus: he is our Christ and is also doomed to be reincarnated until he can rejoin the Kingdom at the End of Days).

What is not explained from all this is that even if all of the souls in our universe (including ones trapped in

stars, rocks, black holes, etc.) are thus redeemed, there is presumably still a lot of Hell left which is not inside the universe, so the End of Days will only be a staging post along the way, so that further Big Bangs (or other experiments by God) will be required, which makes the sacrifice of the cross a rather hollow victory.

Other reviewers have mentioned the repetitive quotations and extracts from the bible. In some cases there is a clear reason for the multiple versions quoted, but not all of the time. A clearer way would be to use one version as a headline and then to say "but version X states it slightly differently: " and give the different wording at that point.

There is a heavy reliance on parables, which are treated as some secret code that was delivered by Jesus only for the benefit of BAC's two thousand years later. At one point, referring to one of the parables that Jesus later explained to the disciples, the author has the temerity to say that his interpretation of the parable is more valid than the one that Jesus is recorded as giving -,in other words that Jesus lied to his disciples in order that future BAC's could interpret the true message, one that the disciples were too stupid to understand.

Elsewhere, where reading twenty different biblical texts does not supply one that says what he wants to say, the author has the temerity to say "what the Gospel ought to say is: ... " Towards the end of the book he says that there are passages in the Bible which say the opposite, but you have to choose between the two! Well, I will take the plainly worded statement over the explanation that requires the invention of a whole new cosmology any day! Just read Matt 25:31-46 if you are in any doubt - eternal punishment and eternal life are definitely the two outcomes of the end of days.

I really do not know whether the mainstream churches over just under two thousand years have got it right. I know they have invented things based on their understanding of the Bible or just on the basis of theological debate, but there was at least some reason for every step they took, and it was incremental. This throws everything away, including the primacy of God and replaces it with the primacy of Hell.

I think that a discussion of the nature of sin in this cosmography would have helped. As sin is defined as "An immoral act considered to be a transgression against divine law" or "An act regarded as a serious or regrettable fault, offence, or omission" (Oxford English Dictionary: <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/def...>), I fail to see how it could exist independently of (a) a divine law (i.e. God) to be transgressed against and (b) beings capable of acting against that divine law. Romans 5:12-20 says that sin entered the world through one man - Adam. Whose disobedience to whom caused all of the sin that the author would have us accept as pre-dating God?

I was given a free copy of this book in return for a fair review. I hope that I have done so, but will admit to being biased against the nature of the argument presented.

Susan says

Heaven Is In Your Future: The Gift You Can Not Refuse by David Arthur DuRocher has such a peaceful and inviting cover, I couldn't pass this book by. After all, the stairway into the clouds: stairway to heaven is what most religious people hope for when their time here on earth is done. In reading the author's description of the book, I liked his frank and easy writing about it and was interested in the 'hidden messages' he spoke about.

The author takes certain Bible Verses and interprets the meaning with his explanation of why he came to that conclusion (for the most part, there are a few things he does say that is not backed-up). What he interprets the meaning to be saying is not what we were taught in Sunday School, that is for sure. Is he wrong, then? It is a matter of who's interpretation you wish to believe. He also tried to explain some questions we are left

with such as; Was what we were taught correct? If so, then why has it changed over the years? If not, then why were we taught it to begin with? In other words, there is no right or wrong here if you read it with an open mind and not let all your religious lessons get in the way with what the author is saying, it is a matter of interpretation. Let me be clear in saying that there is no "Bible Bashing" here. He is not saying what the Bible says is totally wrong or just made up, he simply explains his interpretation of the translation (remember it was not originally in English) and in some cases it is as simple as 'and' should have been translated as 'or' which puts a whole new meaning in certain verses.

I still had some problems understanding even the author's interpretation because it seems some of it contradict itself. In chapter three the author tells us that all souls eventually go to heaven after they become baptized/free from sin. (No matter the baptism of water or fire, all souls will enter heaven.) Later on in the book the author translates Jesus telling his disciples that their souls will not experience what the kingdom of God calls death: death of the soul (with the exception of Judas). So isn't Judas (soul) sin free and he went to heaven? If the disciples are not going to have their souls die, then does that mean we all have our souls die? If all our souls die then how do we enter heaven? If all souls (or any) die, then why did the author state in his Introduction that all souls are eternal and none can ever be destroyed? Maybe I am missing the clarification of these parts which could be in a later chapter and I just didn't make the connection but as for now I am missing it and still confused. But (and I can not stress this enough) this is not a one time read, this is the type of writing that I feel needs to be read over and over and pondered. With all this information that is new (at least to me) and the insight of the author's thoughts and feelings, it is just impossible to read, understand, and digest in a single sitting.

