

FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

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The cover features a central illustration of two hands, one on the left and one on the right, reaching toward each other. The hands are rendered in a glowing, ethereal style with a purple and blue color palette. Between the fingertips, a bright, multi-pointed starburst or spark emanates, symbolizing a divine spark or connection. The background is a deep, dark purple gradient.

To the Reader

When you read what we have offered,
Release the mind from its material moorings.
Allow it to sail on spiritual breezes.

Read for the inspiration from deep within.
Read for the truth, the meanings, the values.
Read not what we have written alone.
Read for what the spirit will say to you.

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WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING
ABOUT THIS BOOK

"When I read the book, I devoured it. I literally couldn't put it down until I was finished. It fed my hungry soul with delicious nuggets of truth. I absorbed the practical tips on how to get closer to God and improve my prayer life. The concepts in the book pointed me to a new way of approaching God. It helped me examine my own inner life and gave me examples of new things to try. I was also enlightened by the commonsense interpretations of how God works with us to answer our prayers and consequently helps us grow." Sharon Lanier

"*Friendship with God* is an excellent book. It has discriminating and helpful insights and has the potential of becoming a classic concerning our personal relationships with God." Meredith J. Sprunger

"I want to thank you from the top of my heart—from my soul—for the many wonderful spiritual effects I experienced while reading *Friendship with God*. There are many books purporting to be prayer and spiritualizing guides to God; this one definitely is!" Carl Robertson

"This book promises personal friendship with our Heavenly Father—and it delivers! It shows how God can be a part of your everyday life—to your great benefit and joy." Mo Siegel

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Authors' Notes

Pronouns, Gender and Such

We would like to comment on a few of our technical ways of proceeding:

1. **Authors' pronouns.** When referring to the authors, we have often used the pronoun "I" in other than a singular sense. Frequently, "I" indicates the two of us. But in some cases, as in examples of experiences, it refers to only one of us. This seems to be the least complicated method.

2. **References to God.** We have employed the word "God" to include God our Heavenly Father or any of the celestial beings whom he might have created to send on his missions of ministry. No matter what religious discipline one follows or what name one uses for the maker and upholder of our universe and the personal minister to our souls, it is this same deity whom we call "God." It is our conviction that whenever people reach for a God of goodness, mercy and love, they are seeking the same divine personality, regardless of what their name for him is.

3. **Pronouns for God.** We have chosen to use the masculine pronouns for God. God surely has no gender in the sense that material persons have. However, we are faced with language limitations. While we have a genderless word for him in "parent," there is no genderless pronoun which is personal. (We refuse to depersonalize God by using the word "it"!) In addition, there were cases where using "parent" was not as acceptable to us (as in "God the Father"). To shift gender in names (i.e., sometimes using "Mother" and sometimes "Father") and pronouns ("she" or "he") seems to distract from what is being said. Therefore, we hope those who might take issue with the masculine pronouns and names will understand and forgive the language level difficulties and perceive the meanings intended by the words.

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