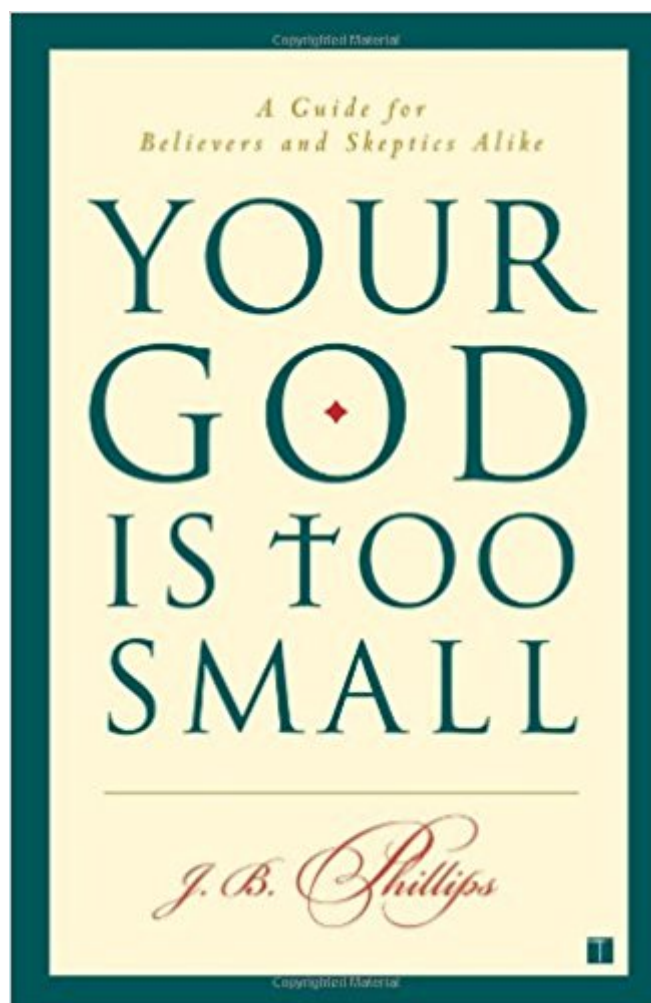


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Your God Is Too Small: A Guide For Believers And Skeptics Alike



Synopsis

This forty-year-old Christian classic and bestseller is a study group favorite; this book challenges readers' conventional views about God and encourages them to search for a meaningful redefinition of a higher power that is relevant to contemporary existence. > is a groundbreaking work of faith, which challenges the constraints of traditional religion. In his discussion of God, author J.B. Phillips encourages Christians to redefine their understanding of a creator without labels or earthly constraints and instead search for a meaningful concept of God. Phillips explains that the trouble facing many of us today is that we have not found a God big enough for our modern needs. In a world where our experience of life has grown in myriad directions and our mental horizons have been expanded to the point of bewilderment by world events and scientific discoveries, our ideas of God have remained largely static. This inspirational work tackles tough topics and inspires readers to reevaluate and connect more deeply with a God that is relevant to current experience and big enough to command respect and admiration.

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Churchman Highly recommended for skeptics and believers alike.

J.B. Phillips died in 1983. A canon of the Anglican church, his works include *The Newborn Christian* and his highly acclaimed translation *The New Testament in Modern English*.

Second half of the book, I had trouble getting through. But the first half of the book makes it worth

buying. The book is small, and brief, and having half of it not be so good, may seem like it isn't worth it. But the first half is so good, so insightful, even though very few pages, that the book is worth buying. It is written from a Christian perspective, but one need not be Christian to find the first half of the book enlightening, regarding the concept of a deity that isn't the one most people don't believe in. Yes, I wrote that correctly. The author does a credible job of explaining why people come to think that atheism is best, due to the childish, small god they think is the only option for a believing person. Written in the 1950's, and some of it is dated. But the philosophy is sound.

Stripping away the needless doctrinal details of the various denominations, Phillips focusses brilliantly on the fundamental Christian story and its revolutionary but simple way of life. The book is divided into two parts, the destructive and the constructive. In the first part, Phillips lays waste twelve limiting, sometimes paralyzing, ideas of God in Jesus name, ideas such as the "cosmic policeman," or the "God of 100%" or the "Gentle Jesus meek and mild." They are all worth understanding, unraveling, and disposing of. In the second part of the book, the incarnation of God in the form of Jesus is explained in such a direct and convincing way that believer and unbeliever alike will appreciate the Christian model with perfect clarity. If you want the ESSENCE of Christian teaching, minus all the extraneous trappings, and told in a wonderfully simple way, this is the book for you!" Reviewed by Jeremiah Cox, author of REDESIGNING GOD

This book does not have chapters. It is written as an outline which makes it a bit hard to follow sometimes. But you have to love those post-WWII British theologians! They have a worldview literally forged under fire which creates a nice balance to modern theological writing.

An excellent book to take you into some deep thinking about the nature of God.

A christian Classic that I have reread many times to remind myself of my limited ability to ever full understand the creator of the universe, God Almighty!

With so many divisions within Christianity this book puts it all into perspective. The two great commandments to love God and to love your fellow beings are all that really count. Anything else is in the noise and not cause for debate or discussion. God is so much greater than anything we can even imagine. Although I attended church and was baptized at 12, my true belief has not come until recently and I'm 71. The two Rabbi Jesus books introduced my deeper belief and this was the book

that clinched it. I highly recommend it for all Christians. It was the last straw that broke this camel's unbelief.

Excellent first half, second half good but not as thought-provoking. J>B>Phillips is always worth reading.

A good book

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