I can't help but notice the amount of time the author put into this book, it must have been quite an undertaking. I just wish he formatted it differently because the repetitiveness did drive me crazy. Sometimes the verses are listed three or four times to make his point and I would just skip to the end of the verses which also was annoying to have to do so often. I did enjoy the casual writing the author used in his comments though.

I don't quite know how to recommend this book. After all, it isn't a story with a plot or characters, it is a work of interpretation that I did find interesting to read even though they are different from what I was raised to believe. I do recommend it to those who would be interested in reading these thoughts/interpretations, it gives some new insight as to what is possibly really being said in these verses.

*I received a free copy of this book for my honest review.

Taryn Vlad says

This book is absolutely gorgeous! I was drawn by the cover and had to see what it was about. The description sounded like something that was good for me, I didn't read it very thoroughly though. This book will please you depending on your denomination. I suggest looking through other reviews.

The book itself is well written, but didn't fit in with my beliefs as a christian.

Alison Cubitt says

As another reviewer has said, this is a series of chapters relating to the New Testament. It's a different theory proposed compared with other beliefs of Born Again Christians where the author argues that there is only Heaven and no Hell. If I follow the author's argument then, that seems to rule out the Old Testament, which is what so many of the faiths practised by the majority of believers are based upon: Judaism, Islam, and mainstream Christianity.

The main problem with this book though is the over reliance on the source material from the New Testament. Around 35-40% of this is not the author's original work. The author has lifted large chunks from his source material, not always from the same version but in some chapters there are pages and pages, which seem to be there more to pad out his own work than advance any of his theories. He has obtained permission to quote from these sources, but that is not the point. In the UK even secondary school students are taught how to use source material in their essays.

But when the work could really do with proper reference – for example when the author presents anecdotal evidence as fact, (as another reviewer has said) there is nothing to back the theory up. For example, the Big Bang theory is mentioned at least four or five times in the text. The author states that 'the scientists of our world have determined that the Universe is about 13.8 billion years old.' He also states that there was a Creator who came before that and mentions 'a number of scientists who believe in Creationism,' yet frustratingly fails to tell the reader the names of these scientists.

I found the argument very hard to follow at times and felt I was being led around in circles, as there was so much repetition. I counted the phrase 'born again Christian,' over 100 times. Although this has been copy edited and proof-read it is in desperate need of a structural edit and a rewrite. And I too would have liked to have seen the writer follow the conventions of this type of book – presenting the theories up front first then presenting the argument.

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Michael says

I received a copy of this book through Goodreads Giveaway program.

The book does not list a publisher so I'm assuming it is a vanity press title. As noted in other reviews, it would have benefited from the review and criticism of a good editor. The format presents selected Biblical verses from different Bible editions (probably for comparison purposes but this isn't stated) followed by the author's comments on those passages. The passages compared are frequently virtually identical and the author frequently repeats those passages verbatim in his comments section, which slows the reader down unnecessarily.

While there are many interesting comments on the quoted scripture passages, it is the author's thesis which is the hardest to accept. He states in the introduction that he had a personal revelation at age 15 that he had existed forever. OK. Many people believe in reincarnation. I believe that the average reader would have benefited from an explanation of how his thesis was developed and what his sources or inspirations were. Basically the thesis is that hell existed before God and was filled with all of the souls that ever existed or will exist (all of them unconscious). They all were full of sin. Finally one soul awoke and rid itself of the sin inside it: this first conscious soul was God. As God helped other souls rid themselves of sin and awaken, they came together so that all of the awakened souls were God together. They were able to create the Big Bang and the subsequent universe that it caused. All creatures with souls on the created planets are either sin-free

(born again) and still soul-filled with sin. Jesus was a soul that chose to take on mortal form and die on the cross to help other beings with souls become sin-free too. However, because the author seems to interpret scripture that, even though Jesus died for our sins and rose again, his sacrifice on the cross didn't expiate those sins in beings who aren't born again. Instead, Jesus and all those who are born again are reincarnated in life after life - and each carries the "sins of the cross" and expiates them as they/we each live our born-again lives. We can help free those with sin as we go along, but we'll go on doing this until there are enough sin-free/born-again beings in the entire universe to cause the final melt-down of creation through fire. Any remaining sin-full souls will have their sins burned away and we all will finally enter heaven together. Read the book if you want the details.

