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TIPS/Q&A

TIPS

- How can we enter heaven?
- Does FOMO and YOLO impact our views on the afterlife?
- Are we the boss of our lives, or God?
- How does a person measure whether they're good enough compared to bad people?
- What about being spiritual and non-religious? Does that work?
- Is there an actual heaven? Is it all white robes and bubblegum music?

Q1: How is this book different from other Christian nonfiction?

A: For one, it has a handful of f-bombs. In my experience, some Christian non-fiction is a bit mamby-pamby, and basically sounds like a mannequin wrote the book. *I'm Not Hitler* ain't bunnies and sunshine, and I've included my own struggles with faith.

Q2: The title is provocative. How did you come up with it?

A: Over the years I noticed during conversations with friends, many would talk about being a good person. When I would follow-up for clarity, 90% would give an answer along the lines of "I do my best... I mean, come on, I'm not Hitler." That got me thinking of this idea of how we define good and bad, and how fascinating that we race to the bottom of the barrel as a starting place for comparison.

Q3: What's the purpose of the book?

A: I hope people pursue truth. We're all distracted by so much information, including the new phenomenon of labeling truth as fake news. The fact is we all have a death sentence, which I categorize as an absolute truth for people. Yet I find we're completely apathetic to the reality. We assume we'll be fine, without any consideration or action required. The book is an exploration of whether people do need to take action to ensure a nice landing after this life.

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Q4: Is there a chance that readers toss the book after 3-4 chapters, due to outright anger at you questioning their beliefs?

A: Very much so! If the content was about a favorite band, actor or football team, or a novel about a crime detective, there'd be less chance of spitting in my face, ha! But the book deals with a subject often said we shouldn't discuss: religion. Hopefully it's fresh take, and doesn't make people's toes curl.

Q5: By the final chapters, you encourage --or one could say strongarm --people to consider Jesus Christ. Is that the real goal?

A: I am a follower of Christ, but no, there's no bait and switch happening. I think it's near impossible to explore truth and not consider God and all religions, including Christianity. I am taking a position that Christ is a fascinating historical character, and challenge people to try to dismiss his claims.

Q6: Who are your favorite writers?

A: Currently I've gone back into Anne Lamott, I love her humor and rawness. Along those same lines, David Sedaris has such a fantastic voice. My desert island would be Cormac McCarthy, CS Lewis and Tim Keller. Also Ayn Rand for *Fountainhead*.

