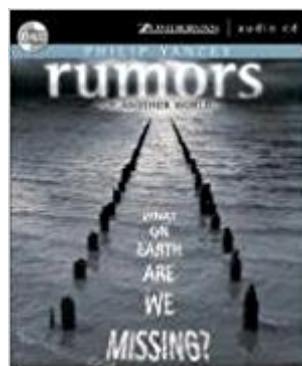


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# Rumors Of Another World: What On Earth Are We Missing?



## Synopsis

What on earth are we missing? Philip Yancey believes we are missing the supernatural hidden in everyday life. In *Rumors of Another World*, Yancey investigates the natural world and discovers the supernatural hiding in plain view. He grapples with why God made the world and what our role truly is, and seeks to answer the question, 'How do I live in the natural world while expressing the values of the supernatural?' Philip writes, 'I have come to understand faith as the highest form of integrated encounter. Faith puts together, assembles, re-orders, accepting the entire world as God's handiwork. We live among clues, like rescuers sifting through pieces of stained glass shattered by a bomb, and only with a blueprint or some memory of original design can we begin to connect the shards, to assemble them into a pattern that makes sense of our world. 'Nature and supernature are not two separate worlds, but different expressions of the same reality. To encounter the world as a whole, we need a more supernatural awareness of the natural world.' Yancey invites readers to join him on a journey of discovery. He challenges us to tune into 'rumors of another world,' and connect the seen with the unseen. He promises that the grace-filled result will be a life of beauty, purpose, freedom, and faith.

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'Thank goodness we have Philip Yancey as a companion on the road to faith. He is a writer known for honesty, and here is his most trenchant and honest book yet. Here, too, is his genial wit and his spellbinding storytelling. He is teacher, critic, humble seeker, and inspiring interlocutor, all

rolled into one. Newcomers to the life of faith, octogenarians who've lived their lives in the church and everyone in between will find *Rumors of Another World* both delightful and edifying.' -- Lauren F. Winner, Author'Whatever your understanding of an unseen world beyond, Philip Yancey offers an eloquent and engaging exploration of one of life's great mysteries.' -- John D. Spalding, Author'There are so very many who long in their hearts for the spiritual and the eternal, yet have been disappointed by what most churches and organized religions have to say and offer. This book will bring you past the disappointments into the midst of hope, meaning and discovery of the God who truly does exist in the unseen world.' -- Dan Kimball, Author'I loved *Rumors of Another World*. It makes a compelling case for the world we cannot see but believe exists. After reading *Rumors*, those in the borderlands should strongly consider relocating. This is the book for those who long to silence their discord of doubts and hear more evidence of God's existence. *Rumors of Another World* echoes with the truth of God's grace and the power of God's presence. And Philip Yancey's message is loud and clear: there is another world!' -- Vickie Newton, CBS News Anchor'More than any contemporary author, Phillip Yancey articulates my deepest fears, questions and doubts about faith and then answers each one with such profundity, that I am reminded why I ever dared believe in the first place. In *Rumors of Another World* Yancey brilliantly closes the gap between the world of the visible and invisible, making belief in God not only rational, but irresistible for even the most hardened skeptic.' -- Peggy Wehmeyer, Former Religion Correspondent'Philip Yancey is a unique modern Christian writer who combines the challenges of real everyday living with that haunting sense of responsibility and obligation to the Creator. *Rumors of Another World* is a work designed to inspire debate and reflection among those seeking the Kingdom. His insights will strike a chord and encourage the soul.' -- John Kasich, Managing Director --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Well, I'm about sixty percent through this book, and probably not going to read the rest. You haven't convinced me of a thing, Mr. Yancey, and at this point I feel as thought you're just wandering through your random thoughts and not trying to make a point. I attend church and various study groups, and call myself a 'Christian' but I can't 'feel' it, and I have so many questions that I am always lost in the Borderlands, as you call it. Why can't someone answer these questions: WHY should we believe Jesus was God? Just because He said so? So have a lot of others. WHY should we believe the Bible is God's Word, when it was obviously written by men, and has been changed and interpreted over and over again through the years. Making the leap of faith has always been a problem for me. What if my mind just can't accept it? I look to books like yours to make some sense of the whole thing for

me, And just to make it more confusing--I have had many 'spiritual' happenings--but what are they, from whom, and why? Please, someone, write a book that convinces me of something concrete. I'm so lost in the woods. Yes, what on earth are we missing, Mr. Yancey? You didn't answer your own question.

This is my favorite book from Phillip Yancey. It's very thought provoking, and makes you think outside the box! This book is one of the Christian books that would appeal to nonbelievers as well as believers, I would think. As I said, it's very thought provoking and gives evidence of God in nature.

Another good book from Yancey. In *Rumors of Another World*, Yancey uses artful, thoughtful, contemplative language to show us what we are missing in nature, people, cultures, and sex. Some people may find Yancey's writing style laborious, however, I find it refreshing. The book is divided into 3 parts; What we are missing, signs of disorder, and two worlds. His chapter on designer sex is refreshing and thought provoking. I really enjoyed the numerous stories of people and his analogies. It impresses the reader to really open their eyes and see God. This is a good book to walk through the borderlands of belief. I enjoyed this book and Tim Keller's book, *The Reason for God-Belief in the Age of Skepticism*. The writing styles of these books are like left brain and right brain. Each book gives reasons for belief in God but they write about those reasons in completely different styles. *Rumors of Another World* is thought provoking and enjoyable.

Perfect--very pleased with product and service. Thanks!

Yancy once again brings to light thoughts about living a life to its fullest, honoring God and still living in a world that points to the next. Thanks for stirring in me a renewed quest to live for Him.

This book uses historical Christian insight and makes applications for today's world and the growing need to live according to the claims of Christ. I will read this one over and over.

Very interesting when I first started reading it, then purchased many other books before finishing. Picked it up again recently and found it once again very good. Worth the purchase.

As always Yancey speaks straight to my soul. Love this book. The seller got it here super fast!

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