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# Seeing God In The Ordinary A Theology Of The Everyday

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God of All

Things  
WestBow  
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In this  
profound and  
eminently  
practical book,  
Rabbi Aaron

helps readers  
bring God into  
their lives  
through the  
lessons in the  
Kabbalah by  
using his  
ability to

make ancient truths accessible to modern readers and providing simple exercises to put these principles into practice.

[A Long Obedience in the Same Direction](#) Wipf and Stock Publishers  
Where do you seek God? Are you waiting for him to appear in a monumental, life-altering event? In *God Moments*, Catholic blogger Andy Otto shows you how to discover the unexpected

beauty of God's presence in the story of ordinary things and in everyday routines like preparing breakfast or walking in the woods.

Drawing on the Ignatian principles of awareness, prayer, and discernment, Otto will help you discover the transforming power of God's presence in your life and better understand your place in the world. Andy Otto found God's

presence in surprising moments during his life—when, as a Jesuit scholastic, he taught children in Jamaica and also as he discerned the call to marriage with his wife. By combining elements of Ignatian spirituality with the lessons that came from his experiences, Otto identified three practices that helped him find God in all things: Awareness—Gain an understanding

that God is present in the ordinary messiness of our lives such as battle with depression or sharing in the struggle of a friend. Prayer—Develop a prayer life using Ignatian practices such as asking for a morning grace and examining how your prayer was answered at the end of the day. That way you can focus on a personal relationship with God that finds everyday physical activities such as making a

meal as an opportunity to talk to him. Discernment—The more you are aware of God's presence and draw closer to him in prayer, the better you can learn how to plug into God's narrative of the world in a way that enables you to participate in the divine story through the use of your gifts and talents. With God Moments as a guide, you'll have a better understanding of how to seek personal wholeness in

the reality of God's presence in the ordinary and learn to accept his invitation to participate in his transformation of the world.

**I Met God Today:  
Ordinary Events Seen  
with New Eyes**

Thomas Nelson Poet's Corner is Malcolm Guite's delectable column that appears on the back page of the Church Times each week. This second collection brings together more

than seventy columns created from little glimpses and reflections from all corners of the country, the musings of a poet's mind, and the corners and alleyways of our literary heritage. Malcolm's lucid, perceptive and imaginative columns follow a similar pattern to the sonnets for which he is so renowned, with a sense of development, of a turn or volta part way

through, and a sense that the end revisits and re-reads the opening. *Ordinary* Grace Brazos Press  
 "Readers who are dealing with depression, parenting struggles, questions of identity and self-image, or who simply find it hard to bring prayer into their chaotic life will find welcome encouragement in Lawler's rejuvenating words." – Publishers Weekly  
 Popular writer and blogger Kara Lawler

shows women how to embrace the sacred in mundane, ordinary life-- and in the process, discover themselves. Life doesn't have to be lived on grand mountaintops for it to be meaningful. We can see God at work right where we are: in our ordinary and mundane routines, in the faces of our family and friends, and-- especially--in nature. Kara Lawler speaks to the hearts of those who find

themselves  
lost in the  
midst of their  
chaotic  
schedules and  
weary  
attempts to be  
all that is  
expected of  
them.  
Everywhere  
Holy  
addresses our  
deepest  
struggles,  
including: How  
to feel joy,  
despite  
depression  
and anxiety  
Dealing with  
hardships and  
understanding  
unconditional  
love How to  
view life as an  
adventure,  
even when  
that feels too  
hard How to  
feel more  
connected,

more grateful,  
and more at  
peace In  
beautiful  
prose, Lawler  
describes the  
unique  
sacredness  
found in God's  
creation and  
offers fifteen  
inspiring  
insights for  
cultivating it  
day-to-day.  
She  
encourages  
you to make  
this lifestyle  
change  
through the  
observance of  
small acts. In  
so doing, you  
will discover a  
holy space  
that honors  
God and the  
life you've  
been given--  
and will  
discover

yourself and  
your unique  
place in the  
holy that is  
everywhere,  
whether it's in  
the woods  
behind your  
house or in  
the face of a  
stranger on a  
bus in a busy  
city. No  
matter where  
you are, there  
is holy free for  
the taking.  
**Everywhere  
Holy** Wipf and  
Stock  
If you feel  
overwhelmed,  
you're not  
alone. Three  
out of five  
people admit  
to doing more  
than they can  
manage.  
Thinking God  
requires this,  
we say, "I

must be everything to everyone." Then we struggle and feel selfish and guilty when we say no, grow weary, or snap at someone out of sheer exhaustion. Is this what God desires? Somewhere along the line of being a good Christian, wife, daughter, or friend we lose sight of who we are in Christ. We put our performance above God and who he says we are. But what if we

chose a more soul-full way? Rest Now offers permission to breathe. It exposes the lies that distract, tire, and bully us, so we don't strive for rest but love from it, like Jesus did. Learn how to - create boundaries that allow you to overflow with love - say no so you don't hate yourself later - ditch passive-aggressive behaviors in favor of healthy conversations - embrace permission-giving

thoughts to create mental space for God  
*God Moments*  
 InterVarsity Press  
 We tend to look for God in the grand and spectacular, but most of our lives are filled with ordinary moments and routines: drinking coffee, reading a book, driving to work. Can we find God in the banalities of everyday life? In *Finding God in the Ordinary*, the author shows that we can, and that we must. Our world is not an

ordinary world. Because it was spoken into being and maintained by the word of God's power (Heb 1:3), everything around us is always revealing the nature and character of the triune God. Our world is extraordinarily ordinary, always calling our attention to the God of glory and his work in the commonplace. Ordinary  
Multnomah  
2021  
Illumination  
Book Awards,  
Silver Medal:

