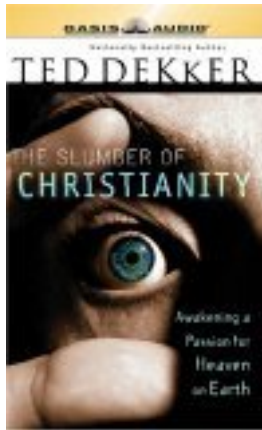

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The Slumber of Christianity: Awakening a Passion for Heaven on Earth



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Description

As believers, our walk with God is motivated by hope-not the bland, vague notion most people have, but the expectation of an exotic, pleasurable inheritance that guides us and fires our passion...or, at least, should. Ted Dekker has written an expose on the death of pleasure within the Church. Because many of us have set aside hope and the inspired imagination that drives it, Dekker says we have been lulled into a slumber of boredom, even despondency. Our faith wanes, the joy at having been liberated fades, and we feel powerless. *The Slumber of Christianity* explores what robs us of happiness and how we can rediscover it and live lives that rekindle hope. The pursuit of pleasure is a gift to all humans-a function of the Creator himself, who is bent upon our happiness.

It's time for Christians to reclaim our inheritance of pleasure. *The Slumber of Christianity* will inflame hearts toward full-fledged, mind-expanding encounters with hope, through the imagination.

Insightful reviews

Carolyn Benton: Thank you, Ted, for writing this love story. This love story both portrays God's deep love and affection for us, but also includes directions on how we can know the Father better and to how to always live in hope until the day when we will fall on our knees before his very presence in Heaven. Lots of true to the fact biblical quotes for comparison. I highly recommend this book to everyone.

Lyle: Ted Dekker can now take a seat along Don Miller and John Piper as an author who explores the idea of a self-reflective Christianity. He takes it from a different angle though. Where Miller is more Introspective, and Piper is more real-world Theology, Dekker crosses a line of being a personal-logical type (which I am not entirely sure is a thing).

i enjoyed the book. It was drawn out in some points, like a point would be drug across several paragraphs before the punctuation would be tacked on the end. Over-all, it was a good book with a good message and a good point.

Good read. Read it!

Carrie: This book really hit me, especially where I am in my life right now. Dekker really has something to say in this book. It's not the same Christian jargon heard everywhere else.

Randy Alcorn: Foreword via Randy Alcorn Rise up from slumber. Set your brain and middle on an inheritance that may blow your mind. consider your middle flutter and discover a new ardour for all times right here and now. this can be the decision from Ted Dekker, who writes with ardour and perception looking for happiness and heaven. "Are you desperately eager for heaven?" It's a query that begs answering. Peter says, "we are looking ahead to the hot heavens and new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). But, in fact, as Christians this day are we? Are we really watching for and eager for our everlasting home? Heaven performs an immense position

in my novels and nonfiction. gaining knowledge of my ebook Heaven, I learn one hundred fifty volumes at the subject, many lengthy out-of-print. I've taught a seminary path "A Theology of Heaven." I've got actually millions of letters and emails approximately heaven. There's very much I don't know, yet something i know is what Christians take into consideration heaven. and the way seldom we expect approximately it. Sadly, Ted is true while he says "the church this present day has little ardour for the arriving life."What a distinction to the early Christians. Their images at the catacomb partitions portrayed heaven with attractive landscapes, childrens playing, humans feasting at banquets. Believers during the a while observed heaven as a continuing resource of power and perspective. It was once their vital reference point, the north superstar through which they navigated their lives. yet today, heaven has fallen off our radar screens.What God made us to wish is precisely what he promises: a resurrected existence in resurrected bodies, in a resurrected community, with the resurrected Christ on a resurrected Earth. this is often the everlasting heaven that awaits us, and may day-by-day catch our imaginations.Ted's right—we're slumbering. we have to get up and scent the hot Earth. style the arrival resurrection. The doctrines of resurrection and New Earth suggest that this current world, notwithstanding affliction less than sin and curse, is bursting with clues and foretastes of the arrival world.The wood worker from Nazareth is getting ready a spot for us. He understands the right way to build. He's developed complete worlds, billions of them. He's going to strip the broken paint off the outdated Earth, sand and refinish it, then current it brilliant and pristine. He says it's going to someday be our home...and His, for he'll live there together with his people, without end bringing heaven to earth (Revelation 21:3).With the Lord we like and with the buddies we cherish, believers will embark jointly at the final adventure, in a remarkable new universe anticipating our dominion and exploration. Jesus would be the cosmic center. pleasure could be the air we breathe.And correct once we imagine "it doesn't get any larger than this"—it will.So hearken to Ted Dekker's wake-up call. You'll by no means remorse the area you'll get up to...not in 1000000000 years.

Jeff: Hope, imagination, even suffering. Ted Dekker exhibits us how those presents and stories will help believers wake up from what he calls a slumber--a lack of pleasure for the ample lifestyles God has provided. i admire his ideas, particularly utilizing satisfying stories to foreshadow the a lot better pleasure to be had in heaven. something I want he may have performed extra of is to indicate to God because the final finish of our journey, and never simply heaven. Yes, heaven is the believer's everlasting domestic with God, and the 2 are inseparable, yet as a future it may by no means outshine the connection we are going to have with Him.

April: i admire Ted Dekker's books. This one used to be no different, even though it used to be NON-fiction! I loved studying extra approximately him...It used to be an eye-opening read...I've learn reports and folks both enjoyed or hated it. I loved it. i know that i'll try and WAKE UP...and remain AWAKE! I loved his point of view and it made me think, and because that's the reason I learn books like this...mission entire Mr. Dekker!

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