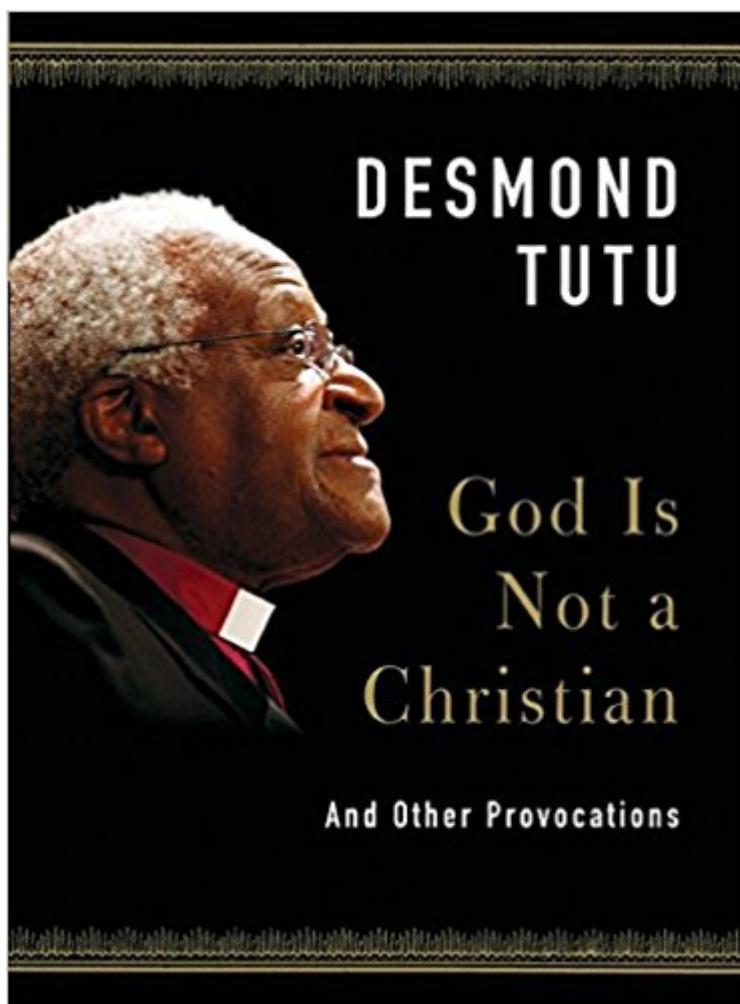


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God Is Not A Christian: And Other Provocations



Synopsis

"[Archbishop Desmond Tutu's] unofficial legacy will be his life and the story of how this tiny pastor with a huge laugh from South Africa became our global guardian." *Time magazine* Biographer John Allen collects the Archbishop Desmond Tutu's most profound, controversial, and historic words in this inspiring anthology of speeches, interviews, and sermons that have rocked the world. An unforgettable look at the South African pastor's deeply rooted empathy and penetrating wisdom, *God Is Not a Christian* is perfect for anyone moved by Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech or Nelson Mandela's stirring autobiography *Conversations with Myself*, brilliantly connecting readers with the courageous and much-needed moral vision that continues to change countless lives around the globe.

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"His unofficial legacy will be his life and the story of how this tiny pastor with a huge laugh from South Africa became our global guardian." (Time magazine) "For decades [Tutu] has been a moral titan, a voice of principle, an unrelenting champion of justice, and a dedicated peacemaker ... an outspoken voice for freedom and justice in countries across the globe; a staunch defender of the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons ..." (President Barack Obama) "An ideal calling card for this magnificent apostle of peace and fellowship. The selections span four decades of Tutu's advocacy for tolerance, justice, and forgiveness." (Booklist)

In this essential collection of Desmond Tutu's most historic and controversial speeches and writings, we witness his unique career of provoking the powerful and confronting the world in order to protect the oppressed, the poor, and other victims of injustice. Renowned first for his courageous opposition to apartheid in South Africa, he and his ministry soon took on international dimensions. Rooted in his faith and in the values embodied in the African spirit of ubuntu, Tutu's uncompromising vision of a shared humanity has compelled him to speak out, even in the face of violent opposition and virulent criticism, against political injustice and oppression, religious fundamentalism, and the persecution of minorities. Arranged by theme and introduced with insight and historical context by Tutu's biographer, John Allen, this collection takes readers from the violent apartheid clashes in South Africa to the healing work of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee; from Trafalgar Square after the fall of the Berlin Wall to a national broadcast commemorating the legacy of Nelson Mandela; from Ireland's Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin to a basketball stadium in Luanda, Angola. Whether exploring democracy in Africa, the genocide in Rwanda, black theology, the inclusion of gays and lesbians in the church, or the plight of Palestinians, Tutu's message of truth is clear and his voice unflinching. In a world of suffering and conflict, where human laws all too often clash with God's law, Tutu's hopeful, timeless messages become increasingly necessary and powerful with each passing year and are needed now more than ever.

Tutu is a force of nature. I had the opportunity to hear him in person, and am convinced he's a saint on earth. This book traces his philosophies through many encounters and situations. What I don't like about it is that the entire book is a compilation of excerpts of papers he's written and speeches he's given. I'd rather they'd chosen fewer items and left them in their entirety.

If you want to see things from an objective standpoint, you need to read this book! Desmond Tutu's perspective about some issues people disagree about today is very profound. As a Christian, Tutu made me have a rethink of so many values and beliefs I upheld previously. Certain dogmas are not Godly. There is only one commandment; love one another. I recommend this book for anyone who needs a fresh start and fresh way of thinking. See the world from a different perspective!

Tutu writes with a good mastery of the language. He touches on many issues leaving the reader to contemplate their values and what matters. He advocates tolerance, inclusiveness, concern for the poor and marginalized and responsible leadership. He gives readers, particularly Africans, food for

thought.

Desmond Tutu is such an amazing person and his perspective on issues ranging from Rwanda, Black Theology, Palestine, LGBT, and general reconciliation is beautiful and so refreshing in an era of accusations, partisanship, and intolerance. Good collection of his writings, although some are brief (one paragraph) excerpts; but they are well organized and good introductions to provide context.

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Inspirational book. Mr. Tutu is very motivating and well worth the read.

Exquisite and challenging! A must read for all humanity.

Stretched my faith and left me thinking.

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