Theology  
God's  
presence is  
not "out  
there" but  
right here. We  
tend to look  
for God in  
dramatic or  
miraculous  
moments, but  
such  
expectations  
can blind us to  
God's ongoing  
presence.  
What if God is  
already with  
us, in the life  
we have this  
moment?  
When we  
experience  
ordinary but  
meaningful  
events, such  
as our first  
love or a  
favorite novel,  
we are in fact  
encountering  
God's

presence. As  
we learn to  
notice spiritual  
movement  
within and  
around us, we  
can recognize  
the many  
facets of  
God's love  
that touch us  
daily. "As a  
priest and  
spiritual  
director of  
many  
decades, my  
driving desire  
is for people  
to experience  
God's limitless  
love for them  
and to  
recognize it  
when it  
emerges in  
what they  
consider just  
ordinary life  
happenings  
and  
conversations.

” —William A. Barry, SJ  
 Whether we are in pain or crisis, questioning if we are really worthy of God’s attention, or are simply wondering why God would be in the mundane details of our lives, Experiencing God in the Ordinary can nurture our hope—that God is always present and can be found in an ordinary day. Complete with personal stories and various suggestions for prayer and

meditation, this book is perfect for devotional reading, retreat, or small-group discussion. Glory in the Ordinary Zondervan The Practice of the Presence of God is a wonderful text, compiled by Father Joseph de Beaufort, of the teachings of Brother Lawrence (born Nicholas Herman), a Carmelite Monk. The beautiful compilation includes letters, as well as records of

his conversations kept by Brother Lawrence’s interlocutors. *Down-to-Earth Spirituality* Canterbury Press Recipient of the 1999 Christian Book of the Year award in Australia, "Seeing God in the Ordinary" is an appeal to recover the place of the imagination in the Christian life, to rediscover the use of metaphor in a prose-flattened world, to see God in the ordinary. By a



Careful examination of film, literature, and other aspects of contemporary culture" as well as the Gospels" the author argues for a robust faith that embraces human experience in all its forms, that is open to the intuitive, and that has the capacity to fill us with wonder and astonishment. This book helps us to hear God not so much in the whirlwind but in the still, small voice of the ordinary,

everyday moments of our lives. " Ken Gire, author of "Windows of the Soul, Moments with the Savior," and "The Reflective Life" In the midst of the current flood of books on Christian spirituality, Frost explores the way in which the great themes of Christian faith are signaled and traced by specific reference points in culture. The outcome is a book not for a quick read,

but for a slow, delighted pondering. Frost's particular interest is in artistic expression in poetry, film, and narrative that opens the reader and ponderer to freshness. Who would have thought that Kafka, Keats, and Harvey Keitel could show up together, but they do here. Frost has produced a probe of a world not-yet-holy, but being made so by the presence of God's holiness in the day-to-

dayness of our lives. A suggestive read! " Walter Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary, author of "Finally Comes the Poet" and "The Psalms and the Life of Faith" *Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose* Ave Maria Press We tend to look for God in the grand and spectacular, but most of our lives are filled with ordinary moments and routines: drinking coffee, reading a

book, driving to work. Can we find God in the banalities of everyday life? In *Finding God in the Ordinary*, the author shows that we can, and that we must. Our world is not an ordinary world. Because it was spoken into being and maintained by the word of God's power (Heb 1:3), everything around us is always revealing the nature and character of the triune God. Our world is extraordinarily

ordinary, always calling our attention to the God of glory and his work in the commonplace. [God Hides in Plain Sight](#) Loyola Press Christianity Today Book of the Year In the overlooked moments and routines of our day, we can become aware of God's presence in surprising ways. How do we embrace the sacred in the ordinary and the ordinary in the sacred? Framed around one typical day, this book

explores life through the lens of liturgy—small practices and habits that form us. In each chapter, Tish Harrison Warren considers a common daily experience—making the bed, brushing her teeth, losing her keys. Drawing from the diversity of her life as a campus minister, Anglican priest, friend, wife, and mother, Warren opens up a practical theology of the everyday. Each activity

is related to a spiritual practice as well as an aspect of our Sunday worship. Come and discover the holiness of your every day. *God ... in the Ordinary Things* Tarcher Inspire youth to find God in the ordinary! I Met God Today is a collection of reflections written by youth over the course of several years. The result is a view into the heart and soul of today's teens. Sometimes

touching, sometimes funny, sometimes wise beyond their years, the reflections reveal how young people experience the divine through the events of everyday life. Challenge your youth to find God in the ordinary! This book contains 94 reflections [A Theology of the Ordinary](#) New Leaf Publishing Group Examining the Genesis account of Jacob, R. Paul Stevens reveals how we can

encounter God in the ordinary, boring stuff of daily life.