Instead, I would recommend the following titles: Rob Bell's LOVE WINS; Garry Wills' WHAT JESUS MEANT; and Brian McLaren's THE SECRET MESSGAE OF JESUS.

Ronin says

The writer would be wise to heed the warning from Revelation 22:19, which states, "And if anyone takes words away from this scroll of prophecy, God will take away from that person any share in the tree of life and in the Holy City, which are described in this scroll." Sometimes the final verses in a book should be read and heeded before you decide your point of view or new interpretation is necessary. This would have served this author quite well.

That said, this review took a while for me to write, due to my constant referral back to biblical passages to see if the author was seeing something that hadn't occurred to me when I had read that passage before. I was glad to see, there was nothing new to add to my former beliefs. I will not place the verse, his interpretation, and then the interpretation of agreement by other scholars side by side, as it would serve no purpose they are so far apart.

The passages of scripture chosen by the author were interpreted so far from any commentary I have ever read, that I would caution any reader to take this author's interpretations as the authors beliefs ALONE. The rambling manner in which a scripture is chosen to support his beliefs is random in many instances, jumping off topic time and again. In many cases (Reincarnation until you either get it right through cycles, or are tossed into a temporary hell to burn away your sins, THEN you get to go to Heaven?) I found no parallel for his interpretations even in the scripture he quoted. It sounds like a New Age mixed in with other religions.

I would once again recommend any reader who is curious about Christianity to skip this book.

I was given a free copy of this book in return for a fair review.

Frank Klus says

Are you saved? In the book, Heaven is in Your Future, a Religious nonfiction, DuRocher claims that everyone will be baptized, "by the power of the Holy Spirit" or by fire. Everyone goes to heaven. In a rather novel interpretation of Scripture, David Arthur DuRocher insists that there are two paths we can take, the easy path or the hard one, but both lead to the Kingdom of Heaven. The easy path is by being Born Again and the hard path is through fire at the end of the Age.

DuRocher's interpretation stands in contrast to most of Christianity's views that Hell is forever; no one gets out alive. DuRocher claims that every soul, including that of Jesus, came from Hell and no one ever goes

back, although souls that have not been Born Again go through a painful process of cleansing by fire. Other controversial statements include the notion that hell existed before heaven and that Jesus' soul came from hell where he escaped because he was not creating sin.

Another controversial belief was that the easy way to get to heaven is to be born again. While this is widely believed among many Christians, DuRocher believes that Born Again souls take on "the sins of the cross" and thus, bear other people's sins which take many lifetimes to work off.

Has DuRocher proved his point? He makes many good arguments. Repeating the arguments over in slightly different ways helps make difficult theses easier to understand. While he overplays it a bit by repeating similar arguments throughout the book this does not deter from its readability. The problem I do have is I don't know who DuRocher is. What is his platform? Does he have a divinity degree? Is he a minister? Does he have a Church? He provided no biography to determine this. Is he some crackpot who is steering the reader into falsehoods? I cannot make this determination. Should I recommend this book? I can only give a lukewarm recommendation because of the absence of a platform and the controversial statements made. For those interested in the subject and looking for more interpretation of the Scriptures then by all means give it a read.

Elizabeth Ehlen says

The conclusion of the book offered the theories proposed in the book as an alternative to the traditional Christian theory of salvation. I'm glad that was clarified, because this is definitely quite a different interpretation of a traditional Biblical view of souls, salvation and the Cross. DuRocher offers his personal revelation that in fact reincarnation is consistent with Christianity, and Christians are only here to aid others on the easy passage to heaven rather than be burned into heaven by fire. We all make it, however, as evidenced by the title. There is no hell in store for any soul, only the Kingdom of Heaven.

While I appreciated that multiple translations were cited and stated in the text, the reading became a little redundant because of the verses written several times each. I think that it would have been simpler to cite what was changed in each translation rather than rewrite them. In addition I thought it was a little disingenuous for DuRocher to consistently say things like "it is clear that the only interpretation is..." when it obviously was not, given that his interpretation was admittedly a break from the norm. I also was frustrated personally, as a Christian, as I did not buy his explanations at all. Reincarnation and all roads leading to heaven is a seductive thought, and it was clear that DuRocher was applying it where he wanted to see it. I did not see him address verses like Hebrews 9:27, which clearly states "All people are destined to die once, and then the judgement." I would also be curious how he responds to Proverbs 30:6, which cautions about adding or detracting from God's word, as several times he essentially says, "what Jesus meant to say was..." In short, if you are looking for what you want to hear, this is for you. If you want to hear what God has to say, read the Bible.
