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Customer Reviews

Stephen Charnock (1628-1680) was educated at Cambridge University after which he lectured at Oxford University. He was appointed chaplain to the Governor of Ireland, Oliver Cromwell's son Henry in 1655, where he soon gained a reputation for preaching. In 1675, years after the fall of Oliver Cromwell's Commonwealth, Charnock became a Presbyterian Minister in London. His works, mostly published posthumously, have the characteristic Puritan concern for central gospel themes

and consistent application of Biblical texts to practical problems.

This is a life changing text if you are a Bible Person. Everyone I know that has read this has had their lives changed; including myself!

Charnock's Discourses Upon the Existence and Attributes of God is a classic among classics. It is a massive work that is comprised of two volumes. This particular edition contains both volumes in one book, a total of nearly 800 pages. Charnock deals with the attributes of God in what he calls "Discourses." These are each lengthy treatments of a fairly narrow (if that could be said of God) attribute of the God of the Bible. For example, Charnock devotes 55 pages (small print, too) to a discussion of the immutability (unchangeable nature) of God, and he examines the knowledge of God for 63 pages. Equally thorough sections cover many other attributes such the eternity of God, the power of God, and the dominion of God--to list just a few. Charnock's discourses are stunning, to say the least. He held an extremely high view of God that seems to be lost in much of the church today. His writing will challenge your thinking, making you consider things you probably haven't thought of before. He delves deeply into each characteristic, organizing his comments with an outline format and providing much Scripture to back up his positions. On the down side, the language is dated, and this makes reading a bit more difficult. Additionally, the book reviewed here is a reproduction (a scan) of an original published in 1849 by Henry G. Bohn, this from the library of the University of California. Because it is a scan, the typeface is an old one, the text is fairly small, and the quality is acceptable but not great. In any case, this is a fantastic work and a sweeping survey of our magnificent God.

Speechless, don't know where to begin. Stephen Charnock's writings have won my heart over ANY other author, hands down. I would purchase any book he has ever written. His writings stir up emotions and touch the soul in a way no other author can. Thought I would highlight the "important" lines, but ended up highlighting nearly half a page on every page in the whole book. It is impossible to leave out anything because everything he says is valuable. No wasted words here.

I haven't found a good kindle version of this book. I tried 3 versions. Every version has a couple of typos about every page. I ended up by buying the hard copy version. Charnock is repetitive to a fault. He's makes his point so thoroughly that this reader wants to scream. However, they are jewels in the rough. He can be pithy and poignant. The different versions have different chapters. The "God

is Spirit" chapter (I don't think is in my hard copy) is especially verbose, but it is very good in parts. On the actual attributes starting with God's eternality, he seems to be more on point, but he is verbose. Once again, he is worth reading slowly. I found myself thinking this is really obvious, but in the next sentence he brought out a point of view I never thought of before. He is a deep thinker.

fine. Excellent for cutting home baked bread. very fast, receive it next day. helpful. for my husband,

This book is one of my favorites. I have no words to express how much I enjoy reading this book. I you like reading and meditating on the Bible you will enjoy it also.

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