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Ruined for the Ordinary Wipf

and Stock Publishers

This colorful, story-driven introduction to sacramental living offers a way to see the presence of God amid the chaos and monotony of everyday life.

**Finding God in the Ordinary**

Saint Mary's Press

Since Eugene Peterson first wrote this spiritual formation classic nearly

forty years ago, hundreds of thousands of Christians have been inspired by its call to deeper discipleship.

As a society, we are still obsessed with the immediate; new technologies have only intensified our quest for the quick fix. But Peterson's time-tested prescription for discipleship remains the same—a long obedience in the same direction.

Following Jesus in this way requires a

deepening life of prayer, and throughout history

Christians have learned to pray from the Psalms.

Peterson finds encouragement for today's pilgrims in the Songs of Ascents (Psalms 120-134), sung by travelers on their way to worship in Jerusalem.

With his prophetic and pastoral wisdom, Peterson shows how the psalms teach us to grow in worship, service, joy, work,

happiness,  
humility,  
community,  
and blessing.  
This special  
commemorati  
ve edition of A  
Long  
Obedience in  
the Same  
Direction  
includes a  
new preface  
taken from  
Leif Peterson's  
eulogy at his  
father's  
memorial  
service.

The Pleasure  
of God

Zondervan  
This timely  
gift book is  
solid evidence  
that art  
doesn't really  
imitate life,  
but embraces  
it, and reflects  
it. The starkly  
beautiful

photographs  
in these  
glimpses  
celebrate the  
love between  
mothers and  
children,  
fathers and  
children,  
whole  
families,  
friends,  
spouses, and  
the respect  
we have for  
God's  
beautiful  
creation. You'll  
see things  
that remind us  
of simpler  
times. And  
always, there  
is God's  
presence in  
both the  
background  
and  
foreground as  
readers  
carefully  
consider the

rich wisdom  
available to us  
all in these  
reflective  
verses of the  
Bible.

**Strengthenin  
g the Soul of  
Your  
Leadership**

Crossway  
Do you long  
for something  
more in your  
relationship  
with God? The  
good news is  
that  
“something  
more” does  
not mean  
“doing more.”  
God is not  
waiting for  
you to get  
your spiritual  
life “right.” He  
wants to be  
with you right  
where you  
are. The real  
question is not

“What does God want from you?” but “What does God want for you?” Sharon Jaynes understands what it’s like to have a “glory ache”—a longing to experience God’s presence on a daily basis. She also knows how easily working for God can get in the way of intimacy with God. And she’s discovered that we tend to make our faith journey much too hard. In *A Sudden Glory*,

Sharon uses Scripture and story to help you erase the line between your “spiritual life” and your “daily life” as you enter the sanctuary of God’s presence even in the middle of your busy, messy day. Here you will find your eyes opened to moments of sudden glory in which the Creator assures you of His love as you live and move and have your being in Him. Here you will discover true freedom—the freedom of

experiencing God in a deeper and more intimate way than ever before. Includes Bible study and discussion guide. *A Sudden Glory* InterVarsity Press College students and recent graduates are often uncertain about the future, wondering if they chose the right path and will land a job. Adults in stable jobs and full-time parents often experience feelings of

being stuck, frustrated, or unhappy; they think the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence. Those who have lost their jobs or are retired may wonder what the future hold and if they will be able to support themselves. In our quest to "have it all" in life, we might be overwhelmed or stressed, but God's Word speaks a better truth about how we're meant to live. Pastor

Leininger gives readers five key themes to focus on with these struggles and uncertainties, providing reassurance and guidance while reminding us all that God does have a plan for our lives

**Experiencing God in the Ordinary**

Simon and Schuster

How can anything be ordinary if we find the glory of God there? Whatever might be said of life's most thrilling or transformative

moments, most of our time is spent in ordinary things. We spend a third of our lives sleeping. In our adult lives, perhaps a quarter to a third of each week is spent at work. And then there's more of the common stuff: eating, waiting in line, bathing, getting dressed, and watching TV. So it is that our seventy, eighty, or ninety years go by in common ways, and we have no idea where they've

gone. Is there glory in any of this? Where is the abundant life of which Jesus spoke? In this inspiring new work, J. Ellsworth Kalas says that the glory is found not just in the ecstasy of love or victory but in all of life, whether ecstatic or ordinary. Kalas believes it is possible

to live with such joy and gladness of hearts that we find our ordinary lives graced by the pleasure of God. He offers a guide to spiritual contentment in the midst of busy lives, showing us the meaning in those seemingly small aspects of every day. *Eyes Wide Open*  
InterVarsity

Press  
Looking back at a tragic event that occurred during his thirteenth year, Frank Drum explores how a complicated web of secrets, adultery, and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their small 1961 Minnesota community.